

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING REVEREND DR. TODD GRAY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF FIFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the Reverend Dr. Todd Gray's 30th anniversary as the pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. For three decades, Reverend Gray has provided unwavering spiritual leadership, compassionate guidance, and steadfast service to his congregation and the greater Richmond community.

Since answering the call to lead Fifth Street Baptist Church in 1994, Reverend Gray has embodied the principles of faith, humility, and service. Under his leadership, the church has grown both spiritually and numerically, expanding its ministries and deepening its outreach to meet the evolving needs of its members and the surrounding community.

Throughout his tenure as pastor, Reverend Gray has remained committed to preaching a message of hope and justice, empowering individuals to live lives rooted in faith and purpose. His passion for education, economic empowerment, and social equity has been evident not only in the pulpit, but also in his civic engagement and community partnerships. He has mentored young leaders, supported families in crisis, and spoken out boldly for those whose voices often go unheard.

Reverend Gray's leadership has been a stabilizing force and a source of inspiration. His devotion to his congregation and community knows no bounds. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Dr. Todd Gray for his 30 years of outstanding leadership at Fifth Street Baptist Church.

HONORING SHERIFF MARIO MAGSBY, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service and efforts of the Sheriff of Coahoma County, Mississippi, Mario Magsby, Sr.

Sheriff Magsby is a lifelong resident of Coahoma County and a first-generation law enforcement officer. Raised by his parents, Eddie and Frankie Magsby, he learned early the values of hard work, integrity, and dedication to community—principles that have guided him throughout his distinguished career in public service.

Sheriff Magsby began his law enforcement journey in February 1998 with the Jonestown

Police Department, serving as a Patrol Officer. He completed training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy in November 1998. In May 1999, he was hired by former Sheriff Andrew Thompson, Jr., and over the years served with distinction in multiple capacities, including the Uniform Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Division, Special Response Team, as a Firearms Instructor, and as Chief Deputy.

He is a proud graduate of Coahoma Agricultural High School and holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Research. Sheriff Magsby has consistently demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Coahoma County.

Sheriff Magsby is a dedicated member of both the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association and the National Sheriffs' Association. Beyond his professional life, he is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who enjoys spending time with his family and engaging in outdoor pursuits, such as hunting and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sheriff Mario Magsby, Sr. for his exemplary service and leadership over the past year as Sheriff of Coahoma County. We commend his dedication to public safety and his steadfast commitment to justice and community. We wish him continued success in the years ahead, as he serves the people of Coahoma County with honor and integrity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF SAMUEL BIGLER

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life of Mr. Samuel Bigler of Millersville Borough, who passed away on July 1, 2025, at the age of 78.

Mr. Samuel Bigler, known as Sam, was a father to Evan and a husband to Cindy. He was a strong presence in the Lancaster community as a veteran, an Olympic weightlifter, a teacher, a business owner, a volunteer, and much more.

A 1965 graduate of Columbia High School, Sam enlisted in the U.S. Army and served between 1966 and 1969. Having lifted weights since a young age, Sam continued this passion and won numerous national and international titles and awards, culminating in a spot on the 1976 U.S. Olympic Weightlifting team in Montreal, Canada and a tenth-place finish.

Sam attended Millersville State College and received a bachelor's and master's degree in education. He then served as a reading specialist at Thaddeus Stevens College for 33 years. During this time, Sam began a rental property business with his wife, Cindy.

Sam was also impactful in his volunteer capacity. He served on the Millersville Zoning

Board, the local Republican committee, and was a mentor to individuals participating in the Lancaster County Veteran's Court program.

Sam's impact on the community cannot be understated, and I am glad to have known him. As we celebrate the life of Sam Bigler, we offer our prayers of comfort to his family during this time.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MAJOR HAROLD M. WATTS, III SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

**HON. PAT HARRIGAN**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express profound gratitude to Sergeant Major Harold M. Watts, III, Senior Enlisted Leader for the National Guard Bureau's Office of Legislative Liaison. From his start as an Armor Crewman in the North Carolina Army National Guard, he has risen to serve as the principal legislative advisor to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Nearing 30 years of distinguished service, Sergeant Major Watts served with valor in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, earning the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Action Badge. A graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy with advanced degrees, he exemplifies unwavering commitment to excellence. As a legislative liaison, he has expertly bridged the National Guard and Congress, leveraging his military construction expertise to advance our Nation's security.

As he transitions to his next assignment, I honor his exemplary service and wish him, his wife Crystal, and their daughters well. His legacy endures.

HONORING DONALD R. DWIGHT

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and mourn the passing of Mr. Donald Dwight of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Mr. Dwight was a Marine, newspaper executive, and dedicated public servant. Born in Massachusetts, he attended Deerfield Academy and Princeton before serving as an active-duty Marine where he earned the rank of captain. A man dedicated to his country, Mr. Dwight held multiple public offices, including serving as the 64th Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. As Lieutenant Governor, he worked behind the scenes to serve his state and always stood up for what he felt was right.

