

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JUDGE LILLIE
BLACKMON SANDERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Lillie Blackmon Sanders.

Lillie Blackmon Sanders grew up on a farm in the small community of Black Hawk, Mississippi. She attended the Carroll County Public Schools, graduating from Vaiden High School. Lillie is one of 11 children of the late Percy and Leola Blackmon. She is married to Attorney Everett Sanders and is the proud mother of Aisha and Keishia Sanders.

Lillie attended Alcorn State University, where she became a trailblazer as the first female president of the Student Government Association. She was initiated into the Gamma Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in the fall of 1973. After graduating from Alcorn, Lillie enrolled at the University of Mississippi College of Law, where she received her Juris Doctor degree. She began her legal career as an attorney with Southwest Mississippi Legal Services, which led her to Natchez, Mississippi, where she has made her home for the past 44 years.

Lillie was recognized by Alpha Kappa Alpha as one of the "Unforgettable and Unsung Sorors of the Civil Rights Movement." She became the first female Circuit Court Judge in the state of Mississippi and also started a Drug Court, which affords individuals a second change. She retired in 2022 but holds Senior Judge status to hear special cases around the state.

Lillie is a member of Zion Chapel AME Church, where she serves on the Steward Board. She is also a member of the NAACP, Mississippi Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Judiciary Advisory Study Committee, and the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission, and she has been the recipient of many awards.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Natchez Retired Judge Lillie Blackmon Sanders for her actions and achievements in the Natchez, Mississippi community.

HONORING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to welcome to Washington, D.C. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual head of the world's Orthodox Christians and one of the

most respected peacemakers of our time. Patriarch Bartholomew has long been known as the "Patriarch of Peace" and the "Bridge Builder." He joins a long line of true peacemakers in history—figures like Martin Luther King, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela, and others who not only worked to reduce conflict, but also showed compassion even toward those who persecuted them. His All-Holiness has endured great trials, facing hostility and harassment from those who would try to silence his faith and his mission. Yet, instead of responding with bitterness, he has consistently answered with courage, with compassion, and with a steadfast commitment to peace. Despite persistent challenges, Patriarch Bartholomew has dedicated his life to building bridges between faiths, nations, and peoples. He has reached out across the Christian world, across East and West, and even across the divide between Christianity and Islam, showing by example that dialogue and mutual respect are the only true path to peace. His advocacy for religious freedom, for human dignity, and for the environment has earned him recognition across the globe. Indeed, he is a past recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and now the Templeton Prize, joining the ranks of luminaries such as Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to my Greek Orthodox constituents, especially those of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Atlantic City and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Egg Harbor Township, who carry forward the Patriarch's vision of faith, service, and community here in South Jersey. They enrich our communities and remind us of the enduring strength of their traditions and values. Ladies and gentlemen, the visit of His All-Holiness to our Nation's capital is an occasion of great significance. At a time when the world is too often divided, his voice calls us back to what is essential—that we are all children of God, and that blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States and in honoring his extraordinary work for peace, justice, and reconciliation throughout the world. God bless Patriarch Bartholomew and God bless the United States of America. The greatest country on the face of the Earth.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN
B. ROBINSON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John B. Robinson, a constituent from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I celebrate John's service to our country as the leader of the 5th U.S. Marine Division Special Rangers during the pivotal World War II battle of Iwo Jima.

John was just eighteen years old when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the Marines after high school and soon found himself a Staff Sergeant in charge of a sound ranging team that specialized in locating hidden enemy weapons.

John's sound rangers took part in the Marine landing on the small volcanic island of Iwo Jima in February 1945. Upon landing at Iwo Jima, the Marines faced a surprise Japanese assault. Enemy fighters streamed out of underground tunnels and launched attacks with hidden artillery positioned across the island. Nearly seven thousand Marines were killed. But were it not for the work of John and his team, countless more American lives might have been lost.

