

on, whether here on the Hill or on the rink, where she was a distinguished skater in her youth.

After she graduated from Southern Oregon University, she endeavored to continue her family legacy of public service. Like her father before her, she has established herself as a passionate and talented House staffer, remaining fiercely uncynical and deeply committed to producing consistently high-quality work.

Jackie is a sterling example of the American dream in action. She is eminently proud of her family's Ukrainian heritage, and a living tribute to their brave decision 100 years ago to take on a perilous journey into the unknown of a new life in the United States.

During Jackie's time in my office, she has displayed a brilliant analytical mind in developing communication strategies and a remarkable creative flair in her writing. More than that, Jackie brightened the days of everyone in my office with her warmth, her deep kindness, her easy laughter, and her sharp wit. Through tremendous personal adversity, she has maintained not just good spirits and an intense sense of camaraderie with her coworkers, but an extraordinary caliber of work.

It has been my great pleasure to get to know Jackie as both an integral part of my team, and as a human being. As we frequently say around the office, Jackie intensely loves what she loves—whether that's the progressive values that guide our work, the spirit of public service, or Taylor Swift (her favorite album is *Red*), and all things Canadian (especially Tim Horton's). On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Jackie for her service and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

SAINT BARNABAS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the 100th anniversary of Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California. This historically Black Church has played a vital role in the community and has been a beacon of faith, perseverance, and resilience for a century.

The founding of Saint Barnabas Pasadena is rooted in the "Great Migration" of African Americans from the South in the early twentieth century. These individuals sought better lives and opportunities in California, but were confronted with racial segregation and discrimination.

Existing Jim Crow laws prevented African Americans from worshipping where they wished, including at All Saints Church in Pasadena. Undeterred by this adversity, a group of determined individuals met on June 16, 1909, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Weatherston on South Fair Oaks Avenue to organize a Black Episcopal mission. This mission, known as Saint Barnabas Guild, quickly gained support, and the members sustained their ministry through food sales.

By 1911, services were being held in the Grand Army Hall on Colorado Street, and the

seeds of Saint Barnabas Church were sown. Finally, in 1923, eight remarkable women, including Ellensteen Bevans, Rosebud Mims, and Georgia Weatherston, officially founded Saint Barnabas Church. The church had come a long way from its first services, which were held in Georgia Weatherston's home on Del Mar Street, with as many as 29 members in attendance on Sunday mornings. Over the course of the following decade, the church grew steadily and in 1932, the Saint Barnabas Congregation was admitted into the Episcopalian Archdioceses, signifying its growing significance and influence.

The Saint Barnabas Church helped strengthen and shape the character of the City of Pasadena with many of its church leadership playing important roles in the community, such as Reverend Jesse D. Moses, II, who served as the first Black principal of the Pasadena Unified School District. Today the church has become an essential pillar in the San Gabriel Valley, transcending racial boundaries and fostering unity. Its current congregation is a diverse community that is dedicated to serving others. The church supports local youth by sponsoring the Northwest Pasadena Little League and granting scholarships to Pasadena Unified School District graduates. It also uplifts vulnerable families by providing meals to the homeless, maintaining a community food pantry, and hosting Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

Over the last century the Saint Barnabas Church and its congregation have overcome racism and adversity to strengthen the Black community, build the City of Pasadena, and uplift all communities in the San Gabriel Valley. They are a remarkable institution and embody the best qualities of the 28th Congressional District.

HONORING THE BRIGHTON AREA
SCHOOLS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL
LEARNING DOGS PROGRAM

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a group of dedicated, devoted, and darling therapists who just happen to have four legs. The Brighton Area Schools Social and Emotional Learning Dogs, or "BAS Pack of Dogs," as they are better known, are celebrating 15 years of service to the district and to the community, and in that time this program has become a source of pride for the district and a model for the state and the Nation.

But before there was a pack, there was a dog, a teacher, and an idea. In 2008, middle school special education teacher Karen Storey witnessed the positive response kids had to a fellow teacher's dog. That prompted her to research the physical, social, and emotional benefits of therapy dogs on students. Spurred by her research, she approached then-superintendent Greg Gray with a proposal to add a therapy dog to the building. Less than a decade later, with the full support of the community, Brighton became the only district in the State to own a therapy dog for every single building, and several for the high school.

Over the years, the dogs have become cherished educational assistants, eager to lend a paw when students need extra comfort, a non-judgmental reading partner, or just a friendly and slightly slobbery face. And like furry first responders, the Pack of Dogs will hit the road whenever duty calls, offering love and support to grieving students and teachers across the State when tragedy strikes. I saw this firsthand in the wake of the deadly school shooting in Oxford in November of 2021. For weeks, all 13 members of the Pack of Dogs and their handlers traveled 50 miles each way to comfort traumatized students, absorbing tears into their shiny coats, and gently reminding everyone, one loving nuzzle at a time, of the good that still existed in the world. And they did it again in February 2023, when Michigan State University was similarly shattered by yet another deadly shooting. Not only has the Pack of Dogs shown up for other schools, but the program regularly fields calls from school districts around the Nation who want to replicate this success, seeking advice from the leaders of the Pack.

From community donations of funds, food, veterinary care, and so much more that make this program possible, to the handlers who welcome these dogs into their homes, to the students who welcome them into their hearts, the BAS Pack of Dogs is a model for schools nationwide, and its founders deserve to be named Top Dog.

In celebration of 15 years of canine collaboration, I salute the BAS Pack of Dogs and its humans for the profound difference they have made in the lives of so many. It may be true that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but a Pack of Dogs can clearly teach all of us new ways of thinking. As man's best friend, it is only fitting that I honor the contributions of the BAS Pack of Dogs.

RECOGNIZING PHYLLIS SALOWE-
KAYE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Phyllis Salowe-Kaye as she is honored for her decades of leadership to New Jersey Citizen Action, NJCA. Ms. Salowe-Kaye has been a lifelong advocate for the residents of New Jersey and her dedication and achievements should be celebrated.

As current President and former Executive Director of NJCA, Ms. Salowe-Kaye has been an effective voice for New Jersey's working families. She has fought on behalf of underserved communities and helped advance reforms to safeguard healthcare, workplace rights, and consumer and financial protections.

Under her leadership, NJCA has also been a preeminent social services agency, whose programs and resources are invaluable to individuals and families. Tens of thousands of New Jerseyans rely on NJCA for direct assistance with health care enrollment, tax preparation, housing counseling, and more.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Salowe-Kaye has maintained the mission of NJCA, providing outstanding support and outreach to our local communities. Her knowledge, expertise, and vision has helped NJCA adapt and expand to meet the complex needs and priorities of the communities it represents.