

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT OLIVER ROYAL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Oliver Royal of Plano, Texas, on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and his continued dedication to public service.

Oliver is currently a senior at Plano West Senior High School who will be graduating this month with Honors. From a young age, he has been a decorated Cub Scout and Boy Scout with Troop 219 in Plano. Oliver has earned the Arrow of Light badge and served as the Senior Patrol Leader and a member of the Order of the Arrow scouting honor society. On October 21, 2024, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, Oliver constructed two raised bed planter boxes for the Plano Chinese Alliance Church as a show of appreciation for the Church's generosity in allowing Troop 219 to host meetings using their space. In the planter boxes, he chose to set flowers to help promote relaxation, improve air quality, and create a peaceful and welcoming environment for church attendees.

In addition to his exceptional academics, Oliver previously served as a U.S. Youth Ambassador to South Korea as part of the State Department's National Security Language Initiative Program. He is the President of his school's Model United Nations Club and plays the trombone in concert and marching band. Moreover, Oliver received first place in the Texas History Essay Contest. As a recipient of the Czech Republic government's Summer School of Slavonic Studies scholarship, Oliver will be studying in the Czech Republic this summer. He is an incoming freshman at the University of Texas at Austin, where he will study International Relations and Global Studies and participate in their Army ROTC program. After graduation, Oliver plans to earn his doctorate degree and serve as a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor this special occasion. I congratulate Oliver, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEESBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Leesburg Fire Department in the city of Leesburg, Florida.

Since its founding in 1875, the Leesburg Fire Department has been a steadfast symbol

of courage, dedication, and selfless public service. For a century and a half, the department has served the people of Leesburg with the same commitment and bravery that defined its earliest days.

As we commemorate this remarkable milestone, we not only honor the department's rich history, but also pay tribute to the men and women, past and present, who have answered the call to protect life and property in times of need.

Congratulations to the Leesburg Fire Department on 150 years of outstanding service. I am proud to join the community in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation for their enduring contributions to the safety and well-being of Leesburg.

CONGRATULATING LORAS COLLEGE PRESIDENT, JAMES COLLINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Collins for his extraordinary twenty-year tenure as President of Loras College. As the longest-serving president in Loras college's 185-year history, Collins has left an indelible mark on Iowa's oldest institution of higher education.

Collins earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Loras College in 1984. After graduation, what began as a brief visit to his alma mater evolved into a lifelong career of service. Starting as an admissions representative in 1984, he advanced through various leadership positions before being selected as President in 2004 at age 42, making him the youngest president in the school's history.

During Collins' tenure at Loras College, the institution achieved unprecedented success. He oversaw the most successful, comprehensive campaign in history, increasing the endowment by 67 percent, and under his leadership, the college completed major capital improvements, including the construction of the Lillis Athletic & Wellness Center, renovation of Rock Bowl Stadium and Keane Hall, and the construction of the Tucker Tennis Complex. Collins also expanded graduate and professional programs, achieved ABET accreditation for engineering programs, and led the college to consistent recognition by U.S. News as a top fifteen Midwest baccalaureate institution.

President Collins' visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to Catholic higher education has strengthened the Loras College mission and impacted thousands of students. His dedication to academic excellence, innovative partnerships, and community service have advanced the institution's legacy and I want to congratulate Jim on his remarkable career, thank him for his decades of service to Loras College, and wish him all the best in this well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING ANTHONY BEROSH, SR.

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, Anthony Berosh, Sr., who passed away recently at the age of 77.

Tony was a dedicated citizen of Beaver County.

His law career spanned over 40 years and he served as the Beaver County District Attorney for decades.

One of his many initiatives in office was tackling the list of unsolved homicide cases in Beaver County.

He secured several successful prosecutions for unsolved "cold cases," getting resources and justice for the families and victims of these crimes.

Following his retirement in 2015, Tony volunteered his time with numerous civic organizations and assisted with the Citizens Police Academy.

In Western Pennsylvania, a life like Tony's—devoted to family, community, and country—shows exactly who we are.

Humble, knowledgeable, and always ready to do our part. Tony embodied the very best of Western Pennsylvania values: hard work, civic leadership, passion, and compassion.

I'm holding Tony's wife, Mary Anne, his family, and his entire community in my heart as we celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

HONORING WOMEN FOR WINESENSE'S NAPA-SONOMA CHAPTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of Women For WineSense's Napa-Sonoma Chapter and to commend the organization's longstanding contributions to our wine community and to our district. Since its founding in 1990, the Napa-Sonoma Chapter has served as a hub for education, mentorship, and professional growth in the wine realm.

Women For WineSense began in Napa-Sonoma, founded by Julie Johnson, Michaela Rodeno, and a group of women wine community leaders who came together to counter the growing anti-alcohol sentiment of the time. Through education, outreach, and engagement, they advocated for responsible wine enjoyment and helped shift public perception. Their early efforts contributed to a growing appreciation of wine culture nationwide, reflected in rising wine sales and broader recognition of American winemaking.

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As its founding goals were achieved, the organization evolved into a national entity that advances and connects wine professionals and enthusiasts. It has created a lasting platform and expanding community for professional growth, while fostering knowledge and appreciation of wine and its cultural and historical significance. What began as a local initiative has since grown into a national nonprofit with twelve chapters and over 700 members, including 150 in the founding Napa–Sonoma Chapter.

Central to that success are the four generations of volunteer leaders and members who have continuously sustained and expanded the chapter over the past 35 years. Women For WineSense's Napa–Sonoma Chapter remains an inclusive network, welcoming both wine professionals and enthusiasts into its membership and supporting a wide range of roles within the wine community. Its membership includes winery owners, winemakers, viticulture professionals, marketers, sommeliers, distributors, importers, educators, enthusiasts and others committed to strengthening our wine community. The organization then and now, reflects a shared belief in thoughtful wine enjoyment and the power of education, collaboration, and community.

One of the Napa–Sonoma Chapter's hallmark programs is a collection of Professional Roundtables, which were introduced in 2004. These roundtables bring together groups of professionals from specific roles across the wine community to exchange ideas, share expertise, and foster collaboration. Alongside regular chapter events, these gatherings have created enduring opportunities for learning, mentorship and forging strong community bonds within our region.

In addition to Napa–Sonoma programming, Women For WineSense has hosted national conferences and coordinated educational trips to wine regions around the world. During the COVID–19 pandemic, the organization quickly adapted by expanding virtual programming and virtual Professional Roundtables and launching a national membership model to keep members engaged and connected. The Napa–Sonoma Chapter has additionally stepped up service during multiple declared disasters in our region to connect community members to experts, information and vital resources in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize the Napa–Sonoma Chapter of Women For WineSense for 35 years of vision, leadership, and service to the wine community. I congratulate the organization on this milestone and thank its members for their continued commitment to excellence and growth in our wine community.

RECOGNIZING GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUTS FROM EASTERN MISSOURI

HON. WESLEY BELL

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating several remarkable Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri for demonstrating extraordinary leadership, refreshing creativity, and a commitment to making a lasting impact

by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are trailblazers who address the most pressing issues facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

I congratulate and include in the RECORD the following outstanding young women:

Elizabeth Babcock, Troop 3230
Krystina Bell, Juliette
Haley Brieler, Troop 3281
Gracyn Burke, Troop 3778
Sophia Byrne, Troop 1964
Grace Doherty, Juliette
Kaitlyn Emerson, Juliette
Emily Etter, Troop 204
Grace Fadlovich, Troop 4404
Meghana Hebbbar, Juliette
Lillian Henroid, Troop 3281
Lydia Hines, Troop 3534
True Howard, Troop 3565
Paige Jackson, Juliette
Claire Krob, Troop 705
Ketki Naik, Troop 115
Elizabeth New, Troop 1166
Reagan Redmon, Troop 766
Udipati Sinha, Troop 1492
Caroline Smith, Juliette
Haley Spitz, Troop 1751
Elyse Townsend, Troop 1331
Amber Tyson, Troop 1922
Olivia Van Horn, Troop 224
Chloe Vargo, Troop 1166

On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Missouri, I congratulate them on their achievement of the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. I thank them all for their leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY'S TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Kent District Library (KDL) on an extraordinary achievement. KDL's Talking Book & Braille Center has been honored as the 2025 Library of the Year by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress.

The Library of the Year award recognizes libraries that excel in providing accessible reading materials and services to those with visual, physical, or print disabilities. Libraries receiving this award have a strong effectiveness in reaching these individuals through a wide range of accessible formats, including braille and audio. KDL has incorporated numerous accessible resources, including video magnifiers, adaptive gaming controllers, and wearable

artificial-vision devices. Additionally, they have introduced LEGO Braille Brick kits in both English and Spanish.