In the thirty-six days of fighting that ensued, John and the 5th Marine Division's sound rangers used cutting-edge technology to echolocate Japanese weapons before they could be used against American troops. They persisted through a constant barrage of enemy fire that kept them awake day and night. Many saw fellow Marines die right before their eyes. John later recalled that "Every time [he] took a breath, someone got killed" on Iwo Jima, including many of his close personal friends.

At 102 years of age, John is the only surviving member of the 5th Division sound rangers. He marked his birthday this April by sharing war stories with nearly 100 community members gathered at his Portsmouth assisted living facility. John has also documented his service in Iwo Jima and postwar occupied Japan by donating oral history recordings to the Story Preservation Initiative.

On behalf of New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, I would like to thank John for his service and for sharing his wartime experiences with others. As we reflect on the 80th anniversary of V-J Day this month, it is more important than ever to listen to veterans like yourself who fought with ingenuity and courage when our democracy was on the line.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 236.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ANDREW STINE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life and service of United States Army Veteran, Andrew G. Stine.

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Andrew was born on June 22, 1923, in Saratoga Springs, New York, and graduated from White Plains High School in 1941. He briefly attended New York University before entering the United States Army on March 4, 1943, at the height of World War II. Andrew was assigned as a Demolition Tech with the 1884th Engineer Aviation Battalion, with whom he served in the Ryukyus campaign, a pivotal campaign in the Pacific Theater, which included the Battle of Okinawa. Andrew and his unit handled the construction and repair of airfields in remote and hostile areas throughout the Western Pacific. After being honorably discharged at the end of World War II, Andrew opted to re-enlist with the Army Corps of Engineers on February 21, 1947, and served as a surveyor with the 817th Engineer Aviation Battalion for another three years.

On February 20, 1950, Andrew was honorably discharged, and in recognition of his dedicated service to the United States, he was presented with the Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Service Stars, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After his military service, Andrew went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Skidmore College and worked as a land surveyor for over fifty years, including ten years working for the National Park Service, and another eight years with the Vermont Highway and Human Services Department.

Andrew and his wife, Ethel, were married for fifty years and raised three children together: Patricia, Marion, and James. They were also heavily involved with Boy Scout Troop No. 13 in Schuylerville, New York, and were proud to see their son and grandson both attain the rank of Eagle Scout. On July 4, 2019, Andrew passed away, leaving behind a legacy of service to his country and his community.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize World War II Veteran Andrew G. Stine.

RECOGNIZING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT MAJOR KEVIN FACEMYER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sergeant Major Kevin Facemyer, a remarkable leader from South Jersey, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated military service to our great Nation.

From enlisting in the U.S. Army with a Ranger contract in 1996, to serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment, to deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, Kevin exemplified courage and commitment in some of the most challenging missions of our time. He went on to lead with distinction in the Maryland Army National Guard, where he trained future leaders, prepared units for combat, and supported critical domestic operations. Over his career, he earned some of the Army's highest honors, including the Legion of Spirit Medal, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart, as well as recognition in the orders of Saint Maurice and Saint Michael. As Kevin retires with 27 years of combined service, we salute his extraordinary career, his devotion to his soldiers, and his steadfast defense of our country.

God bless Kevin and God bless the United States of America. The greatest country on the face of the Earth.

HONORING PETER ERRANTE

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Peter P. Errante, who is retiring after 41 years of faithful and dedicated service as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army at Picatinny Arsenal.

Mr. Errante chose to apply his knowledge and experience to the U.S. military's armaments enterprise at Picatinny Arsenal located in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. The contributions he has made to our national defense, and to our allies' defense, are enormous, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Errante started out his career as an engineer, and in October 2002, he was selected as the Deputy Product Director for Crew Served Weapons as part of the newly formed Program Executive Office Soldier, Project Manager Soldier Lethality Organization. He served a key role in standing up for that organization and will continue that position up to his retirement on September 30, 2025.

