

Through the Kid Sight team, they've promoted eyesight health for hundreds through regular vision screening events. The Club's philanthropy has directly benefited the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Texas Lions Camp.

When the Georgetown Noon Lions Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better. The Club continues to fulfill the inspiring personal code of Lions Club founder Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

The Georgetown Noon Lions Club's commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. I applaud their work and wish them well on their 90th birthday and for many years to come.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MARITZA REYES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the accomplishments and career of Maritza Reyes. Mrs. Reyes has done invaluable work as a legal professional and a Latina leader in Central Florida.

Mrs. Reyes is currently an Associate Professor of Law at Florida A&M University College of Law. Mrs. Reyes grew up in Florida. She earned a B.S. in Accounting magna cum laude from Florida Atlantic University, a J.D. summa cum laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, and an LL.M. from the Harvard Law School. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Harvard Latino Law Review. Professor Reyes teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, Immigration Law, Advanced Topics in Immigration Law, Latinos and the Law, and Professional Responsibility. She also serves as faculty advisor to the Hispanic American Law Students Association. Her areas of research and writing include immigration law and policy, ethics, evidence, federal courts, and Latinos and the law. Professor Reyes is admitted to practice in Florida, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

Prior to joining academia, Mrs. Reyes worked in the commercial and international litigation groups of Holland & Knight LLP, was employed as a career law clerk and staff attorney in the federal courts, and served as a certified legal intern in the United States Attorneys' Office where she prepared briefs that were filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She has provided pro bono and volunteer services individually and through the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Lawyers for Children America, the Florida Democratic Lawyers Council and Children First. Prior to attending law school, Professor Reyes worked for Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies as well as small businesses.

Mrs. Reyes believes in the importance of education as a means to improve individual lives and society in general. At Harvard, Mrs.

Reyes served as General Editor of the Harvard Latino Law Review and as External Affairs Coordinator of La Alianza. She held a Harvard Law School Post-Graduate Research Fellowship from 2008 to 2011 and was awarded a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Scholarship. Mrs. Reyes attended Nova law school on a full-tuition merit scholarship as a Goodwin Scholar, served as Articles Editor of the Nova Law Review, won a Best Brief Award in the Moot Court First Year Appellate Writing Competition and earned membership in the Moot Court Honor Society. She received a Public Interest Pro Bono Award, the Student Bar Association Academic Achievement Award, the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award and recognition in Who's Who: American Law Students (2000 ed.). During her undergraduate accounting studies, she was inducted into the Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies.

I am happy to honor Maritza Reyes, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her accomplishments and commitment to education, public service, and equality for all Hispanics in Central Florida and nationwide.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAGDA IVETTE TORRES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the public service of Magda Ivette Torres within the Hispanic community in Central Florida. She currently serves as a news analyst and journalist for both WPRD 1440 AM radio and En Agenda News Analysis Talk Show.

Born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, Magda Ivette has more than 24 years of combined professional experience in journalism (print, radio, and television), public relations, law, government, teaching, and community affairs. Her work experience began after she graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and she obtained her law degree from the Catholic University Law School in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Magda Ivette has worked for WOLE-TV, WLEO-AM, WISO-AM, WEUC-FM, the City of Ponce, La Perla del Sur Newspaper, EFE News Agency, Inter American University, legal aide at the Senate of Puerto Rico, Browning Ferris Industries, and Intel Puerto Rico. She also worked as a communication consultant for The Puerto Rico Bar Association.

Magda has worked within the Central Florida community to ensure that Hispanic voters are informed and exercise their ability to vote. Since 2003, she has hosted the "En Agenda" talk show, a daily news analysis program. Magda has dedicated the majority of her show to analyzing state, local, national, and international news. Magda Ivette collaborates with different organizations and public service institutions to inform her audience about their services and provide solutions to community problems. She regularly writes and assists Hispanics in communicating with courts and government entities. She also assists those with special needs so that they receive appropriate medical care, food, and shelter.

I am happy to honor Magda Ivette Torres, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her dedication to civic engagement and service to the Hispanic community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROSINÍN RODRIGUEZ PEREZ

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Rosinín

Rodriguez Perez for her outstanding service to the community.

Rosinín was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico on October 18th, 1937. Her parents were Heriberto Rodriguez and Isabel Pérez. Rosinín Rodriguez is currently the Spiritual Leader and Vice-President of Congregación Mita Inc., the only church founded in Puerto Rico that has expanded nationally to 11 states and internationally to 10 countries in Latin America and Europe.