KDL is a pillar of our community. Year after year, their commitment to academic excellence and innovative programming has helped generations of children and adults to reach their full potential. Their Talking Book & Braille Center has long been a vital resource for West Michiganders who are often underserved in traditional library systems. I am incredibly proud that our very own Kent District Library has set the gold standard.

On behalf of Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, congratulations to those at the Kent District Library's Talking Book & Braille Center who continue to maintain a strong dedication to serving readers with disabilities. This Center has touched the lives of over 750 children and adults across our state. Today and every day, we thank this institution for its lasting impact on our West Michigan community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROGER ENRICO

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Roger Anthony Enrico, who peacefully passed away on June 1, 2016.

Roger was born on November 11, 1944, in Chisholm, Minnesota, to Anthony and Rose Marie Parucci Enrico. In 1965, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Babson College. Shortly after, Roger joined the United States Navy and served as a Supply Officer in 1967 and 1968 during the Vietnam War. Following his distinguished military service, he began his lifelong career in business at General Mills before working for PepsiCo's Frito-Lay division. He served in several management roles at PepsiCo, where his visionary leadership and marketing abilities transformed PepsiCo's global industry and led him to become its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Roger was recognized for his various contributions to PepsiCo's employees, including his dedication to supporting workers, anonymous salary donations to fund scholarships for their children, and development of an innovative and empowering work environment that produced outstanding leaders.

Following his tenure at PepsiCo, Roger served as Chairman of DreamWorks Animation, where his unique experience, creativity, and guidance led the company to produce many blockbuster hits and franchises. In addition to his storied career, Roger was committed to giving back to our community through community service and generous philanthropy along with his late wife, Rosemary. He served on numerous boards, including the American Film Institute, Environmental Defense Fund, American Prairie Reserve, and the National Geographic Society, to advance civic and cultural initiatives. I am honored to recognize Roger and Rosemary's remarkable contributions to our community and nation, and their legacy will be remembered for many years to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Roger's life and service to North Texas.

He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

HONORING MS. THELMA NEWSOME
AND MAMMA'S HOT DOG STAND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable entrepreneur, Ms. Thelma Newsome, who has proudly owned and operated Mamma's Hot Dog Stand in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for the past sixteen years.

In 2009, Ms. Newsome turned her vision into reality by transforming an old service station on Openwood Street into what is now a beloved local establishment. Fueled by determination and a dream, she invested her savings to bring Mamma's to life. Since then, the restaurant has become a staple of the Vicksburg community.

Although the name highlights her signature hot dogs, Mamma's is best known for its generous, homemade burgers—proudly advertised on a sign created by local artist Keith Matthews that reads, "You bite the meat before the bun." Her menu also features chili cheese hot dogs, chili cheese nachos, and her famous homemade Kool-Aid.

Ms. Newsome's path to success was paved with perseverance and hard work. While launching the restaurant, she simultaneously held a full-time position with the Veterans' Administration in Jackson, serving for 21 years as a nurse and telephone operator. Today, she continues to operate Mamma's entirely on her own, serving customers with heart, hospitality, and a commitment to quality.

Located at 1209 Openwood Street and open Monday through Friday for lunch, Mamma's Hot Dog Stand is more than just a restaurant—it is a testament to the power of vision, dedication, and community spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Thelma Newsome for her entrepreneurial spirit and for enriching the city of Vicksburg with her passion and perseverance.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment No. 233 to the FY 2026 Defense Appropriations bill. I thank Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member McCOLLUM for including it in the Amendments En Bloc No. 3.

Our world is facing numerous water challenges. Climate change is making those challenges worse.

Our military is not exempt. The Defense Department has previously identified water services failures as a growing risk, as they impact a military facility's ability to execute missions and maintain warfighter readiness. That is where my amendment comes in.

My amendment would increase funding for ongoing research and work being done by the Army, with the help of some leading institutions of higher education like the one in my district, Marquette University.

These partnerships with the Department of Defense (DoD), Marquette, and other institutions of higher education are being used to study technology and other solutions to water challenges facing our military and our service members that can also benefit our communities like improved sensing/monitoring of water pollution, and advanced water/wastewater treatment technologies to facilitate reuse of pollution-impacted water resources.

Thus, collaboration between DoD and civilian researchers on water contamination and resilience issues has the potential for many benefits, including positive public health impacts.

With these additional funds, we can help unleash researchers to explore water sustainment and resiliency technologies that increase readiness and safety of military personnel in contingency bases and at military installations, that can address and improve water efficiency, and improve the conservation of water resources, and the resiliency of water infrastructure.

I urge support for my amendment.

HONORING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN G.I.
FORUM

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the American G.I. Forum's 77th anniversary. It is an honor to shed light on an organization who dedicates itself to strengthening our democracy and building a legacy of service.

Dr. Hector P. Garcia founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948 to address the inequalities Hispanics faced in the postwar era. Dr. Garcia mobilized veterans like himself, who valiantly served our Nation, to advocate for the growth and development of communities in need. From a single chapter in Texas, the American G.I. Forum quickly expanded throughout the state and country.

The organization began to achieve widespread notoriety for its work within the community. It improved access to government hospitals for veterans, ended the poll tax in Texas, created pre-schools for Spanish speaking children, and improved equity for veterans' burial services. The organization broke down barriers for veterans in housing and education, reaching those that the country had forgotten about.

After 77 years, the American G.I. Forum continues advocating for equitable opportunities. For our veterans and their families, they offer essential services that address issues ranging from healthcare accessibility to workforce readiness and housing. Additionally, they work to empower our youth by offering scholarships to students intending to enroll in higher education. It is through their efforts that our communities continue to take the steps forward to ensure a strong and thriving democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize to the American G.I. Forum and their accomplishments in serving our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
LLOYD W. COPPEDGE

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable man and devoted member of the Myrtle Beach community, Mr. Lloyd W. Coppedge, who passed away on July 19th at the age of 80, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Abilene, Texas, Lloyd was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to all. After graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in accounting, Lloyd brought his talents and heart to the business world, eventually purchasing Wolverine Brass in Myrtle Beach in 1988. There, he not only built a thriving company, but a family. He knew every employee by name, cared for their families, and led with a huge heart.

His entrepreneurial spirit extended to the restaurant industry, where he became a partner in Divine Dining, helping grow a beloved institution and once again touching the lives of thousands through his generosity and leadership.

But beyond his business accomplishments, Lloyd's legacy lives in the lives he impacted, from his daughters Tracie and Allison, to his wife Judi, to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even to the many "adopted" friends and family he made around the world.

Lloyd Coppedge led with integrity, treated everyone with kindness, and never stopped working to make his community better. If you had Lloyd as a friend, you knew you had a guardian angel.

May we remember his legacy, not just in words, but in the way we treat those around us.

CONGRATULATING DONNIE
OLDHAM ON BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE CAROLINAS AGC HALL
OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Mr. Donnie Oldham, for his induction into the Carolinas Associated General Contractors of America Hall of Fame.

As President of Sanford Contractors Incorporated since 1989, and team member since 1975, Mr. Oldham has had a lasting impact on the company and the wider construction industry through his many years of leadership, sacrifice, and commitment to safety.

Mr. Oldham has contributed immensely to support North Carolinians through his volunteer work and career. Mr. Oldham was awarded the Man of the Year by the Lee County Community Foundation for his volunteer work

and philanthropy. He has also served as a board member for the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, and Lee County Education Foundation, among others.

In his career, Mr. Oldham's company's involvement in a variety of projects, including critical infrastructure, commercial buildings, site development, and utility construction have been critical for the development of North Carolina.

Mr. Donnie Oldham embodies the mission of Sanford Contractors to deliver the highest quality projects that exceed expectations while ensuring the safety and professionalism of team members.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Donnie Oldham on his induction to the Carolinas AGC Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING RAYMOND E. CARLSON AS THE 2025 UPPER PENINSULA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Raymond E. Carlson for being named the 2025 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. This well-deserved honor reflects his steadfast dedication to his fellow Servicemembers, the communities throughout the Upper Peninsula, and our Nation.

Mr. Carlson has long demonstrated exceptional leadership within the American Legion of Michigan, where his distinguished service has included terms as Post Commander, District Commander, Zone Commander, and as a member of the State Department Finance Committee. As president of the U.P. Convention Corporation, he successfully bid for and coordinated American Legion conventions for fourteen consecutive years. In this role, he also secured future convention dates in Sault Sainte Marie, ensuring the continued success of these important gatherings.

His commitment extends beyond organizational leadership. As Commander of Post 44, Mr. Carlson spearheaded a \$240,000 renovation project to improve the post's facilities. He remains a constant presence at post-sponsored events, from Bingo at the Marquette County Fair and the Jacobetti Veterans Home, to Boys State programs that promote youth development and civic engagement.