After leaving public office, Mr. Dwight led newspapers in Minneapolis and New England

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and was responsible for printing seven separate publications. He was dedicated to local, independent journalism and never hesitated to follow a difficult story.

Outside of his public life, Mr. Dwight was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. To those who knew him, he was endlessly curious, and never afraid to try new things. He always knew how to ask the right questions and was driven by unflinching dedication to the common good. The mark he left on his community, state, and country will never be forgotten, and for that, we are forever grateful.

#### HONORING LOVE THY CITY DAY IN TYLER, TEXAS

### HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Love Thy City event held in Tyler, Texas, a community-wide initiative that reminds us that service to our neighbors doesn't start in Washington, it starts in the heart and in the home as it extends to every corner of this earth.

Organized by local citizen-leaders, churches, nonprofits, and volunteers of all ages, Love Thy City is a day of service to others rooted in the great command to love our neighbors. That's a principle that transcends politics and parties. It transcends race and gender and every difference between us. It is our shared responsibility to care for everyone around us just as the Good Samaritan did—not because Government would tell us to, but because the Love of Christ propels us to.

Whether it's cleaning up a park, helping a neighbor in need, or simply showing kindness to a stranger, Love Thy City challenges us to use our active faith to lead by example and invest in our communities—not just with words, but with action.

This is what makes East Texas strong; faith, service, and a deep love for God and for one another. I'm proud to honor this effort today and to recognize all those who give their time to love their neighbor.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2025, I was not recorded on Roll Call Nos. 191 and 192. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 191 and 192.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present on July 14, 2025, due to weather-related travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 191;

YEA on Roll Call No. 192; and YEA on Roll Call No. 193.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE GUN SAFETY INCENTIVE ACT

### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Gun Safety Incentive Act, a commonsense and life-saving measure to address one of the most urgent crises facing our Nation: the epidemic of gun violence, particularly as it affects our children.

I am proud to be joined in this effort with my co-leads—Representatives ROBIN KELLY and LUCY MCBATH—who, like me, believe that protecting children, families, and veterans should be above politics.

Firearms are now the leading cause of death for children and teenagers in the United States. Every year, more than 2,500 young lives are lost to gun violence. For children under the age of 13, these deaths most often occur inside the home. In 2021, firearms accounted for nearly 19 percent of all childhood deaths—a staggering 50 percent increase since 2019.

Disturbingly, three out of every four children under the age of 10 live in a household with a firearm. More than a third of these children have reported personally handling an unsecured gun in the home.

We can and we must do more to prevent these tragedies. The Gun Safety Incentive Act takes meaningful, practical steps to promote responsible firearm storage and protect our children.

First, the bill provides a 10 percent federal tax credit through 2030 for individuals who purchase certified firearm safes and secure storage devices. This incentive directly supports gun owners who take steps to store their firearms safely—an action proven to reduce the risk of accidents, suicides, and theft.

Second, the legislation directs the Department of Justice to develop and promote voluntary best practices for secure firearm storage, making this information readily accessible to the public both online and in print.

Third, the bill requires clear labeling on all handgun, rifle, and shotgun packaging, stating: "Safe Storage Saves Lives." These labels will also direct consumers to DOJ's storage guidelines, ensuring that every gun owner receives trusted, research-based information on how to keep their weapons out of the wrong hands.

Finally, the bill authorizes funding for Safe Firearm Storage Assistance Programs—community-based efforts that promote secure storage practices through education, outreach, and local partnerships. These programs meet people where they are and empower them to be part of the solution.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is not about politics—it is about prevention. It is about using the tools at our disposal to keep guns away from children and out of the hands of those who might harm themselves or others. The Gun Safety Incentive Act is a reasonable, measured, and life-saving response to an ongoing public health emergency.

I urge all my colleagues—Democrats and Republicans alike—to join me in supporting

this critical legislation. Let us stand together to protect America's children from senseless, preventable tragedy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

SPEECH OF

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Chair, I want to commend the managers of the House Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations bill for including my amendment, No. 269, to provide a \$24.1 million increase within the RDT&E-Defense Wide Account, to the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Program's (IBAS) Fan-Out Wafer level packaging program in the en bloc package.

Semiconductors support nearly all Department of Defense (DoD) activities. Ensuring secure access to leading-edge semiconductors, however, is a challenge. The pandemic exposed the challenges associated with the global supply chain, the changing global semiconductor industry, and the sophistication of U.S. adversaries, who might target military electronic components.

IBAS is dedicated to ensuring that the DoD is positioned to effectively address industrial base issues and support the National Security Innovation Base. This includes strengthening and protecting the domestic semiconductor supply chain to provide access to leading-edge capabilities to accelerate innovation. One of the next generation semiconductor technologies that IBAS is focusing on is called Advanced Packaging.

Advanced Packaging essentially removes the green circuit board, and connects each component chip onto each other, like how individual Lego pieces can be stacked on top of each other to form a Lego set. This next generation process fully integrates all component chips into a single, advanced packaged, chip. Currently, 98 percent of these advanced packaging, integrated processes, are done in Asia, where foreign entities can insert malicious processes into these integrated chips in a way that is not easily identifiable. IBAS is working to provide secure, credible, and reliable domestic advanced packaged semiconductor manufacturing capability.