Rosinín holds a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, where she also completed graduate courses in Counseling and Education. Upon graduation, Rosinín worked as a middle school teacher in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, where she taught Spanish and Social Studies. She later worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor helping students finish their vocational education. She also worked for the Social Security Administration in the division of disability determination and later joined the Puerto Rico Department of Education's Youth Opportunity Center. From 1965 to 1971 she worked as a Career Counselor for the Puerto Rico Department of Labor.

Rosinín joined the Congregación Mita Church in 1962 and lived in the Pastoral House with Juanita Garcia Peraza "Mita," founder of the church. After Juanita Garcia Peraza passed away, Rosinín continued working alongside Teófilo Vargas Sein "Aaron," current President of the church and Spiritual Leader. She was a key contributor to the expansion of the church in Puerto Rico and the United States. In Florida, the church has congregations in Orlando, Ocala, Miami, and Tampa.

Rosinín has distinguished herself by her great moral and spiritual values, hard work, and commitment to the service of others. Rosinín has been the founding member of several church institutions. Among them are: Colegio Congregación Mita, a school in Puerto Rico, where Rosinín served as its first administrator; El Paraíso Nursing Home, an institution that cares for seniors who are unable to care for themselves due to their physical and/or emotional conditions; and the Office for Counseling and Social Work. This institution provides professional services by certified social workers, psychologists, gerontologists, in matters such as drug addiction, alcoholism, domestic violence, family and marriage relations, physical and/or mental health problems, employment, and housing. These services are available free of charge to members and non-members of the church in all the states and countries where the church has been established, including Orlando, FL.

I am happy to honor Rosinín Rodriguez Perez, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her extraordinary contributions to the Congregación Mita Church and the communities the church serves in the United States and around the World.

#### RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF ROMUALD JOSE LEYDON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the career of Romuald Jose Leydon.

Mr. Leydon was born in New York City on August 9, 1965 to Puerto Rican parents. At his third birthday, he was officially adopted by his Irish stepfather and received his last name Leydon. He moved to Puerto Rico in 1973,

when he was eight years old. Raised in both the Puerto Rican and Irish cultures, Leydon committed himself to working for his community and helping it grow.

Mr. Leydon graduated from Margarita Janer Palacios High School in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico where he completed a course of Marketing and Distribution in 1984. He joined the Seminary Bethsaida Inc. in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1990 where he studied Leadership and Theology. He finished his bachelor's and master's degree in 2010 and his doctoral degree in 2012.

Mr. Leydon worked from 1995 to 2000 as a Church Administrator at Bethsaida Inc. He moved to Osceola County, Florida in 2003 where he worked as a Chief Financial Officer at Tones Distribution Group for five years. From 2009 to 2010 he was the President of Operations in Ameriwalk Inc., where he organized various events for non-profit organizations. He is currently the Dean and Professor of Theology at the Christian School Renewal.

Mr. Leydon is involved with the Christian community and strongly supports the Food Pantry "Pan de Vida" at the Renewal Church in the Buenaventura Lakes community in Kissimmee, FL. Mr. Leydon has been married to his wife, Ivette Reyes, for over 25 years and enjoys spending time with his son and three grandchildren.

I am happy to honor Romuald Jose Leydon, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his selfless service to the community in Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF TIRSO MORENO

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tirso Moreno, a leader and advocate of farmworkers and immigrants in the 9th Congressional District in the State of Florida. He has fought to provide farmworkers with a living wage, adequate housing, safe working conditions, and educational opportunities.

Tirso was born in Tamaulipas, Mexico, near the Texas border. At a young age he learned to pick corn and cotton on the family's farm. In 1971, at the age of 17, he emigrated to the United States with his family to do farm work. For 11 years, he and his wife worked as migrant workers, harvesting oranges, grapefruits, and lemons in Florida from November to May, and apples in Michigan from June to October.

In 1976, Tirso joined the United Farm Workers (UFW) union and from 1979 to 1982, he served on the negotiation committee for the collective bargaining agreement between the UFW and Coca Cola/Minute Maid. In 1982, Tirso became the lead organizer for the Farmworker Project of the Office for Farmworker Ministry in Apopka, Florida.

In 1983, Tirso and the Notre Dame Sisters founded the Farmworker Association of Florida of which Tirso is currently the General Coordinator. Under his leadership, the Association expanded in 1992 from a small local group to a statewide organization with more than 10,000 members. FWAFF now has four offices throughout Florida, a staff of 25, and a membership of more than 4,000 Latino, Haitian, and African-American families. FWAFF provides educational programs, legal assistance, a worker-owned credit union, and a food cooperative.