In addition to his service to veterans, Mr. Carlson has been a pillar of support for youth athletics in the Upper Peninsula. As a youth baseball coach, he led his team to multiple district championships and a coveted spot in the state tournament. During his twelve years as chairman of the district baseball committees, he oversaw and organized numerous successful district tournaments, enriching the lives of countless young athletes.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Raymond E. Carlson for receiving the prestigious honor of being named the 2025 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. I thank him for his enduring commitment to veterans, his community, and our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR ROBERT COLEMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Major Robert Coleman's exemplary and distinguished record of service to our country. Rob is an active-duty Military Police Officer in the United States Army, and he served as my Defense Fellow throughout last year.

A native of Monterey, California, Rob earned his degree in Psychology from Gonzaga University in 2009 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He also attended the Marine Corps University and George Washington University, where he earned master's degrees in military studies and legislative affairs, respectively. During his 16-year career in the Army, Rob served in key tactical and strategic positions. He has successfully completed the Basic Officer Leader's Course, Air Assault School, Marine Expeditionary Warfare School, and the Marine Command and Staff College. Upon commissioning, Rob became a military police platoon leader in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he was charged with training and coordinating with the Afghan National Police. He later deployed with the 101st Airborne Division to Afghanistan as an advisor to the National Directorate of Security. Following the deployment, Rob served for two years as a Company Commander in the 101st Airborne's 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

After his tenure as a company commander, Rob was stationed at the Pentagon as an Army Staff operations officer. He worked directly for the chief of the Integrated Personnel Pay System—Army (IPPS-A) program and later returned to the 101st Airborne to serve as its Chief of Operations and executive officer for battalion operations. For his outstanding service, Rob has earned two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. While serving as my Defense Fellow, Rob also played a critical role in drafting my NDAA priorities for FY2025, which ensured the Army and Department of Defense could adapt and modernize at the speed of warfare. He also helped enact an important law to grant military recruiters the same physical access to high school campuses in the same manner as colleges and industries, which allowed our Nation's Armed Forces to adequately address its recruiting crisis. I would like to thank Rob for his continued selfless service and contributions to our country. I am excited to see what lays ahead for him in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF LOUISE BISHOP

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 92nd birthday of Louise Bishop, a former longtime member of the Pennsylvania House of Rep-

resentatives with whom I had the distinction of serving for six years.

Born in Cairo, Georgia, Louise graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1953. She completed a communications and radio broadcasting degree at the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts, where she developed her talent to become the host of "The Louise Williams Show." This gospel radio show was a fixture in the homes of many Philadelphians, providing inspiring hymns that had an enduring impact on our city.

Following work in radio broadcasting and ministry in Philadelphia, Louise was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 192nd Legislative District in 1989 and was reelected to serve for thirteen more consecutive terms. During that time, she was a consistent advocate for her constituents and the City of Philadelphia, working tirelessly to bring positive change to our city and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Louise and join her family and friends in celebration as we lift her up as an accomplished legislator, a longtime Philadelphia leader, and a dear friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call votes No. 213 and No. 214 on July 21, 2025. Had I been present, my votes would have been: Nay on Roll Call No. 213, and Yea on Roll Call No. 214.

RECOGNIZING TEAM CNMI AT THE 2025 PACIFIC MINI GAMES

HON. KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable athletes of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau. Competing on a regional stage with more than 1,000 athletes from across Oceania, Team CNMI brought home 31 medals—10 gold, 8 silver, and 13 bronze—a proud achievement for a small but determined community.

These results speak to more than athletic talent; they reflect the resilience, discipline, and unbreakable spirit that define the people of the Marianas. Our athletes trained through distance, limited resources, and the everyday challenges of island life—and still excelled.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to the coaches, trainers, families, and volunteers who stood behind these competitors every step of the way. Their sacrifice, encouragement, and quiet hours of service are the foundation on which these victories were built.

Today we celebrate the medals, but we also celebrate the example these athletes set for every young person back home; dream big, work hard, and represent our islands with pride. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Team CNMI for lifting the Marianas

onto the international stage and inspiring us all.

CONGRATULATING SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK C. O'NEILL ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE BASIC SCHOOL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the United States Marine Corps upholds a proud tradition of honor, courage, and commitment, and remains one of the most respected fighting forces in the world; and

Whereas, The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia, provides newly commissioned Marine officers with the critical leadership skills, warfighting knowledge, and ethical foundation required to lead Marines in defense of our Nation; and

Whereas, Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill having earned his commission through Officer Candidates School, has distinguished himself through the successful completion of this rigorous and demanding course of instruction, demonstrating outstanding physical endurance, tactical proficiency, and unwavering dedication to the values of the Marine Corps; and

Whereas, he now prepares to continue his training at the esteemed Infantry Officer Course, further sharpening his combat leadership skills and preparing to take command of a Marine rifle platoon in service to our country; and

Whereas, his achievement marks not only a significant personal milestone but also a reaffirmation of his solemn oath to serve and protect the United States of America with honor and distinction;

Now, therefore be it proclaimed, that I, Congressman DONALD NORCROSS, Member of the United States House of Representatives, do hereby congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School and commend him for his exemplary service and commitment to the ideals of freedom, integrity, and duty;

Be it further proclaimed that his leadership and sacrifice stand as an inspiration to all Americans, and we express our gratitude and respect as he begins his journey as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

DIGITAL ASSET MARKET CLARITY ACT OF 2025

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, the intent of Congress in enacting the CLARITY Act is clear: to reestablish the United States as the global leader in digital asset markets by ensuring our regulatory framework is clear, forward-looking, and functional.

The exemptive authority granted to the SEC under Section 204(g) of the CLARITY Act provides a mechanism to address evolving technological and market realities.

The CLARITY Act recognizes that liquidity is an important feature of efficient markets and price discovery, as well as encouraging U.S. market activity. Congress intends for the SEC, through CLARITY, to have the tools necessary to support the provision of market liquidity, including, where appropriate, through exemptive relief that is consistent with protecting investors, maintaining fair orderly and efficient markets, facilitating capital formation, and fostering the development of mature blockchain systems.

A goal of the CLARITY Act is to foster U.S.-based markets and bring critical oversight back to our shores. If the United States is to outcompete overseas marketplaces, liquidity and market depth will be important components of our markets. A proactive and effective use of the authorities in CLARITY to encourage liquidity and market health will help to ensure adaptability to future trends and restore U.S. leadership in global digital asset markets.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL JODY MIKE SMITH

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Jody Mike Smith, the former Director of Human Resources for the Mississippi National Guard. Colonel Smith served as the primary staff advisor to the Adjutant General. He has also been recognized as a Bronze Star recipient, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Smith was the Deputy Commander of the 66th Troop Command. Under his leadership, he led a team to respond to domestic emergencies within Mississippi and the Southeastern United States.

Colonel Smith also served as the Director of Military Support and State J3 for the Mississippi National Guard, coordinating the Guard's domestic response to natural disasters, civil disturbances, and pandemics. His military service began after commissioning through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He has held numerous command and staff positions across multiple unit levels, serving both in traditional and full-time National Guard status. He has been invaluable in his years of distinguished service.

During combat operations in Iraq from 2004 to 2006, Colonel Smith served with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, where he coordinated the training and equipping of Iraqi Security Forces in the brigade's area of operations.

I thank Colonel Smith for his dedication to Mississippi and for his years of service. I wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL KYLE FRAZER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Frazer's exemplary and distinguished record of service to our Nation. A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kyle was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2008 through the University of Utah. He earned his master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in 2023.

Kyle was an honor graduate from the Army's Ranger School, Basic Officer Leader's Course, and Air Assault schools. After completing Airborne school and Master Jumpmaster school with distinction, Kyle spent most of his 17-year career at the tactical level specializing in combined arms maneuvers and large-scale combat operations. He deployed three times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Kyle has served as a platoon leader and company commander, senior observer controller, Deputy Chief of Operations of Combined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve, battalion and brigade operations officer, and as a congressional staffer, where he was my National Security and Defense Fellow.

Kyle currently serves as a Legislative Liaison for the Army in the House of Representatives. Kyle has been the face of the Army for 435 members of the House of Representatives, with direct influence over 13 states covering 88 Members of Congress. Kyle built, promoted, and facilitated lines of communication between Congress and the Army that were instrumental in maintaining relationships between the executive and legislative branches. Through his ability to clearly define the Army's message and help navigate the needs of Congress to provide essential oversight requirements, Kyle has made a lasting impact on our Nation's ability to respond to global threats, modernize the Army, and maintain the Army's readiness at the highest level.

I want to thank Kyle for his dedication and steadfast commitment to our country. In August, he will be taking over the ROTC program at his alma mater, the University of Utah, where I know he will continue to lead with excellence and honor. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Kyle, his wife, Annie, and their two children, Eleanor and Theodore, for their sacrifices and contributions to the strength and security of our great Nation. I congratulate Kyle, and I wish him the very best.

