In the 1960s, he was integral in starting “Toys for Tots” in Vernon, assisting children and families during the holidays and “Christmas in April.” Mr. Speaker, as a citizen of the town of Vernon who held elective office over the years, I had the privilege to know Don and see up close his intelligence, kindness, and unstinting devotion to duty. Our town was so blessed to know Don and to have his positive, critical contribution that saved lives and protected property.

In his free time, Donald spent time with his family, those most important to him. They enjoyed taking vacations and cruises. Donald could also be found landscaping, woodworking, playing golf, and playing cards with friends and family.

Though we mourn this incredible loss, we can find solace in knowing that Donald’s memory and legacy will live on through his family and the countless number of individuals who knew him. Donald is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gabrielle, his son David and his wife Michelle, his daughter Donna and her husband Jeffrey, and countless nieces and nephews. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know and represent constituents as purposeful in their work as Donald. As we memorialize Donald’s faithful service, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Donald Maguda.

HONORING THE CAREER AND IMPACT OF COACH LANNY BOOHER

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Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable legacy of Anaheim High School Football Coach Lanny Booher. For two decades, Coach Booher has been a beacon of inspiration and mentorship in our Anaheim community, leaving a significant mark on the hearts of his players and community.

Stepping down after 20 years of dedication to our shared alma mater, Anaheim High School, Coach Booher leaves a legacy of transformation and triumph. In 2004, he took charge of a struggling football team—but through his leadership and mentorship, Coach Booher was able to change the trajectory of the program and his players. Over the next two decades, Coach Booher led the Anaheim football team to success on the field, including accomplishing eleven playoff appearances and securing three Orange League championships.

Coach Lanny Booher’s commitment and love for the game and his community has been evident in every milestone and achievement. More importantly, his passion for his craft has made two decades of impact a cornerstone of our community. His impact extends far beyond the football field, shaping the lives of young athletes off the field by teaching them the value of teamwork and perseverance.

Throughout his coaching career, Lanny Booher accumulated an impressive 100 wins at Anaheim High, making him the coach with the second-most wins in Orange County. One of his most notable achievements, a 22–10 victory in the Orange County All-Star Football Classic in 2009, a moment that will surely live forever in local memory.

By honoring the legacy of Coach Booher, we celebrate more than just victories on the field—we celebrate the profound impact he’s had on every student who has played for him. There is no doubt that his legacy while at Anaheim High School will continue to inspire generations of young athletes to give back to their community and put their all into the game.

I thank Coach Booher for his two decades of dedication. Go Colonists.