As Deputy, Mr. Errante executed over \$7 billion in acquisitions and delivered over two million crew served weapons and accessories to soldiers and allies. He was directly responsible for weapon life cycle management, including development, production and sustainment of the M249 Squad Automatic Rifle, M240 Machine Guns, M2/M2A1 Machine Guns, Mk19 Grenade Machine Guns, Multi-role Anti-Armor Anti-Personnel Weapon Systems (MAAWS) M22, M24, M25/M25A1 Binoculars, Mounted Machine Gun Optics, M107, M110, and M2010 Sniper Rifles, Medium Caliber Weapons, Common Remotely Operated Weapon Stations (CROWS), and Non-Standard Weapons and Optics. Thanks to his efforts, Picatinny's Armaments Center has continued to develop and sustain vital combat systems that both our warfighters and our allies depend on and will continue to use in the future.

I want to thank Mr. Errante for the critical engineering and program management that he and his team have done over his career to support our national defense, and I wish him the best for a well-earned and restful retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBBY'S PUMPKIN FACTORY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Libby's Pumpkin Factory in Morton, Illinois. For a century, Libby's has been at the heart of our agricultural economy, building a legacy that has made Morton the "Pumpkin Capital of the World."

Since commencing operations in 1925, the Libby's plant in Morton has grown into the largest pumpkin canning operation in the United States. Its operations have had an immensely positive impact on local family farms, the environment, and cultivating the next generation of agricultural professionals.

The plant's local impact is remarkable, sourcing more than 90 percent of its pumpkin crop from within a 45-mile radius of Morton, supporting countless family farms and providing an economic boost to the area.

The Morton facility has a stellar record of environmental sustainability, operating as a zero-waste-for-disposal facility, recycling water used during pack season, and ensuring that every part of the pumpkin—from seed to stem—is repurposed.

Libby's has also invested in the next generation of agricultural professionals by partnering with regional institutions of higher education, including the University of Illinois, to fund scholarships and create innovative opportunities for learning best practices.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Libby's and its employees past and present, for their enduring commitment to innovation, excellence, and positive community impact. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Libby's Pumpkin on 100 years of excellence and in recognizing Morton's proud legacy as the Pumpkin Capital of the World.

RECOGNIZING CHESTER FIRST AID SQUAD'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of the Chester First Aid Squad. Since 1945, the Chester First Aid Squad has provided exceptional care in times of need. For 80 years, these volunteers have provided free and professional support to the people of Chester and to neighboring communities during medical emergencies. The squad has logged thousands of hours administering emergency assistance to others exemplifying the spirit of sacrifice and volunteerism that embody New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.

I ask my colleagues today to join me in commending this exemplary organization and congratulating them on 80 years of extraordinary community service.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT MADELINE DELEIGHA MILLER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Madeline Miller of Logan Township, who at just sixteen years old has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, a distinction achieved by only a small percentage of Scouts nationwide. At such a young age, Madeline has already shown remarkable dedication, leadership, and service. For her Eagle project, she designed and built dog play

equipment at the Triple Seven Animal Rescue in Elmer, South Jersey, creating a doghouse tunnel, hurdle, and even re-purposing a fire hydrant to provide a lasting space for the animals in their care. Madeline is currently a student at Padua Academy, an institution known for preparing young women through a strong Catholic education rooted in academic excellence and community service. She is a role model for her peers, and her Eagle rank reflects not only her perseverance but also her deep commitment to faith, service, and community.

I congratulate Madeline on this spectacular accomplishment and I look forward to seeing what else she achieves. God bless Madeline and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country on the face of the Earth.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) on their 75th anniversary.

In 1950, the Lancaster County Conservation District, then called the Soil Conservation District, was officially incorporated by the county. Though the Conservation District had officially been organized since 1938, it only covered the southern part of Lancaster County. The new organization was wholly operated by its volunteer board until they hired their first employee in 1965.

The Lancaster County Conservation District raises awareness of environmental challenges and helps individuals and organizations with navigating them. Three quarters of a century since its founding, the LCCD has moved beyond its original scope of soil conservation. New programs include an erosion and sedimentation program, which helps to protect water quality, educational programs such as the Youth Conservation School and the Envirothon, their own Chesapeake Bay and watershed programs, an annual tree sale, and much more.