RECOGNIZING GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS AND CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. ADAM GRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Golden Valley Health Centers as we celebrate National Health Center Week.

Community Health Centers have delivered high-quality, affordable, and inclusive primary and preventive health care to underserved communities across the United States for nearly 60 years—strengthening health outcomes, building healthier communities, and reducing the cost of care.

Today, more than 32.5 million patients—regardless of income, background, or insurance status—receive care at over 16,000 Community Health Center sites across the Nation, making these centers vital pillars of local health infrastructure.

Golden Valley Health Centers, founded in 1972, is a trusted safety-net provider serving California's Central Valley, with 62 sites across Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties, including several within California's 13th Congressional District. They deliver more than 712,000 patient visits annually to over 162,000 individuals, including agricultural workers, low-income families, seniors, and the unhoused—offering services in primary care, dental, behavioral health, optometry, and pharmacy.

GVHC employs over 1,400 dedicated professionals who embody the mission of delivering compassionate, patient-centered care while addressing the social drivers of health and advancing equity in care access. In response to the Central Valley's growing mental health needs, they are actively expanding their behavioral health team, aiming to double capacity in 2025—ensuring local families have timely access to critical services.

Community Health Centers like Golden Valley Health Centers fuel regional economies by providing stable jobs, local career opportunities, and community investment, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

National Health Center Week provides a time to recognize the vital, bipartisan contributions of Community Health Centers and to celebrate the patients, staff, volunteers, and board members who make this work possible.

We honor the 1,500 Community Health Center organizations across America—including Golden Valley Health Centers—for their nearly 60 years of resilience, innovation, and service in transforming health care delivery and access.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the 90th anniversary of Social Security and its place as the cornerstone of Americans' retirement security.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law, establishing a sacred trust with hard-working Americans to have the right to retire with dignity and security. Social Security became the most effective antipoverty program in American history by creating a social insurance system to pay workers 65 and older a regular income upon retirement.

Today, Social Security provides retirement benefits, disability benefits, and survivor benefits for millions of Americans. Social Security's benefits help millions of seniors, people with

disabilities, survivors, and their families put food on their tables, pay for rent, heat their homes, cover medical bills, and more. Social Security is a guaranteed safety net that prevents 22 million people from living in poverty, including nearly one million children.

In Minnesota's 4th Congressional District, 126,751 people receive more than \$262 million in earned monthly benefits, including: 100,067 retirees, 12,769 disabled workers, 7,062 children, 4,745 widows, widowers, and parents, and 2,108 spouses.

On November 12, 2024, I voted for the Social Security Fairness Act, which was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on January 5, 2025. The Social Security Fairness Act repealed the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. These unfair provisions had reduced or eliminated the Social Security benefits of more than 2.8 million individuals. The Social Security Fairness Act increased Social Security benefits for many types of workers, including some firefighters, police officers, teachers and other public sector employees, to ensure that they receive the full Social Security benefits to which they earned and deserve.

Safeguarding the right to retire with dignity and security is a priority for me in Congress. We must prevent the current highly partisan political environment in Congress and the White House from putting the future of Social Security at risk and we must ensure that the Social Security Administration—the agency that administers this important program—is not weaponized to promote mis- and disinformation.

I am committed to strengthening the long-term solvency of Social Security and protecting and improving the basic benefits promised to seniors, persons with disabilities, survivors, and their families. The American people have made it loud and clear to Congress that cutting their hardearned benefits is unacceptable and that Social Security must be protected for current and future generations. I will continue to fight to ensure that Social Security is there for the people who worked for it and deserve it.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 90th anniversary of Social Security, committing to protecting Social Security, and making sure that Social Security remains strong for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Founded by William John Howey and incorporated on May 8, 1925, as the Town of Howey, this vibrant community officially became known as Howey-in-the-Hills in 1927. The name pays homage to the picturesque topography of the regions, which Mr. Howey fondly referred to as "The Florida Alps."

Mr. Howey was an entrepreneur who dreamed of creating a citrus empire with the

town serving as its commercial and shipping hub. He constructed Florida's first citrus juice plant in 1921 and introduced the "Lifeguard" brand of canned citrus juice, revolutionizing the industry. The historic Floridian Hotel, built to accommodate buyers of his citrus acreage, and the elegant Howey Mansion on the north end of town are enduring symbols of his legacy.

As the town grew, so too did its reputation as a destination for recreation and hospitality. The adjacent Floridian Country Club and golf course capitalized on the growing popularity of the sport and were later revitalized by the Beucher family, who transformed the property into the acclaimed Mission Resort & Club. In 2022, the Beucher family passed the torch to MMI Hospitality Group, ensuring the resort's continued excellence.

Another key figure in the town's development was C.V. Griffin, Sr., who, in the 1950s, promoted "Land Cruises" to draw attention to the town's beauty and opportunity. He donated land for the town hall, established Griffin Airways, and was instrumental in the construction of the State Road 19 bridge over Lake Harris, linking communities and encouraging economic growth.

Today, with a population exceeding 2,000, Howey-in-the-Hills is a thriving, family-oriented resort town. The beautifully restored Howey Mansion hosts custom-designed events, while the town's 1920s mission-style architecture and the Community Church, built in 1949, add cultural depth to this charming municipality.

Whether it is a leisurely stroll through Blevins Patriot Park, boating on Lake Harris, enjoying the spa, or a round of golf, Howey-in-the-Hills remains a beautiful and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

I am honored to join the community in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the town of Howey-in-the-Hills, and in celebrating its proud heritage, vibrant present, and promising future.

Happy Centennial, Howey-in-the-Hills.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LYNNE JOLLY RICHARDSON

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lynne Jolly Richardson—a devoted public servant, loving wife and mother, and proud daughter of South Carolina—who passed away a year ago, on August 1, 2024.

Lynne Richardson was a woman of great intellect, integrity, and compassion. Born on August 19, 1955, in Anderson, South Carolina, she was raised in the close-knit community of Pendleton. A proud graduate of both Pendleton High School, where she served as Salutatorian, and Clemson University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science, Lynne was later awarded a Master of Business Administration in Finance from The George Washington University.

Lynne dedicated much of her professional life to public service, including a distinguished twenty-year career in the United States House of Representatives. She began and ended her tenure in this Chamber in the Office of our late

colleague, Congressman Butler Derrick of South Carolina. Over the years, she held a variety of roles in Congressman Derrick's office, ultimately rising to become his final Chief of Staff. In all her roles, she earned the respect and admiration of colleagues on both sides of the aisle for her steady leadership, policy expertise, and deep commitment to the American people.

She also spent several years on the staff of the Committee on the Budget where she served as Director of Task Forces and Associate staff. It was during this time that Lynne met her husband, Kevin Richardson, who was then serving on the staff of the Committee on the Judiciary. Their story began when they met in H-127 of the U.S. Capitol during a House-Senate Conference Committee meeting on the 1986 Consolidated Budget Reconciliation Act. It ultimately grew into a 36-year marriage defined by joy, partnership, and unwavering support. Together, they built a loving home, eventually settling in Lake Barrington, Illinois, in 1997. Lynne continued her service to the community through her long-standing role as Finance Director at Barrington United Methodist Church, where she was also an active congregant and faithful servant.

Lynne's greatest pride was her family. Her beloved daughters, Mary Ellen Richardson and Charlotte Richardson, carry forward her legacy of excellence, compassion, and service as both have established distinguished careers of their own in Washington, D.C.

Lynne was many things to many people—a mother, a sister, a mentor, a neighbor, a friend. She was an avid gardener, a beach enthusiast, a reader, a traveler, and a loyal Clemson Tiger. She was equally at home discussing federal budget policy as she was assembling a family jigsaw puzzle or tending to her roses. Throughout her life, she remained grounded in her faith, her family, and her belief in the power of community.

Lynne Jolly Richardson's life was a testament to service, intellect, grace, and love. She enriched every community she was part of—from the foothills of South Carolina to the halls of Congress to the neighborhoods of Lake Barrington. Today we honor her legacy that will be long remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lynne's memory and offering our deepest condolences to the Richardson and Jolly families. May her memory be a blessing, and may her life continue to inspire those of us who follow in her footsteps.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LIGHTHOUSE VOCATIONAL SERVICES

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Lighthouse Vocational Services on their 50th anniversary.

Lighthouse Vocational Services, a faith-based nonprofit, provides vocational services and training to adults with developmental disabilities. Starting as a humble organization in 1975 where they served three participants in a firehouse, Lighthouse quickly transformed into

a service that has helped individuals across Lancaster and the surrounding counties. Moving to their current New Holland facility in 2000, Lighthouse Vocational Services helps over 200 individuals today.