Fanout wafer level packaging technology is a critical leading-edge advanced packaging technology, providing a high degree of size, weight, and power performance improvements over traditional packaging processes. My amendment will allow the DoD to leverage existing public-private-partnerships to quickly expand domestic U.S. based semiconductor manufacturing development platforms for critical advanced semiconductor system integration, including fan-out wafer level packaging technology.

U.S. global leadership in semiconductors depends on U.S. owned firms operating at the leading-edge of advanced packaging technologies. The next generation of electronic devices will require significantly greater functional density, in other words, packing chips together even more tightly than current technology allows. This requires technical leadership in semiconductor advanced packaging

processes, including fanout wafer level packaging.

I believe Congress should continue to provide the resources necessary to update our domestic microelectronics security framework. I am proud of the work being undertaken in my district's semiconductor technology district, known as NeoCity, to support domestic semiconductor manufacturing technology development as we work to address this critical supply chain. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to support this goal.

PROCLAMATION FOR FULTON  
COUNTY'S DEMISEMISEPTCEN-  
TENNIAL

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing Ohio's 9th Congressional District, a region that embodies the industrious spirit, deep-rooted history, and resilient communities of Northwest Ohio. Today, I am privileged to join in commemorating an extraordinary milestone in our shared story—the 175th anniversary of Fulton County.

Whereas, on April 1, 1850, the State of Ohio officially established Fulton County, carved from portions of Lucas, Henry, and Williams Counties, as well as territory once disputed by the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, the county was named in honor of Robert Fulton, visionary inventor of the steamboat, reflecting the pioneering innovation and transportation legacy of the region; and

Whereas, Fulton County was one of the last counties organized in Ohio, emerging from the resolution of the Toledo War and the shifting of state lines that helped shape the boundaries of Northwest Ohio; and

Whereas, from its early seat in Ottokee to its present-day seat in Wauseon, Fulton County has grown alongside the railroad, agriculture, and industry—serving as a vital link in both Ohio's past and its future; and

Whereas, its 406.8 square miles of rich farmland, flowing rivers, and vibrant towns have been home to generations of Ohioans committed to hard work, community, and service; and

Whereas, for 175 years, Fulton County has stood as a proud testament to the enduring values of self-reliance, civic engagement, and American perseverance;

Now, therefore, I, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, do hereby recognize and celebrate the Demiseemiseptcentennial of Fulton County, and offer heartfelt congratulations to its residents, leaders, and communities on this momentous 175th anniversary.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand to honor Fulton County and its distinguished history on this momentous occasion. May the legacy of Fulton County's past continue to inspire progress, unity, and pride for the generations to come.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER MYKUL  
THOMAS

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary individual from our

community, Department of the Air Force Police Officer Mykul Thomas, who has been a beacon of inspiration at the gates of Buckley Space Force Base. As he prepares for a new assignment at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, I want to honor the profound, positive impact he has had on countless individuals entering the installation.

For so many, Officer Thomas was more than the first line of security; he was the first source of motivation for the day. He understood that his post at the gate was a unique opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. This understanding comes from a deep personal philosophy, one taught to him by his mother, who gave him his unique name, Mykul. He lives by the creed that the two most important days in life are the day you are born and the day you find out your "why". Officer Thomas found his "why" in uplifting others, and he lived it every day at the gate.

His commitment was put to the ultimate test one fateful day, when a young man drove up to his gate, not to enter the base, but to say a final goodbye. Officer Thomas immediately engaged with the young man, and he shared a simple, powerful message: that life is worth living and that he was important. That heartfelt intervention saved a life. This remarkable story is a testament to Officer Thomas's character. A belief that we all have a gift to be something and to do something, and he has certainly used his. His actions demonstrate that even in moments when motivation is hard to find, we are not alone.

A proud Marine Corps veteran of 13 years, who served as a drill instructor at Parris Island, Officer Thomas has seamlessly translated his leadership and mentorship skills into his role as a Department of the Air Force Police Officer. As Officer Thomas departs for Cape Canaveral, we thank him for his incredible service and for the spirit of hope and motivation he brought to his post each day. He has left an indelible mark on the Buckley Space Force Base community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Officer Mykul "Moto" Thomas. He showed us the powerful impact one person can have, and we wish him the very best as he continues to live his "why".

MARKING 80 YEARS AFTER TRINITY,  
THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR  
WAR HAVE NEVER BEEN HIGHER

**HON. RO KHANNA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to highlight the rising danger posed by the unchecked expansion of global nuclear arsenals. As we mark 80 years since the Trinity test, we must confront the urgent need to reverse course before miscalculation or escalation leads to irreversible catastrophe. I include in the RECORD the following article, 80 Years After Trinity, the Dangers of Nuclear War Have Never Been Higher by Norman Solomon:

The dangers of nuclear war have never been higher, but political pressure to prevent it is at low ebb. Eighty years after the atomic age began with the Trinity bomb test in New Mexico on July 16, 1945, words can't pos-

sibly be adequate to describe the extent of global horrors that today's nuclear arsenals are capable of inflicting. But mainstream US media outlets and partisan politics are routinely oblivious to the threat of oblivion.

