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Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks recognizing the National Certified Dietary Manager (CDM), Certified Food Protection Professionals (CFPP) Day which this year fell on Friday, November 28, 2025.

This day is meant to honor the contributions these professionals have made in the foodservice management profession and their vital role in America's healthcare industry and particularly long-term care.

Foodborne illness is a health threat to all Americans, but seniors are most at risk as they are more susceptible to the adverse health effects from foodborne-induced gastroenteritis. The CDM, CFPP credential raises the standard of care in Skilled Nursing Facilities and establishes a more clearly defined career path for those who choose to serve in long-term care.

As a geriatric nurse practitioner, I have seen firsthand how dedicated professionals with the CDM, CFPP credential positively affect health outcomes. They are responsible for managing nutrition and foodservice operations, and are trained and qualified to administer menus, food purchasing and preparation, and to apply nutrition principles, among many other essential tasks.

I would also like to recognize the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) for its efforts to designate November 28 as National CDM, CFPP Day. Over 90 percent of ANFP's 13,000 members work in healthcare and most of those are in long-term care. ANFP's Youth Apprenticeship Program is based in the CDM, CFPP credential and was approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in 2022.

The CDM, CFPP credential is a source of pride for those who achieve and maintain it. CDM, CFPP credential holders are committed to ensuring our vulnerable seniors receive the care and attention they deserve, often working year-round and over holidays.

I am proud to honor their significant impacts to healthcare and celebrate the National Certified Dietary Managers, Certified Food Protection Professionals Day of the Year.