Lighthouse Vocational Services provides vocational skills training, employment services, and volunteer opportunities which help individuals with disabilities develop confidence, fulfillment, economic freedom, and connections with the local community. Lighthouse also provides daily activities and art programs for the individuals they serve.

In the 50 years since its opening, Lighthouse Vocational Services has continued in its faith-focused mission to uplift individuals with disabilities. I have seen their work firsthand and am proud to say that their selflessness and hospitality represents what makes Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District so great.

I thank the entire team at Lighthouse Vocational Services for all that they do, and I wish them another 50 years of continued success.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C., on July 23, 2025, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on July 23 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials, I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

James L. Ammirati, Juan C. Anzaldúa, Richard E. Arcand, Thomas A. Balding, Patrick L. Benson, Ronald E. Bills, David D. Blackburn, Lawrence F. Blanchette, Raymond G. Brown, Michael J. Bubacz, Robert E. Bulanda, John B. Burke, John M. Bzdusek, Leroy W. Carmichael, Charles W. Cavett, Paul L. Clausell, Larry P. Clemens, Jerry Cleveland, Michael P. Cole, Joel J. Conrad.

Richard V. Corbett, Michael J. Deaville, Cornelius H. Dekker, Jr., Edward D. Donohue, Willie L. Driver, Rodney G. Early, Daniel R. Ehart, Craig Fischel, Edward Fitzpatrick, Julius D. Fliebler, Richard W. Foster, Ricky A. Frank, Harold D. Fross, Joseph Furgal.

Charles T. Garrett, James F. Grauvogl, Shallice C. Griffin, Malcolm A. Halsted, Calvin L. Hammond, Leonard T. Harbacek,

Richard J. Hattan, Chris E. Hebert, Mark L. Hebert, Michael N. Hendrix, Charles M. Hill, Ronald E. Jankun, Sr., Elroy Johnson, Ronald A. Johnson, Terry B. Johnson, Gregory A. Jones, Albert A. Jurs, Robert A. Kane, Robert Klodnicki, Louis E. Konc, Richard L. Konc.

Gary A. Kuntz, Kenneth F. Lavorata, Donald G. LeMonnier, Jeffrey A. Little, Joel G. Loven, Edward D. Marcheleta, Robert Martin, Jerry Mason, Donald J. Matker, Wallace W. McGee, James P. McKevitt, Lawrence McNamee, Willis Miles, Bruce A. Miller, Patrick Molloy, Robell C. Mueller, Richard C. Nielsen, John M. Niziolek, Ronald Pallack, Robert C. Pearson, Franz O. Perfect, David Peterson.

Lawrence E. Pluhar, Louis H. Ramirez, Robert F. Roan, Ronald Robinson, William Robinson, Robert Rogers, William S. Rogers, Bernard J. Rokita, John R. Rosewell, Richard A. Ross, Willie M. Rush, Robert W. Sanders, Juan R. Sandoval, Harold Schwind, Francis T. See, Kenneth C. Sell, Frank C. Sims, Robert E. Sivulich, Leonard E. Skiroock, Dennis A. Smith, Patrick A. Smith.

Thomas R. Smith, Philip M. Stebbins, William F. Stender, Lyle F. Stevenson, Jr., Clifford D. Struthers, Gary J. Sullivan, John A. Szostak, Dean R. Theis, James M. Thompson, Robert L. Vipham, John T. Waite, Terrance W. Whitney, Patricia A. Williamson, Louis J. Winder, Edward Wisniewski, Leo J. Wojtaszek, Jr., John A. Wright, Donald O. Young, Richard A. Young.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BETH TERRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth "Beth" Terrell of Burr Ridge, Illinois, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Beth has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community and country.

A native of Lake Forest, Illinois, Beth attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame and graduated in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in communication. She earned her master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University. Beth started her professional career as a Communication and Training Specialist for the Elkhart County government. She later became Director of Marketing for the Center for Eye Care and Coldwell Banker Sammis in New York state. Since then, Beth has devoted much of her time to growing her family and caring for their children along with her husband, Pat. Together, Beth and Pat launched a family business, Terrell Materials, a leading concrete manufacturing company that services major airports.

In addition to her career, Beth has continued to stay involved in numerous community service initiatives. She served as President of the Carolina Panthers' Women Association, a member of the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council Board of Directors, and Girl Scout Leader with the Girl Scouts Council of Greater Chicago and Northwest. Moreover, Beth co-founded Team Terrell alongside Pat to help promote and fundraise for the American Diabetes Association. Her most cherished accomplishment is raising a wonderful family with

seven children, all of whom were instilled with the values of compassion, faith, and kindness. I'm pleased to recognize Beth today for her important contributions to our community, and I wish her continued success.

It is an honor to bestow Beth with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE MOJAVE
WATER AGENCY ON THE OCCA-
SION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Mojave Water Agency, an institution that has stood as a pillar of responsible stewardship, innovation, and public service in California's High Desert since its founding in 1960.

For over six decades, the Mojave Water Agency has safeguarded one of our region's most precious resources: water. Formed by local voters in response to declining groundwater levels, the Agency has grown into one of the most respected and visionary water management organizations in our state.

As one of California's original State Water Project contractors, the Mojave Water Agency was instrumental in bringing imported water to the region. That achievement helped pave the way for responsible population growth, economic development, and long-term sustainability in one of the most arid areas of our Nation. Today, the Agency's service area spans nearly 5,000 square miles and provides water resource management for nearly half a million residents.

Over the past 65 years, the Mojave Water Agency has distinguished itself through its technical excellence, long-range planning, and commitment to the efficient and responsible use of water. Its leadership has fostered strong partnerships with local governments, businesses, and residents, building a foundation of trust and shared responsibility.

Equally commendable is the Agency's focus on public education and outreach. Through this work, the Mojave Water Agency has not only fulfilled its operational mission but has cultivated a strong culture of civic pride and community stewardship.

The Mojave Water Agency has helped ensure that life across our region remains sustainable, secure, and well-prepared for the challenges ahead. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I extend my deepest appreciation to the leaders, staff, and partners of the Mojave Water Agency for 65 years of exemplary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable institution and in wishing it continued success for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, I did not vote on Roll Call No. 215.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 215.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, there is another critical point I must make about the rescissions proposal that the House is now considering. OMB's defiance of the norms around review of special messages and the law mandating disclosure of apportionments appears to be designed to evade review of the rescission proposals by the Congress, Congress's watchdog, and the public alike.

Unlike in the past, OMB has refused to make the apportionments for the accounts at issue available to the Government Accountability Office for their required review under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. In its report to Congress on the June 3, 2025, special message proposing these rescissions, the Government Accountability Office noted that for "previous special messages, GAO has reviewed updated apportionment data to ensure [OMB's] instructions were consistent with the special message." But for these rescissions proposals, OMB flat out refused "to provide GAO with updated apportionment data that would permit GAO to conduct the same analysis for the President's special message of June 3, 2025."

This is unacceptable, and it is unlawful. In the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Acts, when I was chair of the Appropriations Committee, Congress—on a bipartisan basis—required OMB to post apportionments publicly. If OMB were obeying this law, then not only would Congress and the GAO have critical information we needed to consider the rescissions package before us, but the public would have had the critical information they needed to share their opinions with us about the impact of these cuts and any other funds OMB or these agencies may be withholding in violation of the Impoundment Control Act. Congress has required OMB to make this information public, and once again, I urge OMB to comply with the law and do so—now.

And, yes, I know that OMB has made the wrongheaded argument to the Committees that somehow apportionment decisions on congressionally passed and duly enacted appropriations are both legally binding as well as predecisional and deliberative, and that the requirement to post such information is unconstitutional, but that is not so. OMB and Director Vought continue to be deeply confused about the Constitution, the rule of law, and foundational fiscal laws like the Antideficiency Act and the Impoundment Control Act. The Constitution vested the power of the purse in the Congress, not the President, and the Congress assigned the President the responsibility to apportion appropriations to protect Congress's power, not cede it to the Executive Branch. And as the constitutional stewards of the power of the purse, Congress can—through enacted laws—certainly require the apportionment information to be published to the benefit of both the Congress and the pub-

lic, who deserve access to information about the use of taxpayer dollars.

Finally, I must speak out against the pattern of unlawful impoundment that is being led by OMB Director Russ Vought, who insists that there is somehow a loophole in the Impoundment Control Act that permits the Executive Branch to unilaterally cancel appropriations—that otherwise expire under current law at the end of the fiscal year—by transmitting a special message proposing rescissions late in the fiscal year and withholding the amounts until they can no longer be used. But to quote the late Justice Scalia, the Congress "does not, one might say, hide elephants in mouseholes." Indeed, unilateral actions by the Executive Branch that would impound congressionally passed and duly enacted appropriations is the very thing the Impoundment Control Act prohibits.

