

work of advancing opportunity, liberty, and justice for all.

KOCO's historic legacy, its transformative impact on the lives of countless individuals and families, and its enduring role as a beacon of hope and liberation for the City of Chicago and the Nation will continue to inspire our community to great acts of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 60th anniversary of KOCO.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (LCAC)

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2025*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) on the momentous occasion of its 50th Anniversary and to honor its extraordinary service to the residents of southeastern Fairfax County.

Founded in 1975 as the Lorton Community Information Center, LCAC began as a grass-roots effort to connect neighbors in need with basic essentials such as food, clothing, and human services. What began at Gunston Elementary has since evolved into a lifeline for thousands across Lorton, Fort Belvoir, Newton, and beyond.

Under the visionary leadership of founder Christine Herbstreith, LCAC was built on the idea of a "supermarket of human services," a dream that became reality in 2022 with the opening of the co-located Lorton Community Center and Lorton Library. From this vibrant hub, LCAC continues to expand its reach and impact.

In just the past three years, LCAC has witnessed a steady rise in demand. From serving 1,700 individuals in FY 2023 to nearly 1,800 in just the first half of FY 2025, LCAC has never wavered in its commitment to serving our community. Food pantry visits alone are expected to top 11,000 this year, a testament to both growing need and the Center's enduring role in meeting it.

As Executive Director Rob Rutland-Brown has noted, this work continues through trusted partnerships, dedicated volunteers, and the incredible generosity of donors. Even amid economic uncertainties and the potential impacts of federal policy changes, LCAC remains steadfast, adaptive, and deeply rooted in service.

In 2025, LCAC is not only marking its golden anniversary with a gala celebration and a tribute to its founder, but also with strategic initiatives to deepen its impact. These include strengthening its food pantry and case management programs and investing in education and workforce development.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating LCAC on 50 years of transformative service. I extend my deepest appreciation to the board of directors, staff, and countless volunteers past and present who have made this work possible. Through their compassion and commitment, they have built not just a service organization, but a pillar of hope and dignity for all in our community. Here's to the next 50 years of progress, partnership, and purpose.

#### HONORING THE LUCAS FOUNDATION

##### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District recognizes the critical work of the LUCAS Foundation, and its upcoming 1,000-mile relay run to raise awareness about the tragic reality that suicide is the leading cause of death among law enforcement officers.

Beginning its powerful six-state journey in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 24 and ending in Detroit, Michigan, on September 30, this run encompasses 130 relay legs. More than just a physical feat, the relay serves as a crucial call to action, dedicated to raising vital awareness about the mental health crisis within law enforcement and dismantling the stigma that often prevents officers from seeking the help to overcome their battles.

I honor the volunteers, families, and first responders behind this effort and support their call for congressional action to recognize this epidemic and uplift suicide prevention work. I thank the LUCAS Foundation for their tireless commitment to saving lives and creating a culture of support and healing.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HIGH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT

##### HON. GABE EVANS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2025*

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate our Nation's brave men and women and to recognize the High Plains Honor Flight Network, which conducts trips for veterans to Washington, D.C., to tour the monuments built to honor their bravery and service. The High Plains Honor Flight gave some of our fellow brave men and women the chance to visit our Nation's capital. As a fellow veteran myself, I am pleased to honor the High Plains Honor Flight and to recognize the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado who took part in it.

Mr. Speaker, the veterans who participated in this flight are as follows:

Veteran of World War II: Richard Chubb.

Korean War Veterans: Dale Bellinger, Elmer Dillman, Donald Garcia, Robert Golden, Donald Mayfield, David Mourisse.

Veteran of both Korean and Vietnam War: Darwin Dow.

Vietnam War Veterans: Anthony Aragon, Robert Archuleta, Dennis Argo, Clarence Axtell, Thomas Bacon, William Baker, Alfred Barthelemy, Larry Beck, Kenneth Beckstead, John Bona, Dallas Bowles, Robert Bowser, James Brinks, Richard Brown, Henry Castillon, Richard Clappitt, Dennis Clermont, Thomas Corrick, Kenneth Cosby, Manuel Covarrubias, Duane Crasper, Gary Cummins, Milo Cushman, Herbert Davis II, Arthur Dehn, Jr., Ben Delahay, David DeMars, Manfred Dorth, William Dundas, Robert Eatman, William Eckert, Donald Eddy, Darrell Einspahr, Teddy Emmons, William Farr, Daniel Frodsham, Sylvio Gamache, Leslie Gardinier, Melchor Garza,

Frank Gower, Delbert Hammond, George Hampton, Edward Hansen, Larry Hanson, Stanley Hanson, Delbert Hawkins, Harlow Hill, John Hoelscher, Robert Holt, III, Alfred Homan, Lowell Hummels, Jerome Jaworski, David Johnson, Jonnie Johnson, Korwin Johnson, Clifford Jung, Leonard Juranek, William Klingman, Richard Kotch, Homer Kurtz, Jr., Richard Laingor, Steven Lamon, Jim Lantis, Peter Lederer, Robert Lindsey, James Ling, Larry Luckow, Ronald Macaluso, Karl Magnuson, Russell Maher, Edward Messer, Philip Mollendor, Jr., Robert Mygatt, Robert Neal, John Neill, Jr., James Nelson, Richard Nenno, Michael Nissen, Merlin Otteman, James Pelster, Jonathan Platt, Lloyd Poindexter, Peter Raube, Ronald Ring, James Roof, Jr., John Ross, John Schieler, Carolyn Schneider, David Schneider, William Schumann, Larry Seems, Jerry Severidt, Bryon Shapiro, William Sipe, Carl Smith, Danny Smith, William Stanley, Jr., Lawrence Starck, Richard Steely, Ronald Stine, William Sturgeon, Jerry Tausz, Allen Thomsen, Carlton Thygesen, Antonio Trujillo, Edwin Visconti, Wilton Webb, William Williams, Michael Young, Richard Yurkus.

It is my honor and privilege as a veteran and the United States Representative of the 8th District of Colorado to recognize the sacrifice and service of these men and women and all other members of our Nation's military. I thank them for their bravery and service to our Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND KENNETH F. HODGES

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2025*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished South Carolinian—a pastor, legislator, artist, and community builder whose influence reached far beyond his beloved Lowcountry.

Reverend Kenneth F. Hodges, a native of Bennetts Point, passed away on April 22, 2025, having left an indelible imprint on the spiritual, cultural, and civic life of South Carolina. His journey was marked by service, creativity, and a deep devotion to both his heritage and his faith.

Born to Benjamin and Lydia Hodges in the Sea Island community of Bennetts Point, Reverend Hodges excelled early in both academics and athletics. A record-setting track star at Walterboro High School, he went on to earn a business degree from Clark College, where he also studied photography under the esteemed Edmond Marshal. His powerful images of African life and culture earned national acclaim and awards. His passion for the arts led him to establish LyBensons Studio and Art Gallery—later expanding into the Gullah Geechee Visitors Center on St. Helena Island.

After earning a Master of Divinity degree from the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia, Reverend Hodges pastored churches in Bennettsville and Beaufort, South Carolina. At Taberacle Baptist Church, he spearheaded efforts to honor African American icons, including securing recognition for Robert Smalls' gravesite and leading the construction of the Harriet Tubman Monument. His spiritual calling extended abroad as he preached and taught across Africa and the United Kingdom.