Tirso is also a co-founder and board member of the Farmworker Health and Safety Institute, and serves on the boards of several

other organizations such as the Southern Partners Fund, the Domestic Fair Trade Association, the National Immigrant Farming Initiative, and the Rural Coalition. He has worked to establish international cooperation with immigrants and farmworkers on both sides of the Mexico/United States border. Tirso advocated on farmworkers' behalf in national and international meetings such as the Via Campesina North America and International Gatherings, United States Social Forums, World Social Forums, and the United Nations World Conference Against Racism.

I am happy to honor Tirso Moreno, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his outstanding leadership on behalf of immigrants and farmworkers in my district and throughout the country.

#### HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SHEYLA ASCENCIOS

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the civic accomplishments of Sheyla Ascencios within the Central Florida community. Ms. Ascencios currently serves as the Florida Democratic Party Central Florida Hispanic Media and Outreach Coordinator.

After immigrating to the United States from Peru at the age of three, Ms. Ascencios was raised in Kissimmee, Florida. Early in her journalistic career, Ms. Ascencios worked as a news reporter and magazine writer for the Valencia College weekly newspaper, The Valencia Source and college magazine, Caffeinated. She soon rose to the position of managing editor for The Source, while also working as an intern for Orlando's major newspaper, the Orlando Sentinel and the television news station NBC's WESH 2 News. As a journalist, she sought to uncover the truth and report on under-represented groups, students, and the Latino community in Osceola and Orange Counties.

Upon graduation from the University of Florida, Ms. Ascencios began devoting much of her time to public service. She became a Juvenile Drug Court and Teen Court volunteer in Orange, Osceola, and Alachua counties and worked as a legal and development assistant at the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA). Her ability to foster relationships and her background in public service led to her becoming the OCBA's youngest staff member when she was hired as Marketing Manager. She became the program manager of the bar association's community outreach program, Leadership Law. After only two years of managing the program, Leadership Law won the 2012 LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Award, placing the OCBA in the national spotlight. By its second year, the program's financial sponsors nearly doubled, benefiting the OCBA and its sister affiliates.

This past fall, Ms. Ascencios took an active role in the 2012 elections, working for State Senator Darren Soto's successful campaign in District 14. Sheyla also volunteers for the Legal Aid Society of the OCBA and is a freelance journalist for South Florida's major metropolitan newspaper, the Miami Herald.

I am happy to honor Sheyla Ascencios, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her dedication to serving the Central Florida community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF VIVIANA MARGARITA JANER

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Viviana Margarita Janer for her service and leadership within her community in Florida's Ninth District.

Viviana was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico and raised in New York City. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Public Accounting and an MBA with academic honors. She currently serves as the Treasurer for the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida.

Viviana has over 20 years of experience in the business world, and currently works as a Senior Manager of Internal Audit at a major Hospitality company. She was a volunteer for President Obama's reelection campaign and acted as a Neighborhood Team Leader holding weekly events within her community. Viviana also had the great honor of introducing President Obama in front of a crowd of 3,000 in her hometown of Kissimmee.

Viviana has volunteered for organizations such as the Destiny Foundation, the Second Harvest Food Bank, Give the Kids the World, Pine Hills YMCA, and the Central Florida Breadbasket. She has also been an advocate for countless social issues and has campaigned for other candidates, including Senator ED MARKEY. Viviana is a member of the Osceola County Commission Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, as well as an active member of the Progressive Democrats of America, the Democratic Executive Committee, and the Democrats of Celebration. She is also a founding member of Organizing for Action.

I am happy to honor Viviana Margarita Janer, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her outstanding public service to the Central Florida community.

#### REMEMBERING MR. ROBERT GREINER

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 22, 2013*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert "Bob" Greiner of Victorville, CA, who passed away October 17th, 2013 after leaving what will be a lasting impression on the members of the Victor Valley community.

During the Korean War, Bob was drafted into the Army and eventually served as part of the Military Police. Bob's service to his country did not stop there. After leaving the Army, Bob opened car dealerships where, he became a well know face around the town.

During the recession and throughout the closure of George Air Force Base, he provided work to those in need. Bob's service to his country and community is a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Today, I join with the Town of Victorville and the whole country in remembering this great soldier, community leader, father, and husband. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Mrs. Greiner, and all the friends and family of this extraordinary man.