Despite the efforts of individuals and groups striving for arms control, the national discourse ignores the likely results of nuclear buildups—which continue to boost the actual risks of annihilation. Pronouncements from the nuclear establishment about a need to "maintain deterrence" and "modernize" usually go unquestioned as to the underlying assumptions. Senators and representatives praise nuclear systems with components produced in their state or district.

Even well-informed and dedicated advocates of halting the arms race are often reduced to arguing for fiscal responsibility. Within the narrow confines of regular "national security" debates, the wisest lobbying tactic appears to be a focus on exorbitant costs of "modernizing" nuclear weapons. Yet cost-cutting arguments bypass how the weapons push the world closer to doomsday.

Northrop Grumman—the contractor for the new Sentinel ICBM, which is meant to replace the current Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles—has racked up such huge cost overruns that the project at times seemed to be in jeopardy of cancellation. Meanwhile, the political response detoured around the unique dangers of ICBMs, which (as land-based missiles vulnerable to attack) remain on hair-trigger, "use them or lose them" alert. Given the long record of false alarms, such hypervigilance is a possible tripwire for an accidental apocalypse.

"Getting trapped in an argument about the cheapest way to keep ICBMs operational in their silos is ultimately no-win," Daniel Ellsberg and I wrote for *The Nation* in autumn 2021. We added: "Better sooner than later, members of Congress will need to face up to the horrendous realities about intercontinental ballistic missiles. They won't do that unless peace, arms-control, and disarmament groups go far beyond the current limits of congressional discourse—and start emphasizing, on Capitol Hill and at the grassroots, the crucial truth about ICBMs and the imperative of eliminating them all."

More than 700 scientists signed a letter last summer going beyond the focus on cost to urge the complete elimination of America's ICBMs. The letter, organized by the Union of Concerned Scientists, explained that "the US could eliminate the land-based leg of the triad tomorrow and the US public would only be safer for it."

Progressives working to defund new weapons systems recognize that massive military spending is, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr., a "demonic, destructive suction tube"—depleting enormous resources that should be devoted to meeting human needs instead of destroying lives and threatening human survival. But for typical Congress members of either party, disputes about how to get the most bang for the buck are affirming the arms race rather than impeding it. Certain firms might lose specific contracts if some Strangelovian projects are sufficiently exposed as boondoggles, but the nuclear-arms industry and overall military business remain on a steep upward trajectory.

Congresspeople are accustomed to juggling billions of "defense" dollars. What they aren't accustomed to acknowledging—and what constituent pressure should demand they face—is that the latest weapons systems further endanger human life on Earth.

The history of the last eight decades tells us that Americans will go along with astronomical spending for nuclear weaponry if they believe it makes them safer. Unless we effectively make the case that the opposite

is true, the nuclear arms race will continue to play out in media and politics as a pricey necessity.

In recent years, numerous activists and groups have given priority to calling for abolition of nuclear weapons. It's a position that occupies the highest moral ground, famously seized by the Nobel laureate scientist George Wald in a widely reprinted 1969 anti-war speech at MIT. "Nuclear weapons offer us nothing but a balance of terror, and a balance of terror is still terror," he said. "We have to get rid of those atomic weapons, here and everywhere. We cannot live with them."

During the past several years, accelerating work by activists for abolition has drawn inspiration from the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, now signed by 94 countries, and visionary organizations like the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Unfortunately, campaigning for abolition of nuclear weapons does not have any evident capacity to hinder the US government's leading role in propelling the momentum of the arms race. No matter how heartfelt and imbued with wisdom, pleas for abolition do not present a threat to the unrestrained and voracious power of the military-industrial complex.

A truly horrific reality in 2025, and for the realistically foreseeable future, is that nuclear weapons will remain on this planet, brandished against the entire human species. The word "realistically" may cause some to bristle. But a lack of such distasteful realism can divert resources, time, and energies away from where they're most needed.

Desperate needs include far greater activism, public messaging, and political organizing to avert the worst. The top of the agenda should include: renewal of US-Russia New START treaty set to expire next February; reinstatement of three vital nuclear-arms pacts canceled by the US government, the Anti-Ballistic Missile, Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces, and Open Skies treaties; and initiation of step-by-step disarmament measures that can sometimes involve wise unilateral actions by the US government, as in the case of ICBMs.

"We are closer to nuclear catastrophe today than at any point since the Cold War," Representative Jim McGovern said this spring when reintroducing a House resolution "urging the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race." With 21 cosponsors, the resolution "calls on the president" to take major steps toward sanity, none of which Joe Biden chose to take and none of which Donald Trump shows any indication of taking.

