

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING THE LIFE OF IAN KALVINSKAS

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an intern in my office, and a University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) student, Mr. Ian Kalvinskas, who recently passed away at the age of 20. He was a son, student, and friend.

Kalvinskas was a Pasadena native and grew up with a love for soccer, travel, and politics. His parents owned a traveling bookstore, sparking Ian's curiosity to explore the world's geography. While in high school, Kalvinskas excelled scholastically, played on the school's soccer team, and was awarded Most Valuable Player. After graduating from high school in 2023, he fulfilled his dream of attending UCLA to study Political Science.

Driven by a deep passion for social justice, Kalvinskas aspired to advocate for underserved communities and one day work for the United Nations, using his education and experiences to make a global impact.

Unfortunately, Kalvinskas was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2020, when he was 15 years old, and underwent liver transplantation at UCLA. For four and a half years, it appeared he had beaten cancer—but tragically, it recurred in November 2024.

Despite battling the recurrence of his cancer, Kalvinskas achieved his dream of interning on Capitol Hill in the summer of 2025. He cared deeply about healthcare reform, and knowing his life expectancy was short, he wanted "to make a difference now." His goal was to help write legislation that ensures pediatric patients receive fair consideration on the organ transplant waiting list. Though his life was cut short by cancer just a week later, his efforts laid the groundwork for lasting change.

Kalvinskas passed away on June 27, surrounded by his loved ones, in a DC hospital—fittingly in the shadow of the Capitol—a symbol to him of how visions for change could become reality. He touched countless lives with his warmth, idealism, and humanity. He lived a courageous and meaningful life by dedicating his final days to advancing a cause he believed in—a goal that reflected the very core of his character. Kalvinskas was a true inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived by his parents, Adrian and Susan Kalvinskas, along with his extended family. Our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with the Kalvinskas family during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the life of a remarkable intern, student, and son, Mr. Ian Kalvinskas. His ambition and legacy will be remembered for many years to come. We join his family, friends, and community in celebrating a life lived with purpose, and in mourning a loss felt deeply by all who knew him.

## HONORING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF RICHARD C. PARSONS

### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Richard C. Parsons, who passed away on May 16, 2025, in San Clemente, California. In his memory, I would like to pay tribute and reflect on the life he led and the impact he had on our Nation and the community in California's 49th District.

Richard was born in New York City on August 3, 1934, and was the son of Armenian immigrants.

He attended Columbia University before earning his degree from Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois. During his time at Principia College, Richard met his wife Nancy, whom he was married to for 66 years.

After attending Principia College, Richard enlisted in the Army. He served with honor at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. After his time serving our nation, Richard settled in Southern California where he led a successful career, retiring as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Arrowhead Water. Richard was an incredible leader and an inspiration to many. I am grateful for his service to our country.

Richard is survived by his children, grandchildren, and extended family. They were his greatest pride. Richard was a dedicated family man who cared deeply for everyone around him. Richard leaves behind a legacy defined by love and service.

I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize the legacy of Richard C. Parsons.

## CONDEMNING CHAOTIC AND HARMFUL FAILINGS OF THIS CONGRESS

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, we are going to adjourn and not do the peoples' business because we have thus far gotten an "F." An "F" for the work of the people in this Congress. We have taken health care away from hundreds of thousands of people. We have taken SNAP payments and nutritional sustenance, away from tens and hundreds of thousands of people. We have made injuries to the Earth, God's Earth we are here to preserve, and we only use. We have taken away from women the right to go to Planned Parenthood to have health care that they need. We have taken away protections for clean energy to change the rate of growth of global warming that affects our planet and affects our future with hotter and hotter summers, flash floods, fires and disasters. It will increase our reliance on

fossil fuels, which make the air dirtier and people sicker, all while we are taking away people's health care. This Congress has earned an "F." We do not deserve a better grade.

I am ashamed to be a part of this Congress, but I will stay because people need to stand up, speak the truth, stand up for things the American people have always stood for: justice, due process, the rule of law, fairness, caring about the little guy, caring about giving people something when they need it, but not giving something to people who have too much—millionaires and billionaires.

Just think, Mr. Speaker, of the harm the rescissions bill did to public broadcasting—NPR and PBS—legacies of President Johnson's Great Society that help our citizens stay informed. Think of the harm done to life-saving foreign aid that keeps children fed and vaccinated from dreadful diseases that can and will cross our borders in check. And the Big Ugly Bill does substantial harm to critical programs and to the people who rely on them, so millionaires can get a tax break and the rest of the country gets huge and endless deficits and trillions more in debt.

Newsweek reported this week that the current Congress is one of the least effective ever, passing only 27 bills since January 3, far fewer than in previous Congresses at the same point. Unfortunately, the biggest, ugliest bill we passed, and the rescissions package will contribute to incalculable pain, suffering, and death all around the world.

Come to think of it, maybe this Congress should get something worse than a grade of "F." Maybe those voting for these cruel and dangerous provisions should be sent to the principal's office and expelled.

## RECOGNIZING DENVER SUMMIT FC

### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and recognize a thrilling new chapter in Colorado's proud sporting history. It is with immense pride that I welcome Denver Summit FC, the newest franchise in the National Women's Soccer League, to our great state and to the city of Denver.

The arrival of Denver Summit FC is more than just the addition of a new professional sports team; it is a testament to the growth of women's sports and a beacon of inspiration for young athletes, especially young women, throughout our community. This team represents a pinnacle of athletic achievement and will provide an invaluable platform to showcase the incredible talent, dedication, and sportsmanship of professional female athletes.

The establishment of an NWSL team in Denver will undoubtedly have a profound and positive impact on our community. It will bring families and fans together, create new economic opportunities, and further solidify Colorado's reputation as a premier destination for

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