Just as important is the LCCD's collaboration with farmers and the local community, which makes everything they do possible. Farmers work with the LCCD because better agronomics and better environmental practices are intertwined. The LCCD also builds inroads with farmers to increase environmental awareness. An example of this is their Plain Sect program, which provides outreach to the local Amish and Mennonite communities, which comprise a significant portion of the farms in the district.

With the dedication of 40 employees, the LCCD leads the way in soil conservation and water quality. We owe our beautiful scenery and quality of life in part to the LCCD, which is why I am grateful for their work in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. Congratulations to the Lancaster County Conservation District on 75 years, and I wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASO DEL NORTE HEALTH FOUNDATION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation in El Paso, Texas.

Established in 1995, the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation has worked to ensure our binational tri-state community has the knowledge, resources, and support needed to lead healthy and productive lives.

For three decades, the foundation has partnered with countless local and national organizations to address some of the most critical challenges in the borderland—from chronic disease prevention, expanding mental health support, and helping develop the next generation of healthcare leaders.

The PDNHF has supported local governments, non-profits and educational institutions to promote health and the well-being of our community. Over its 30-year history, the PDNHF has helped reduce smoking, promoted diabetes awareness and increased physical activity and healthy eating, created a medical forgivable loan fund, programing to support oral health, support for the community through the COVID-19 pandemic, and support in growing El Paso's quality of life assets.

The community is grateful for PDNHF's investment in our region and congratulates the board and staff committed to this mission. I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the incredible legacy of the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation.

WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians throughout the world and the current Archbishop of Constantinople, serving in one of the oldest sees in Christendom. This month, Patriarch Bartholomew will visit Washington, D.C., where he will be recognized as this year's recipient of the prestigious Templeton Prize, an award that has been garnered in the past by great historical figures such as Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

In his previous visits to the United States, His All Holiness has had visitations with five Presidents, he has spoken to both houses of Congress and has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal; the highest award that civilian Congress can bestow. His next trip will maintain that longstanding tradition of friendship between the United States and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

It is Patriarch Bartholomew's life that embodies ethical and principled leadership and

the patriarch's perseverance that became proverbial. Fluent in seven languages and a holder of several doctorates in Canon Law, he has tirelessly championed the cause of religious freedom, inter-faith dialogue and environmental responsibility—earning the endearing nickname “the Green Patriarch”, by stating that damaging God's creation is a sin.

At a time when religious persecution, catastrophes and tensions among religious communities seem to be dominating news headlines, Patriarch Bartholomew presents an alternate vision: “War in the name of religion is war against religion,” he tells us. He calls on people of faith of all traditions to be “peace-makers” and protectors of the Earth.

There are thousands of Greek-Americans living in Arizona's 8th Congressional District, including the hundreds of faithful at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Peoria. They, and Orthodox Christians throughout our land, welcome this visit with joy. My constituents are particularly proud of the fact that Patriarch Bartholomew has been an outspoken defender of human dignity and has reached out to Jewish and Muslim leaders throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, D.C., and in paying tribute to his decades of ministry for peace, reconciliation and environmental stewardship. May God continue to bestow his example as a guide to defend religious freedom, choose cooperation over conflict, and secure a healthier, safer America for future generations.

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT ALEXANDER JOHN SCALICE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate Alexander John Scalice of Gallo-way Township, whose hard work and dedication have earned him the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest distinction in the Boy Scouts of America.