Looking at the names on the nonbinding resolution, a reason for discouragement is that only 10 percent of House Democrats and not a single Republican signed on. A less obvious problem is that the signers are not speaking out for vigorous American diplomacy to end the Ukraine war, which may be a prerequisite for restarting any semblance of dialogue on nuclear dangers between Washington and Moscow.

For more than three years, ever since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, congressional Democrats have rarely advocated the kind of diplomatic efforts that might stop the war's carnage. Such efforts could supply a scaffold for rebuilding the arms-control architecture.

But the default role for even progressive Democrats on the Hill has been to support no-strings arming of the Ukrainian military ("let's you and them fight") while depicting the Kremlin as incapable of serious negotiations. Yet the McGovern resolution says that the United States should lead a worldwide effort to prevent nuclear war by "in particular, pursuing and concluding new nuclear

arms control and disarmament arrangements with the Russian Federation to prevent a buildup of nuclear forces beyond current levels."

So while some congressional Democrats are emphatic that the United States should directly negotiate with Russia to prevent nuclear war, those same lawmakers are not willing to push for US negotiations with Russia to end the Ukraine war.

In reality, thawing the deep freeze of the new Cold War is essential to halt and reverse the race toward annihilation. Voicing hope that nuclear-arms negotiations can be successful in tandem with belligerence toward Russia may seem politic, but it is not realistic.

While hawkish legislators make no pretense of interest in any step toward détente, it's important that at least a minority of Democrats at the Capitol are urging diplomatic talks aimed at preventing nuclear war. Yet it's hard to imagine those Democrats sounding anything like President Lyndon B. Johnson at the close of his summit with Russian Premier Alexei Kosygin in mid-1967 in Glassboro, New Jersey, when LBJ said, "We have made further progress in an effort to improve our understanding of each other's thinking on a number of questions."

Today, the Democrats who talk about the need to avoid nuclear war do not seem especially interested in "an effort to improve our understanding" of the Russian leadership's thinking. The rote storyline—that Vladimir Putin is evil, end of story—blends in smoothly with US news media and the punditocracy. What it also does is give more fuel to the momentum toward nuclear holocaust.

Many who justifiably derided President George W. Bush after 9/11 for his Manichaean view of the world are now largely replicating it. Implicit in the current worldview is that—after decades of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, causing deaths into the millions, and now while continuing to serve as the crucial accomplice for ongoing genocide in Gaza—the US government is clearly virtuous, in complete contrast with the Russian government because of its own unconscionable aggression in Ukraine.

The prevailing reflex, to act as though US-Russia relations could roll along on two tracks—escalating geopolitical conflicts while restoring and concluding major nuclear-arms treaties—is the political equivalent of magical thinking, if not simply craven expediency.

Meanwhile, for the corporate beneficiaries of a trillion-dollar Pentagon budget and an out-of-control nuclear weapons program, the more hostility toward Russia and China the better. And the country that first brought atomic weapons into the world is continuing to lead the way toward thermonuclear destruction.

For those of us who have lived in the era of nuclear bombs for many decades, still being alive can seem close to miraculous. Luck and collective efforts for sanity must have been factors. Now, the generations with most of their lives potentially ahead are in a world that could instantly make that impossible. The heightened militarism of American politics is threatening to seal their fate.

#### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES A. STEPHENS

**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish James A. Stephens a very happy 100th

birthday. He will be celebrating this milestone on August 29, 2025, at Farragut State Park, in Farragut, Idaho.

In December of 1943, Mr. Stephens entered active service in the U.S. Navy in Santa Ana, California. Mr. Stephens was sent to the Farragut Naval Training Station, in Farragut, Idaho. Once there, he became a swimming instructor for new recruits. Afterwards, Mr. Stephens was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital Corps School, where he was trained to serve in military hospitals for American soldiers fighting in the Pacific Theater. After the completion of his training, he served as a Pharmacist Mate Second Class USN-1 at the Navy Hospital in Oakland, California. Mr. Stephens was Honorably Discharged on March 25, 1946.

Mr. Stephen's honorable and courageous service is an example of the very best of Idahoan values.

I thank James A. Stephens for his incredible example of perseverance and fearlessness, and I wish him a very happy birthday.

#### CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONDA'S ANNA ENGINE PLANT

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the extraordinary contributions made by the men and women of Honda's Anna Engine Plant as they mark forty years of manufacturing excellence.

On July 22, 1985, the Anna Engine Plant in Anna, Ohio, opened with 94 associates. Now directly employing 2,900, the facility makes engines, engine components, and EV battery packs for installation in vehicles across the Honda and Acura product lines. More than 32.5 million engines have been produced at the plant, which has grown to 2.8 million square feet and is Honda's largest engine manufacturing site in the world.

The more than \$2.9 billion that Honda has invested in Anna supports not just those 2,900, but also tens of thousands employed by Honda suppliers, dealers, and servicers nationwide. As the first Asian automaker to build products in the United States, Honda has long been one of our Nation's most important domestic job creators, contributing richly to our manufacturing base.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the strong role that Honda plays in my district and throughout Ohio. I especially applaud everyone at the Anna Engine Plant for their solid record of flexibility and adaptability that has resulted in forty years of manufacturing success in Shelby County. I wish for their continued excellence in the decades to come.

