

more than 2,000. Today, Corpus Christi continues to expand its ministries in faith formation, outreach, and community service.

Under the leadership of Father James Aboyi, the Corpus Christi parish remains a cornerstone of Ahwatukee's Catholic community. Its forty-year history reflects the faith, generosity, and unity of its members, who continue to strengthen the spiritual and civic life of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Corpus Christi Catholic Church on this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RODERICK "ROD" FIKEL

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Roderick "Rod" Fikel of Coldwater, Michigan, as the Veteran of the Month for November for his distinguished service to our community.

Rod served as an MOS 25V Combat Documentation Specialist in the U.S. Army from 1989 to 1996 and was deployed to both Kuwait and Iraq. For his dedicated service to our country, he was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Valorous Unit Award. He has also received numerous skill badges.

Since returning, Rod has become a cornerstone of the veteran community, actively participating as a dedicated member of the American Legion. Additionally, when the Branch County Department of Veterans Affairs sought to assemble veterans for a community committee, Rod was the first person to respond and attended every meeting. During these gatherings, Rod offered support and advice to his peers and became well-known for his positivity and sense of humor.

Rod has also shown remarkable perseverance in the face of adversity. Despite being diagnosed with cancer, he has remained strong and in high spirits, continuing to offer support to the veteran community.

Rod is truly an inspiration to many, and I express my profound gratitude for his significant and lasting contributions to our great Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF JERRY "PEANUTS" GAINES

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines. Sheriff Gaines dedicated his life to serving the Warren County community for nearly half a century. Prior to his service in law enforcement, Sheriff Gaines served our Nation in the United States Army and as a Warren County Magistrate. In 1978, Sheriff "Peanuts" Gaines was first elected as Warren County Sheriff, serving until 1982, and then was re-elected, serving from 1987 to 2018. His 41 years of service to our county made him the longest serving sheriff in the history of Kentucky. He was a five-time President of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association, the 1995 Sheriff of the Year, President of the National Sheriffs' Association and the only Kentucky sheriff to ever serve as President of the Kentucky Association of Counties. Sheriff Gaines was also a founding member of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association's Boys & Girls Ranch, which has served children in every part of the Commonwealth.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Gaines family, the Warren County Sheriff's Office, and to all who had the pleasure of knowing Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines. His legacy will endure for generations to come. He will be remembered as a stranger to none. He exemplified his kindness and love for people daily. I thank him for selflessly answering the call to serve and devoting his life to making Warren County a better place. His service should inspire us all.

HONORING TIFFANY HARRIS AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Tiffany Harris as one

of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. A proud Richmond native, Tiffany Harris has dedicated her career to empowering young people and strengthening her community. A former participant of the Bay Area Girls Club (BAGC), she returned to the organization as a leader in 2011 and has served as Executive Director since 2015. Under her leadership, BAGC has reached more than 7,000 girls aged five to eighteen through afterschool programs, mentoring, and enrichment activities that promote confidence and leadership. She has expanded the organization's reach by securing and distributing more than \$100,000 in scholarships for college-bound girls and launching programs in STEM, leadership, and college and career readiness. BAGC's signature event, Men Who Cook, has become a beloved community tradition and a vital source of funding to sustain youth programs. With an 89 percent participant success rate in higher education or career pathways, BAGC continues to serve as a trusted community anchor and was recently named the 2025 Best Non-Profit for Activities and Fun by the Best of El Cerrito. Beyond her role at BAGC, Tiffany is an active civic leader throughout West Contra Costa County. She has served as Chair of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Program Chair of the Richmond Rotary Club, President of the Richmond Kiwanis Club, and Co-Treasurer of the West County Forum. She also serves on the Task Force for the Black Women and Girls Initiative with RCF Connects, continuing to champion equity, leadership, and opportunity for young women of color. A graduate of The Branson School and Holy Names University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in communications and English, Tiffany combines strong academic training with deep community roots. She is also a devoted wife and mother of four whose compassion and vision continue to inspire the youth she serves and the community she represents. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Tiffany Harris for her extraordinary leadership, her dedication to uplifting the next generation, and her unwavering commitment to building a stronger, more equitable community.