Director Vought refers to his unlawful maneuver as a "pocket rescission," which is just another name for unlawful impoundment. The December 2018 Government Accountability Office legal opinion (B-330330), requested jointly by then House Budget Committee Chairman STEVE WOMACK and Ranking Member John Yarmuth, is exactly right though and confirms that the Impoundment Control Act bars this maneuver. The Government Accountability Office stated unequivocally that "[t]his interpretation would, in effect, give the President power to amend or to repeal previously enacted appropriations merely by calibrating the timing of the submission of a special message" and that "[a] withholding of this nature would be an aversion both to the constitutional process for enacting federal law and to Congress's constitutional power of the purse." As part of its analysis, the Government Accountability Office reasons that "[t]he plain language of section 1012(b) provides that absent Congress's completion of action on a rescission bill rescinding all or part of amounts proposed to be rescinded within the prescribed 45-day period, such amounts must be made available for obligation," which requires that the "budget authority must not be expired." And I remain in agreement with Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM and Representative HAL ROGERS, as the Senate Chairman and House Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs of the Appropriations Committees, when they wrote in 2019 to President Trump that "[w]e supported the budget deal and did so in good faith. Preventing agencies from obligating such large sums seems an abdication of this bipartisan agreement, and Congress thus expressed strong opposition to this precise exercise last year. Furthermore, the U.S. Government Accountability Office's December 2018 legal opinion concluded that the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act does not permit the withholding of funds through their date of expiration and notes the President's responsibility in ensuring prudent obligation of funds."

Republicans and Democrats alike should reject this ploy for what it is: a direct assault to Congress's Article I power. Allowing any Administration to erase duly enacted funding through procedural delays that amount to unlawful impoundment would destabilize the appropriations process and corrode the separation of powers that the Impoundment Control Act was enacted to defend.

I remind my colleagues that Congress alone holds the power of the purse. It is right there

in the Constitution. Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 proclaims that Congress, not the President, determines how the taxpayers' dollars are spent. I urge my colleagues to reject this rule, which would automatically adopt the rescissions package pursuant to the June 3, 2025, special message.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSÉ RONALDO JARABO

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of José Ronaldo Jarabo, known to many of us as Rony, whom we said goodbye to on June 29, 2025. He was a son of Puerto Rico, a brilliant speaker, a sharp parliamentarian, and a courageous defender of Puerto Rican democracy.

Rony began his activism during difficult times—the four-year period from 1969 to 1972. The Popular Democratic Party (PPD) had just lost the elections for the first time, and Rony was one of many young people who stepped up to renew the institution. At 25, he was one of the young people who organized the march on July 25, 1969, under the slogan “growth without assimilation.” The march took place against all odds. Muñoz Marín opposed it; Rafael Hernández Colón supported it. And the young people, with Rony among them, prevailed with dignity.

From then on, he stood out as one of the brightest young talents in the Popular Party. He finished second in a youth public speaking contest in 1970—something my grandfather never failed to remind him of, jokingly. He lost to Papo Vázquez, and as Hernández Colón wrote, Rony claimed, half seriously and half-jokingly, that he lost because Papo brought a claque that applauded him louder. I saw them laugh about it years later at a Popular Youth event.

In 1972, Rony successfully ran for representative by accumulation, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He won the support of his caucus to preside over the House on three occasions, although he did not prevail the first time, and he is the only one since Ernesto Ramos Antonini to have presided over the body for two consecutive terms.

My grandfather said that Rony had a gift for words like few others, and that he had what it takes to be governor. And although he did not hold that position, he did hold a permanent place in the history of our country.

I met Rony in the halls of the Capitol when I was just 13 years old. Despite my age, he never treated me like a child. He spoke to me as adults speak to each other, with respect, affection, and purpose. I remember him at every public event, with his lively greeting and that fiery rhetoric that came from his soul.

I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends, as well as my brotherly embrace. May Rony's legacy not only be a memory in the halls of the Capitol, but a force that inspires us to be better speakers, better thinkers, better public servants.

Rest in peace, Rony.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my constituents, I include in the RECORD my remarks in Spanish.

El 29 de junio, despedimos a un hijo de Puerto Rico, a un orador brillante, a un parlamentario agudo, a un defensor valiente de la democracia puertorriqueña: José Ronaldo Jarabo, o como muchos lo conocimos, Rony.

Rony empezó su activismo en tiempos difíciles—el cuatrienio de 1969 a 1972. El Partido Popular Democrático (PPD) acababa de perder por primera vez las elecciones, y Rony fue de los muchos jóvenes que se abrieron paso para renovar la institución. A sus 25 años, fue uno de los jóvenes que organizaron la marcha del 25 de julio de 1969, bajo la consigna de “crecimiento sin asimilación”. Marcha que se celebró contra viento y marea. Muñoz Marín se oponía; Rafael Hernández Colón la respaldaba. Y los jóvenes, con Rony entre ellos, se impusieron con dignidad.

Desde entonces, se destacó como uno de los talentos jóvenes más brillantes del Partido Popular. Llegó segundo en un concurso de oratoria juvenil en 1970—algo que mi abuelo nunca dejó de recordarle en tono de broma. Perdió ante Papo Vázquez, y como dejó escrito Hernández Colón, Rony alegaba, medio en serio y medio en chiste, que perdió porque Papo llevó una claque que lo aplaudía más duro. Los vi reírse de eso, años después, en una actividad de la Juventud Popular.

En 1972, Rony aspiró con éxito a representante por acumulación, posición que ocupó hasta retirarse en 1992. Obtuvo el respaldo de su caucus para presidir la Cámara en tres ocasiones, aunque en la primera no prevaleció y es el único, desde Ernesto Ramos Antonini, que ha presidido el cuerpo por dos términos consecutivos.

Mi abuelo decía que Rony tenía el don de la palabra como pocos, y que tenía madera de gobernador. Y aunque no ocupó ese cargo, lo que sí ocupó fue un lugar permanente en la historia de nuestro país.

Yo conocí a Rony en los pasillos del Capitolio, cuando tenía apenas 13 años. A pesar de mi edad, nunca me trató como a un nene. Me hablaba como se habla entre adultos: con respeto, con afecto, y con propósito. Lo recuerdo en cada actividad popular, con su saludo animado y ese verbo encendido que le salía del alma.

A su familia, les ofrezco mi más sentido pésame. A sus amigos, mi abrazo fraterno. Que el legado de Rony no sea sólo un recuerdo en los pasillos del Capitolio, sino una fuerza que nos inspire a ser mejores oradores, mejores pensadores, mejores personas de estado.

Descansa en paz, Rony.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was not present to vote on Roll Call No. 207. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 207. I support the Israeli Co-operative Programs as they are essential for Israel to defend itself and protect U.S. interests.

RECOGNIZING THE IGBO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA, DALLAS-FORT WORTH

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great joy and honor to recognize the Igbo Community Association of Nigeria (ICAN) DFW and its annual Igbo Day Celebration.

For over 25 years, ICAN DFW has played a pivotal role in preserving the rich customs, language, values, and traditions of the Igbo people, while also fostering cross-cultural understanding throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The annual Igbo Day Celebration is much more than a cultural gathering—it is a powerful celebration of identity.

ICAN DFW has been instrumental in building bridges across communities, empowering families, and supporting generations of Igbo descendants as they navigate life in the diaspora. From cultural education and youth mentorship to advocacy and charitable outreach, ICAN DFW has consistently demonstrated what it means to lead with purpose and pride.

The Igbo Day Celebration stands as a vibrant reminder of the strength and beauty of the Igbo spirit. It is a time to reflect on the Igbo heritage, honor ancestors, and inspire future generations to carry the legacy forward.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Igbo Community Association of Nigeria DFW's continued dedication to cultural enrichment, community service, and social impact. Their efforts have not only strengthened the Igbo community but have enriched the broader Dallas-Fort Worth landscape. I congratulate them once again on this remarkable occasion and wish them continued success, growth, and many more milestones in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT PAT TERRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick “Pat” Terrell of Burr Ridge, Illinois, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Pat has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

After receiving over forty Division I scholarship offers, Pat ultimately decided to play football at the University of Notre Dame as a member of the Fighting Irish's 1988 National Championship team. He graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in international marketing. During the 1990 NFL Draft, Pat was drafted in the second round by the Los Angeles Rams and part of the 1990 All-Rookie Team. He also played with the New York Jets, Carolina Panthers, and Green Bay Packers from 1994 to 1998. After retiring from football in 1999, Pat flew corporate jets for United Airlines and Delta Air Lines before becoming a Captain at

American Trans Air, now ATA Airlines. Moreover, he founded Terrell Materials, a very successful company that specializes in high-volume concrete manufacturing for runways and taxiways at major airports.