#### HONORING RICHARD LEBLANC

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District recognizes and honors Richard

LeBlanc for his extraordinary 33-year career in public service and on his recent retirement as the City of Westland's City Clerk.

Mr. LeBlanc's steadfast dedication to community and service to our residents has spanned five elected offices, from his start on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to the Michigan House of Representatives, and most recently, as Westland City Clerk. At every step, LeBlanc was known as a hard worker and accessible leader, focused on making our government work for everyday families. He modernized the Clerk's Office, expanded access to civic participation, and mentored countless public servants along the way, shaping the lives and careers of young leaders. He is proud of his strong roots and service to the Western Wayne community. I have seen his commitment firsthand.

His retirement marks our district's appreciation for his service to our families. His recent heartfelt tribute from city officials and the presentation of a key to the city, is a symbol of how deeply he shaped Westland's civic life and communities. While Richard LeBlanc's formal legislative work has ended, his legacy of service and integrity will continue to inspire our community for generations to come.

#### HONORING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALLEN FIVE

#### HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the July 16, 2015, terrorist attacks in Chattanooga that took the lives of five brave U.S. servicemen, remembered forever as the Fallen Five.

Ten years ago, yesterday, tragedy struck our Chattanooga community when a radical jihadist terrorist took the lives of five heroic servicemen and wounded two others in one of the darkest days Chattanooga and Tennessee have endured. Out of the horror and violence of that terrible day, our community has stood firmly together in love, support, kindness, and strength to honor and remember the ultimate sacrifice and legacy of the Fallen Five and to uplift and support their beloved families.

Chattanoogans, Tennesseans, and Americans nationwide will never forget the Fallen Five. We will always pay homage to U.S. Marine Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Sullivan, U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant David A. Wyatt, U.S. Marine Sergeant Carson A. Holmquist, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Squire K. "Skip" Wells, and U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall J. Smith. Their dedication to America, our community, our military, our freedoms, and service to others will always be remembered.

Please join Brenda and me in praying for the eternal souls of the Fallen Five, who are home now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for their families and loved ones. We remember the eternal, healing words spoken through Psalms, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," and "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." May God bless the Fallen Five and their families, and may God continue to bless Chattanooga and our great Nation.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CORPORAL EDMUND "ED" BURKE

#### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Corporal Edmund "Ed" Burke of Wilton, Connecticut who will celebrate his 100th birthday next week.

Born and raised in the Bronx, he attended Fordham Prep High School and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1944. Just eighteen at the time, Corporal Burke reported for basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia without hesitation, knowing his call to serve came when his country needed him most.

Assigned to the Seventh Armored Division, he was an Infantry Machine Gunner in the European theatre of World War II. He saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, where his division took over 100,000 German prisoners, with Corporal Burke personally capturing enemy soldiers. His bravery earned him multiple commendations, including: a Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with four battle stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Belgian Fourregiare, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After receiving an honorable discharge in 1946, Corporal Burke pursued engineering degrees on the G.I. Bill, first at Manhattan College where he earned his Bachelor of Civil Engineering, later at Columbia University, where he completed his Masters in the same field. Throughout his tenure as an engineer, Corporal Burke would join the New York State Department of Public Works, as well as Corbett, Tinghir & Co. Engineers, ending his career as a partner at Moran, Proctor, Mueser, and Rutledge. There, he was renowned for meticulously and thoughtfully applying his expertise in foundational engineering to the projects on which he worked, including over one hundred sites right here in Washington, D.C.

Corporal Burke's life stands as an all-American success story, one which we would all do well to share with our constituents as a model of how service, hard work, and patriotism come together to form a life well-led. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ed Burke for his service, our congratulations on reaching this milestone in a full life, and a sincere happy birthday. May this be his best one yet.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS OF FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage, and dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Fifteen years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present Congressional law enforcement awards and include in the RECORD the following recipients chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Special Agent Matthew Murray of ATF, Deputy John Howes III of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Officer Chris Bennett of the Holmes Beach Police Department, Deputy Leonel Barboza, Deputy Stephen Cook, Deputy Michael Davis, Deputy Jackson Dugmore, Deputy Robert Pereyra, Jr., and Detective Randall Walker of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office;

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Deputy Jeffery Merry of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Captain Mark Morie of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, Corporal Quinn Moriarty of the Palmetto Police Department;

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Chief Melanie Bevan and Sergeant Michael Kriebel of the Bradenton Police Department, Captain Araseli Stanley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office;

Preservation of Life Award: Deputy Judd Beckwith, Deputy Lashonda Bowden, Deputy Colin Caldwell, Deputy Brian Fullbright, Deputy Adrian Harrison, Deputy Micah Osornio, Deputy Erika Perez-Ramos, Deputy Luis Rivera-Lopez, Deputy James Workman, and Deputy Javier Zuniga-Mejia of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office;

