

Latino population, which she says enables her to understand the struggles of immigrant families and their desire to make sacrifices to give their children better opportunities.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize three of the many Hispanic Americans in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District who are working hard every day to make a difference in their communities. As we continue to celebrate the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month, may we recommit to the spirit of service demonstrated by these individuals and the many others whose stories have yet to be told. On behalf of myself, the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I am proud to join in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. In telling the stories of constituents like Gabriel, Maria, and Aixa, we celebrate the power of our Hispanic community in Georgia. As their representative, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DUMPLING DAY

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2019*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor National Dumpling Day. National Dumpling Day was inaugurated back in 2015 in Brooklyn, NY and is now celebrated across America every year on September 26.

Dumplings made their humble beginnings in Ancient China, almost 1,800 years ago, where they were known as jiaozi. In America, dumplings were introduced in the mid-1800s by Chinese laborers building the transcontinental railroad. From Korean mandu and Chinese soup dumplings, to the Indian samosa and Tibetan momo, dumplings have become a world delicacy and bear tremendous cultural significance in our Asian Pacific American communities. Today, families come together across our country to the table to wrap, cook and enjoy this delightful treasure.

In the 7th Congressional District of New York, we are proud to have CJ TMI Foods, a part of CJ America, as one of the country's largest dumpling manufacturers and the founder of National Dumpling Day. Since 1989, CJ TMI Foods has been a minority-owned business, creating fresh and tasty dumplings and noodles. The company has grown exponentially over the years by expanding into new facilities and employing over 400 people. I admire their trailblazing mission of connecting and inspiring individuals of all cultural identities through exposure to Asian food.

Dumplings are more than just delicious comfort food, they are a bonding experience among many of our families. I ask my colleagues in the 116th Congress to join me in celebrating National Dumpling Day and recognizing the value these ubiquitous and delicious pockets of dough carry, unifying neighbors and sparking joy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR  
ROBERT GRIFFIN AND RECOGNIZING HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S HALL  
OF HONOR

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the life and service of the late Senator Robert Griffin on the occasion of his induction into the Department of Labor's Hall of Honor. Through a lifetime of unparalleled leadership and devotion to the public good, Senator Griffin became an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Robert Paul Griffin was born November 6, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan. The son of an auto factory foreman, Griffin spent his youth working on auto assembly lines. During the Second World War, Robert enlisted in the 71st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, where he served from 1943 until 1946. Following his military service, Robert attended Central Michigan University and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1950. He practiced law in Traverse City until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Congressman for what was then Michigan's Ninth District in 1956.

Representative Griffin became a national leader in the fight against organized crime and union corruption, eventually helping to create the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959—also known as the Landrum-Griffin Act. This landmark piece of Labor legislation has helped to promote democracy, weed out corruption, and allow members to participate more freely in the affairs of their union. After serving in the House for five terms, Griffin was appointed to a vacant Senate seat, where he would go on to win reelection and serve as the Senate Minority Whip. Following his time in the Senate, he returned to Traverse City to practice law until his election to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1986. He served on the Court until his retirement in 1994. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 91.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Landrum-Griffin Act, the U.S. Department of Labor has inducted Senator Griffin and former National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) member Howard Jenkins, Jr., into the Department's Hall of Honor. With his lifetime of promoting fair and responsible practices in unions, none are more deserving of this honor than Senator Griffin. The impact of his life's work on the people of the United States cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the incredible life of Senator Robert Griffin and his induction into the Department of Labor's Hall of Honor. His family can take great pride in knowing that the legacy of this dedicated leader will live on for generations to come.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INNERCITY STRUGGLE

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2019*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate InnerCity Struggle on its 25th anniversary of movement building on the Eastside of Los Angeles.

InnerCity Struggle (ICS) was started in 1994 by a group of parents, youth, and residents in Boyle Heights who joined together to find solutions to a crisis in their community. ICS has organized young people and families to demand educational justice, an end to the school-to-prison pipeline, and college access for all.

A quarter-century later, ICS has built an impressive record of significant policy victories, including \$940 million in public resources for neighborhood schools. It has empowered more than 1,200 grassroots leaders who work together to engage decision makers and hold them accountable.

In 2004, ICS won its first significant campaign when the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) agreed to build new Eastside schools for the first time in more than 80 years. The Eastside's Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools were among the most overcrowded schools in the nation. LAUSD ultimately opened three new high schools and a new elementary school on the Eastside between 2009 and 2012. And in 2018, after years of ICS demands, the school board agreed to invest \$173 million in modernizing the under-resourced and neglected Roosevelt High School campus. By 2022, the district will have transformed the school into a state-of-the-art center anchored in college and career preparation.

ICS parents and students have also taken the stance that all students should be eligible to apply to college. In 2005, ICS was part of a citywide coalition that helped secure the "A-G Life Prep" policy, which mandated that LAUSD align its graduation requirements with California public university eligibility. That year, only 44 percent of LAUSD graduates from Eastside high schools had A-G college course requirements. By 2016, a historic 80 percent of Eastside graduates had A-G requirements.

ICS also recognizes the power of voting to shape our communities. That is why the organization has invested in engaging and mobilizing voters on the Eastside. In all, ICS has engaged over 51,000 voters, and registered 4,000 new ones.

ICS helped form the Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition in 2013. This county-wide coalition was formed to end the criminalization of young boys and men of color by creating and influencing public policy that invests in young people. One of the coalition's key victories was a demand for ending the use of "willful defiance" as grounds for school suspension. The "willful defiance" category had a long record of disproportionately targeting African American and Latinx students, particularly males. The LAUSD Board voted to ban "willful defiance" suspensions in favor of restorative justice interventions, making it the first district in the nation to do so.

In 2014, ICS secured \$50 million for the construction of comprehensive school-based