Understanding the power of influence, Pat served as a role model and leader. He advocated for many of his teammates during pivotal moments in their lives and has been involved in many community advancement initiatives. Alongside his wife Beth, Pat founded Team Terrell to help promote and fundraise for the American Diabetes Association. He also served as a regional spokesman for United Way and was honored as an NFL Player representative for the United Negro College Fund. During his time as a pilot, Pat volunteered to transport hundreds of American and allied troops through the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom. On top of that, Pat and Beth have poured countless hours into volunteering with local schools, educational programs, and park district programs.

It is an honor to bestow Pat with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation. I thank him for all he has done.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a House resolution along with my colleague, Representative LIZZIE FLETCHER (TX-08), to reaffirm the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, including the separation of powers, checks and balances, the independence of the judiciary, and the power of Congress to control spending, declare war, and conduct oversight. This resolution also reaffirms the key individual protections enshrined in the Constitution, including due process and equal protection under the law.

This resolution comes six months into President Donald Trump's second term, a period which has been marked by escalating erosions of constitutional norms and executive overreach by his administration.

Article I of the Constitution grants Congress broad powers, including the power to declare war, regulate commerce, raise revenue, appropriate funds and conduct oversight. For decades, Congress has gradually ceded more of these Constitutional responsibilities to the executive branch. As our country's founders warned, this has created a dangerous situation ripe for Presidential abuse. It is essential that Congress reclaim its legitimate authority as the first branch of government.

My resolution declares that appropriations made by Congress are law, not mere suggestions. It quotes James Madison, who said "this power over the purse may, in fact, be regarded as the most complete and effectual weapon with which any constitution can arm the immediate representatives of the people." I urge my colleagues to hear this message today.

This resolution is endorsed by more than a dozen public interest and legal advocacy orga-

nizations, who stand united in reasserting the essential roles of the legislative and judicial branches and in declaring unequivocally that no individual—especially the President—is above the law.

This resolution affirms what should be non-partisan truths: that the separation of powers is vital for a functioning republic, that Congress controls the public purse, and that the rule of law and the protection it affords are for everyone. In the face of escalating threats to our constitutional order, Congress must not remain silent. This resolution is a declaration of principle and a call to action.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to cosponsor this important resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT "BOBBY" EDWARD PIETRANGELO

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a courageous advocate, passionate man of faith and service, and devoted son, partner, and friend—Robert (Bobby) Edward Pietrangelo. We honor Bobby following his passing on January 3, 2025.

Born on December 14, 2001, in Abington, Pennsylvania, Bobby entered the world showcasing true strength and resilience. He spent the first five and a half weeks of his life in the neonatal unit, but he quickly grew to be the smart, funny, and compassionate person his family and friends cherished.

Bobby attended Upper Moreland schools and Pennridge High School, where he excelled in the honors and gifted programs, even taking college courses at Bucks County Community College while still in high school. His talents also shone through his musical ability. By playing the trombone and trumpet, competing in jazz competitions, and singing every song he knew. Bobby expressed his passion and creativity with infectious enthusiasm.

Beyond the classroom and his love for music, Bobby grew up serving his community. After years of dedication with Boy Scout Troop 354, he became an Eagle Scout—just one example of his passion for leadership and service. He also volunteered as a firefighter for the Silverdale and Perseverance Fire Company in Souderton, Pennsylvania.

Bobby continued his devoted service into his young adulthood. In April 2022, Bobby traveled to Ukraine to support humanitarian relief efforts. On this noble mission, he initially assisted in rescuing and recovering the injured and deceased from bombed civilian areas, including a maternity ward. Working with the Believe Family Foundation, he became a combat life-saver trainer to provide aid and deliver medical supplies to the front lines.

In June 2024, Bobby courageously enlisted in the Ukrainian military—standing shoulder to shoulder with brave Ukrainian men and women to defend Ukraine. He was deployed to the front multiple times, even surviving a drone attack in October 2024, which left him with a severe concussion and brain injury. Despite this, Bobby returned to the fight as soon as he was medically able—once again showcasing his true determination and spirit.

In an effort to defend Pokrovsk from Russian invasion, Bobby gave his life to protecting the people of Ukraine. A true hero, he was a man who transformed his values into action—exhibiting resilience and valor in every chapter of his journey.

It is with profound respect that I honor Bobby's memory. I send my heartfelt condolences to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

REMEMBERING CARROL EUGENE FRANKLIN

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart, but a grateful spirit, to honor the life of my friend, Commissioner Carrol Eugene Franklin, who passed away peacefully in Hilliard, Florida, at the young age of 76. Born in Booneville, Mississippi, Carrol lived a life shaped by hard work, deep faith, and a quiet but profound dedication to others.

He was a proud combat veteran who served in the U.S. Army's 9th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. That same courage and resolve stayed with him throughout his life, whether it was in service to his country, in business, or in leadership with the Nassau County Ocean Highway & Port Authority.

Carrol was a man who showed up—not just when it was easy, but when it was needed. He believed in faith, integrity, and perseverance. He loved his family dearly. And for 42 years, he stood side by side with his beloved wife, Judy, raising their sons, Garrett and Greg, and cherishing their granddaughter, Diana Del.

To his church family at First Baptist of Boulougne, his brothers and sister, and his many friends, nieces, nephews, and neighbors who knew him—Carrol was the kind of man whose legacy is etched not in headlines, but in the lives he lifted.

Mr. Speaker, we say goodbye to a veteran, a man of character, a family man, and my friend. It hurts, because that's the impact that Carrol has had on so many. May his memory continue to inspire us all to serve with heart, live with purpose, and love without hesitation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during votes on Monday, July 21, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call 213, and YEA on Roll Call No. 214.

HONORING CORPORAL DENNIS C. ZAVADA

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Dennis C. Zavada USMC

(Ret.), a proud United States Marine, Vietnam veteran, and the devoted parent of a U.S. military veteran. Mr. Zavada has served his country not only in uniform, but also through his unwavering dedication to preserving the Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial in Westfield, Indiana.

Since 2009, Mr. Zavada has volunteered his time and labor to care for this living tribute to 210 Indiana service members, who lost their lives in the wars following September 11. The Memorial was founded by fellow Vietnam Veteran Command Sergeant Major Donald E. Peed, who initially placed white crosses on his property to honor the fallen. What began as a few simple crosses grew each year, becoming a powerful community landmark. The first cross honored Marine Sergeant Jeanette Winters, the first woman killed in combat during Operation Enduring Freedom. The most recent cross honors Marine Corporal Humberto Sanchez, who was killed outside the Kabul airport in Afghanistan during the 2021 withdrawal.

Mr. Zavada has devoted hundreds of hours to maintaining the Memorial. He mows the grass, clears snow in winter, salts the walkways, replaces worn flags, and commissions plaques for newly fallen heroes. Beyond upkeep, he has become a steward of memory—sharing the stories behind each cross and ensuring that every name is remembered with dignity.

Each spring, local elementary school students visit the Memorial, where Mr. Zavada teaches them about the service and sacrifice represented there. Through his words and care, young people learn the deep cost of freedom and the value of honoring those who gave everything.

Local businesses support his work anonymously, providing funds for flagpole upgrades, flowers, and supplies. The Carmel VFW also contributes to maintenance and expenses, helping preserve this hallowed ground.

On behalf of Indiana's 5th District, I thank Corporal Dennis Zavada for his honorable service in Vietnam, his continued care for the Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial, and his lasting contributions to the community and the country.

RECOGNIZING PAIGE KITTS

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Paige Kitts. Paige is a member of Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore, Troop 4504. She has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project

that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Paige's project, "Growing Hope", in partnership with Growing Roots, addressed the challenge of finding accessible programs and opportunities for those with disabilities in our community. Paige took action by designing and building a wheelchair-accessible garden bed to help existing programs become more inclusive. She created an instruction manual to share with other organizations, providing a supply list, step-by-step instructions for building, and insights regarding the benefits of wheelchair-accessible garden beds. This project will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, congratulations to Paige Kitts for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. We thank Paige for her leadership and for making such a positive, enduring change in our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ALAN BARRY CARR

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Alan Barry Carr of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, who peacefully passed away on June 8, 2025.

Alan was born on January 17, 1937, to James and Olive Carr. He attended the University of Maryland and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for his bachelor's degree and master's degree. Alan later earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. For many years, he worked as a congressional researcher for the Department of Agriculture and the Library of Congress. Afterwards, Alan taught Economics at Texas A&M University and spent some time teaching in Armenia. In addition to his passion for teaching, Alan enjoyed hunting, gardening, taking care of his dogs, and telling good stories to those around him.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Alan's wonderful life and legacy. He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE WILLIAM LACY CLAY, SR.

HON. WESLEY BELL

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the Honorable William Lacy Clay, Sr.

"We have no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests."

Our country lost a trailblazer. Congressman Clay passed away after a lifetime of service that reshaped St. Louis and our Nation.