Unit Citation Award: Bradenton Police Department Crime Reduction Team: Sergeant Todd Freed, K-9 Officer Michael Wall, Officer Steven Bembry, Officer Jordan Miller, Officer Aaron Smith, Officer Connor Horsley, Acting Sergeant Jeff Beckley, K-9 Officer Nicolas Leeman, Officer Enzo Rovira, Officer Brett Heagney-Sciamatore, Officer Marisol Valente, and Officer Maddie Johnson, Bradenton Police Department Elder Fraud Unit: Detective James Curulla and Officer Deana McNeal, Manatee County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit: Major Anthony Williams, Captain Darin Bankert, Sergeant Salvatore Levita, Detective Charles Butler, Detective Darryl Davis, Detective Mark Pearson, Detective Garrick Plonczynski, Detective Michael Smith, Detective Justin Warren and Sergeant Jeremy Liddell, Manatee County Sheriff's Office Resource Assistance Program (RAP Unit).

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

SPEECH OF

#### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Chair, my amendment supports the circuit rider health program, which Cannon Air Force Base spearheaded to make sure military families in rural

communities have access to the specialized care they need. Just like the circuit riders of the American frontier who brought church services to remote towns, today's circuit riders bring child psychiatry, neurology, and other critical specialties directly to our bases.

Cannon may have pioneered this approach, but rural military installations across the country could benefit. Nearly 50 percent of active-duty bases are in health care deserts, where accessing specialists often means long drives, missed duty, and high costs. In just over a year, Cannon's program served 160 patients, saved \$200,000 in travel voucher costs, and reclaimed 1,400 duty hours.

The circuit rider program saves money, improves mission readiness, and strengthens care for servicemembers and their families.

I urge support for my amendment to expand this cost-effective and proven model to rural bases nationwide.

RECOGNIZING SETH HERNANDEZ,  
BILLY CARLSON, BRADY EBEL,  
AND ETHIN BINGAMAN

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of four Corona High School students, Seth Hernandez, Billy Carlson, Brady Ebel, and Ethin Bingaman who were selected in the 2025 Major League Baseball Draft. Seth Hernandez, Billy Carlson, and Brady Ebel were selected in the First Round on Sunday, and Ethin Bingaman was selected in the Twentieth Round on Monday. This is the first time in Major League Baseball Draft history that three players from the same high school were drafted in the first round. I am always proud to call myself an alumnus of Corona High School, but I am especially proud this week.

Corona High School has a long history of excellence on the baseball diamond. Seth, Billy, Brady, and Ethin are the latest in a long line of Corona High School players who have made their way to Major League Baseball. The Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago White Sox, Milwaukee Brewers, and Arizona Diamondbacks are all incredibly lucky to draft Seth, Billy, Brady, and Ethin, respectively, and I know they will represent the school and our community well. I wish them all the best in the next step of their journey, and along with all Corona residents and Corona High School alumni, I look forward to cheering them on in the Major League.

HONORING GARY ALLEN

**HON. MELANIE A. STANSBURY**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Allen, who just retired as the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Western Territory General Vice President and was the President of Local Lodge No. 794 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Allen was first initiated into IAM Local

Lodge No. 794 in 1979 upon his employment at the General Electric Aircraft Engine Plant.

Following his father Ray's example. Mr. Allen involved himself in the IAM very early in his career at General Electric by being elected Area Steward in 1981. Only one year later, he was elected First Shift Steward, and by 1983, he was elected Chief Steward, overseeing the activities of all shop stewards on all shifts at General Electric. Mr. Allen also served as Local Lodge Auditor, Labor Relations Negotiating Committee member, Organizing Committee member, and as a delegate to then District Lodge 183.

In 1985, at the age of 24, Mr. Allen became President and Directing Business Representative of Local Lodge 794, representing members at a variety of shops including General Electric, Greyhound, Fruehauf Trailers, and Arkansas Best Freight. He held this position until 1989, when he was appointed Special Representative for the Western Territory.

In 1991, Mr. Allen became a Grand Lodge Representative, and in 1996, he was appointed as the Territorial Organizing Leader for the Western Territory, where he coordinated the organizing activities throughout the Western Territory. Mr. Allen was then moved to IAM Headquarters in 1997 as a Coordinator for Collective Bargaining and later that year was appointed Aerospace Coordinator in the newly-formed IAM Aerospace Department where he coordinated collective bargaining throughout North America with aerospace companies such as General Electric, Rolls-Royce, Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Sundstrand, and Raytheon among others.

In 2003, Mr. Allen was appointed to serve as the Western Territory's Administrative Assistant, where he served in that capacity until 2009, when he was elected General Vice President of the Western Territory.

Since 2012, Mr. Allen has represented the IAM as a trustee on the IAM National Pension Fund, the 6th largest multiemployer pension fund in the United States with approximately \$8.4 billion in assets, providing over 80,000 retirees and beneficiaries with retirement security.