Already a civil rights icon before he was elected, he didn't come to Washington to play politics. He came to fight for working people, Black families, union members, and those too often left out and unheard. He carried their voices into this chamber and made sure they echoed.

Bill Clay was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. I—and so many others—would not be here without the doors he opened and the example he set.

I'm holding his son, my friend and predecessor Lacy Clay, the entire Clay family, and the St. Louis community in my prayers.

HONORING DR. BARBARA NEMKO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Barbara Nemko, Ph.D., on the occasion of her retirement after 28 years as Napa County Superintendent of Schools and a lifetime of service to education.

Dr. Nemko was born in the Bronx, New York, where her journey in education began. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees from Queens College, and started her career as a second-grade teacher in New York City. Her academic work continued at the University of California, Berkeley, where she earned her Ph.D. in Reading and Evaluation of School Programs in 1981, a milestone that also began her love affair with California.

After joining the Napa County Office of Education in 1991, Dr. Nemko was appointed as the Napa County Superintendent of Schools in 1997, and later elected to the position in 1998. Dr. Nemko held this role for an unprecedented 28 years. At the time of her retirement, Dr. Nemko was the longest-serving county superintendent in office in our state. Her tenure transformed Napa County's education system, establishing the Office of Education as a regional leader in early learning, special education, career technical education, mental health services, and professional development for educators.

Dr. Nemko was known for her forward-thinking leadership, particularly in advancing educational technology. She was an early advocate for closing the digital divide, securing technology and internet access for thousands of students in Napa County. She pioneered programs like the Superintendent's Fund to provide children with eyeglasses, orthotics, and other critical needs not covered by existing budgets.

Her leadership has extended beyond the classroom. Dr. Nemko served on the Community Corrections Board and Juvenile Justice Committee for her entire tenure as Superintendent, completed Leadership Napa Valley in 1999, and later joined its Board of Directors. She also served as President of the Rotary Club of Napa from 2013 to 2014. In recognition of her advocacy, she was named Woman of the Year for the 7th Assembly District by the California Legislature in 2009, received the Public Policy Advocate Award from the International Society for Technology in Education in 2014, and earned the Platinum Disk Award from Computer Using Educators in 2019.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Nemko is deeply committed to her family

and the arts. She has performed in numerous community theater productions with Dreamweavers, Lucky Penny, and Valley Players. She is married to Dr. Marty Nemko, an accomplished career coach, author, and writer. Together they raised their daughter, Amy Zubrensky, who served as a researcher in the Clinton White House, earned her law degree from Yale, and now serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Nemko and her husband are the proud grandparents of Lea and Sara Zubrensky.

Mr. Speaker, for nearly three decades, Dr. Barbara Nemko has dedicated herself to strengthening Napa County's education system and enriching her community. It is fitting and proper that we recognize her extraordinary career, leadership, and service here today.

REMEMBERING JAMES VITALE

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, James Anthony Vitale, who passed away recently at the age of 66.

Mr. Vitale was a dedicated civic leader in Moon Township.

He was a dedicated public servant, serving on the Moon Township Board of Supervisors for nearly 18 years, holding the positions of Chairman or Vice Chairman for 11 of those years.

And he was committed to his community, representing the township on the Board of Directors of the South Hills Area Council of Governments for 15 years.

Public service was in Jim Vitales' bones.

In Western Pennsylvania, a life like his—devoted to his family and community—shows exactly who we are.

Humble, proud, and always ready to do our part: Jim embodied the very best of Western Pennsylvania values: hard work, service, and dedication.

I am holding Jim's wife, Luanne Vitale, his family, and his entire community in my heart as we celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE JIM KNECHT ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court Justice, James "Jim" Knecht, as he reaches the milestone of serving 50 years as a judge.

Jim was born in Lincoln, Illinois in 1944 and graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1962. Afterwards, he attended Illinois State University and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1973. While in law school, Jim was an editor of the Law Review and was honored as

a member of the prestigious national law school honors society, the Order of the Coif.

Jim began his judicial career as a law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Underwood before serving as an Associate Circuit Judge for 3 years and as a Circuit Judge for 8 years. In 1986, Judge Knecht was elected to the Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court. Currently, he is the longest serving judge in Illinois court history and an accredited leader within the Illinois law community. He is a member of the Illinois State and McLean County Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, the Illinois Judges' Association, the Appellate Lawyers Association, and is a fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Knecht is heavily involved in our Illinois communities and within his alma maters. He serves on the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council and on the National Advisory Board of the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence. Additionally, he spent time as an adjunct professor at both Illinois State University and the University of Illinois College of Law. At Illinois State University, his time as an adjunct professor lasted nearly three decades and he is a recipient of their Distinguished Alumni Award.

I want to congratulate Judge Knecht on this momentous achievement and thank him for his continued service to the state of Illinois. I wish Judge Knecht, his wife Ruth, their children and grandchildren many years of happiness and success in the future.

RECOGNIZING LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS ON EARNING AN "A" RATING FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Lake County Schools in Lake County, Florida, for their outstanding achievement in earning an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education for the 2024–2025 school year.

Lake County Schools currently operates 49 schools, serving students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, with approximately 48,285 students and 2,696 teachers. This marks the first time since 2008 that the Lake County School District has earned this prestigious distinction, reflecting the district's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, student achievement, and community support.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Diane Kornegay and the dedicated members of the Lake County School Board, the district earned this "A" rating by achieving a high percentage of points based on student performance across a wide range of academic indicators. These include standardized assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, as well as learning gains in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Among the most notable improvements were a 15 percent increase in Algebra 1 proficiency, a 7 percent increase in English Language Arts for grades 9 and 10, a 4 percent overall increase in English Language Arts

scores, and a 4 percent improvement in Civics end-of-course exam performance. Additionally, the district proudly reports a high school graduation rate of 93 percent, a significant achievement that speaks volumes about the commitment of the students, educators, and families of Lake County.

I am pleased to join our community in congratulating the teachers, administrators, support staff, and especially the students of Lake County Schools for their hard work, diligence, and determination in making this achievement possible. I thank them for their continued pursuit of educational excellence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROSEMARY ENRICO

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mrs. Rosemary Margo Enrico of Dallas, Texas, who peacefully passed away on May 6, 2025.

Rosemary was born on September 28, 1944, in Chisholm, Minnesota, to Andrew and Rose Margo. She graduated from Marquette University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. For 48 years, she was married to her childhood sweetheart, Roger Anthony Enrico, and they raised a large family with many children. Rosemary was a devout Catholic, schoolteacher, and generous philanthropist. Along with Roger, they founded the nonprofit Roger and Rosemary Enrico Foundation to support Catholic initiatives and provide life-changing scholarships to many economically disadvantaged students in North Texas.

In her free time, Rosemary was passionate about the arts and was an avid traveler. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling around the world with Roger. I am deeply saddened to hear of Rosemary's passing, as she brought compassion, kindness, and warmth with her presence wherever she went. The incredible impact she has made on our community will be remembered and felt for many years to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Rosemary's life and contributions to North Texas. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on Operation MIDNIGHT HAMMER.

SVC-217

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

SR-328A

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine guardrails and growth, focusing on AI's role in capital and insurance markets.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1691, to limit the use of facial recognition technology in airports, S. 2314, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, S. 2318, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the periodic update to the strategic plan to guide the Manufacturing USA Program to align with the mandatory updates to the National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing, S. 2351, to supplement existing lease authorities available to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to support research, education, and training, and the nominations of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Taylor Jordan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Commerce, Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, and Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Adminis-

trator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2292, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program for over-the-counter monograph drugs, S. 1440, to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to include as an additional right or privilege of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (and their beneficiaries) certain leave provided under title 10, United States Code to commissioned officers of the Army (or their beneficiaries), S. 2301, to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care, S. 1727, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to permit employee stock ownership plan participants to benefit from the full amount of beneficial ownership that can be accrued in the plan while also fully realizing the benefits of saving for retirement in a defined contribution plan, S. 1728, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to expand the membership of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to include representatives of employee ownership organizations, an original bill entitled "Kay Hagan Tick Reauthorization Act", and an original bill entitled "Retire Through Ownership Act".

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 854, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 855, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 269, to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system, S. 81, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 861, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, S. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 872, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 874, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 865, to amend

the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 856, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 850, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and the northern border strategy, S. 848, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and S. 572, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 1498, to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress, S. 2144, to improve the safety and security of Members of Congress, immediate family members of Members of Congress, and congressional staff, the nominations of Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Paul Ingrassia, of New York, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

SD-342

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Congress's role in the regulatory landscape.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine finding opportunities for U.S.-Africa partnerships.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine protecting and safeguarding Americans' online data.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine awareness to action, focusing on combating elder abuse & neglect.

SD-106