Since 1991, Mr. Allen has also served his community as an Executive Board member for the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), becoming a Vice President of the Board in 2010.

One thing is clear: Mr. Allen has dedicated his life to ensuring his fellow union members are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve both on and off the jobsite. His decades of knowledge and leadership will be missed not just at IAM, but across the union world as a whole. I wish him the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE  
CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Channel Islands Harbor, which is celebrating 60 years of rich history, vibrant community, and natural beauty.

This beautiful gem in my district is Ventura County's first-ever recreational harbor, nestled

between the cities of Port Hueneme and Ventura. Since its grand opening to the public on Memorial Day in 1965, the Channel Islands Harbor has helped transform our region into an economic engine for both the state and the nation.

Our ports and harbors are vital for driving economic growth, spurring job creation, uplifting small businesses, fostering community engagement, generating tourism, protecting coastal ecosystems, and so much more.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked closely with local leaders and community stakeholders to ensure the harbor remains fully operational and accessible. I am proud to have secured millions in federal funding to meet the harbor's dredging needs, combat coastal erosion, and keep the harbor accessible to the commercial fishing industry, supply chain businesses, and the general public.

Thanks to our shared commitment to the dredging and maintenance of Channel Islands Harbor, nearly 1,500 harbor vessels, including the Channel Islands National Park ferries, commercial fishing vessels, and private boaters have safe and unrestricted access between the open ocean, Ventura Harbor, and the Ventura Keys.

For over 60 years, the Channel Islands Harbor has given us breathtaking access to our scenic ocean and stunning natural landscapes, welcomed tourists to experience the quintessential California dream with us, and captured the splendor of California's 26th Congressional District to its fullest—all while strengthening our local economy. Today, the Channel Islands Harbor continues to play an invaluable role in making Ventura County a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

I am proud to mark the 60th anniversary of the Channel Islands Harbor, and I join our community in honoring this iconic local landmark.

PROMOTING UNITED STATES  
WIRELESS LEADERSHIP ACT OF  
2025

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2025*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker. I wish to include in the RECORD the following letters of exchange between the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs with respect to H.R. 1765, the Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2025. By these letters, the Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to discharge the bill and forgo further consideration of the measure so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor. I agree that this discharge in no way diminishes or alters the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this measure or similar legislation in the future.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, July 1, 2025.*

Hon. BRETT GUTHRIE,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN GUTHRIE: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Foreign

Affairs on the text of H.R. 1765, the *Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2025*. I agree that Foreign Affairs may be discharged from further consideration of the bill, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor.

This agreement is made with the understanding that it does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or prejudice our jurisdictional prerogatives on this measure or similar legislation in the future. I also request your support for the appointment of an appropriate number of Foreign Affairs conferees to any House-Senate conference that might occur on this legislation.

I would appreciate it if you could include this letter in your committee report on the bill or place it into the *Congressional Record* during Floor consideration. I look forward to continuing to work together as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

BRIAN MAST,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND  
COMMERCE,

*Washington, DC, July 7, 2025.*

Hon. BRIAN MAST,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MAST: Thank you for your letter concerning H.R. 1765, the "Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2025." I appreciate your willingness to forgo action on the bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor.

I agree that your decision to forgo action on this bill does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, nor prejudice that Committee's jurisdictional prerogatives on this measure or similar legislation in the future.

As you requested, I will include a copy of our exchange of letters on H.R. 1765 in the

committee report on the bill and in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Thank you again for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

BRETT GUTHRIE,  
*Chairman.*

# HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND TYRONE NELSON AT SIXTH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JENNIFER L. MCCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 20th pastoral anniversary of Reverend Tyrone Nelson, a native of Richmond, Virginia, and the esteemed pastor of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

For two decades, Reverend Nelson has led Sixth Mount Zion with vision, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to service. Under his leadership, the church has grown not only in membership, but in its outreach and impact throughout the Richmond community. He has been a steadfast advocate for the needs of his congregation and a champion for justice, education, housing, and economic empowerment in the city and beyond.

Reverend Nelson's tenure has been marked by a spirit of innovation and inclusivity, fostering a welcoming environment for individuals and families from all walks of life. His ability to connect faith with action has helped shape the church into a community anchor, offering programs and partnerships that address food in-

security, youth mentorship, and senior care, while serving as a safe gathering place for civic dialogue and community advancement.

In addition to his responsibilities as pastor of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist, Reverend Nelson has remained active in civic life, lending his voice to advance equity, opportunity, and public service. His leadership extends far beyond the pulpit, touching the lives of countless community members through both his words and his work.

Reverend Nelson's dedication over the past 20 years is a testament to what can be achieved when faith, integrity, and community come together.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Tyrone Nelson on 20 years of extraordinary service. May his leadership continue to inspire, uplift, and strengthen the Richmond community for many years to come.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL LAWLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2025*

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud cosponsor of the CLARITY Act and voted YEA when it was marked up in the House Financial Services Committee. I would have voted YEA on this bill, which will foster investment and job creation in the rapidly growing digital economy. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 199, passage of H.R. 3633.