Throughout his Scouting journey, Alex earned an impressive 40 merit badges in areas ranging from science, citizenship and communications, as well as serving in elected leadership roles within his troop. For his Eagle project, Alex designed and built six oar carriers for the Cedar Creek High School Crew team, where he proudly rowed for four years. Recognizing the financial challenges faced by the program, he secured donations from local businesses and individual supporters, organized a team of volunteers, and led them in completing this project. His work not only solved a practical problem for his teammates but also provided equipment that will support the program for many seasons to come. His commitment to service extended beyond Scouting. Alex volunteered many hours with his church and community, earning two Catholic Scouting emblems, demonstrating his devotion to both faith and country. As he prepares to study Biology and Pre-Med in college, Alex stands a role model for young people across South Jersey and a source of pride for his family, his troop, and our community.

I congratulate Alex on this outstanding achievement. God bless Alex and God bless

our United States of America. The greatest country on the face of the Earth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on September 8, 2025.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 240, and YEA on Roll Call No. 241.

CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND DR. WILLIAM CROWDER

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. William Crowder on his appointment as the next Regional Minister and President of the Living Waters Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Reverend Dr. Crowder was inspired by his mother, who instilled in him a deep sense of faith, discipline, and service. As a young man, he distinguished himself both as a student leader, serving as student government vice president and president at Central State University, and as an athlete, helping lead his football team to a championship.

Answering his call to ministry, Dr. Crowder entered United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He was licensed by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1994 and ordained the following year.

Since then, Dr. Crowder has devoted his life to ministry and service, impacting communities far beyond the pulpit. Working alongside lay leaders of Park Manor and the City of Chicago, he helped bring forward a \$34 million senior housing project, secured a \$1 million state grant to combat gun violence, and contributed his time and insight on numerous distinguished boards. Through these efforts, he has lived out his calling to serve others and to strengthen the communities around him.

Reverend Dr. William Crowder's appointment is a testament to his lifelong devotion to faith and service. His leadership has strengthened congregations, uplifted communities, and left a lasting impact on Chicago and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Reverend Dr. Crowder for this new role and for the many ways he has guided others with wisdom, compassion, and faith.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 224.

RECOGNIZING KATE O'CONNOR HARPER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kate O'Connor Harper for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A native of Chicago, Illinois and a graduate of the University of Chicago, Kate began her career as a Staff Assistant for Senator Mark Kirk (IL) before becoming Legislative Assistant and Correspondent for Senator DAN SULLIVAN (AK). In 2018, Kate joined President Trump's administration serving as Deputy Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration where she proved to be a valuable asset and became Chief of Staff in 2019. Later that year, Kate returned to Capitol Hill to become Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce under Ranking Member Greg Walden. She continued to lead in this role under Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers and when I became Chairman, I knew I wanted to have her at the helm of this subcommittee. Under her leadership, her team passed historic legislation including the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversaries Act and the reauthorization of the FCC's spectrum auction authority.

After serving three Chairmen and two Subcommittee Chairmen, Kate will soon depart Capitol Hill to work in the private sector as a telecommunications expert. I wish her the best, congratulate her on her new role, and thank Kate O'Connor Harper for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA "PAT" ANDALORO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize Councilwoman Patricia Andoloro for her many years of devoted service to the people of Buena Borough. She was recently celebrated at the Buena Boro Republican League dinner, a well-earned recognition of her dedication, integrity, and steadfast commitment to her community. Pat first served as the Borough Clerk, where she became the backbone of local government. In that role, she guided residents and colleagues alike with professionalism and care, ensuring that the daily functions of the borough ran smoothly. Her attention to detail and her deep knowledge of municipal operations earned her the respect and trust of everyone who worked alongside her.

Today, as Councilwoman, Pat continues to bring that same spirit of service and leader-

ship. She has shown an unwavering commitment to good governance, always keeping the needs of her neighbors at the forefront. The recognition she received at the Buena Boro Republican League dinner was not just a tribute to her past accomplishments, but a reminder of the lasting impact she continues to make. I congratulate Pat on a very well-deserved honor and I thank her for the great work she is doing in South Jersey. God bless Pat and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country on the face of the Earth.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREW "ANDY" C. MACK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Andrew "Andy" C. Mack of Londonderry, New Hampshire, a steadfast pillar for his community who will be remembered for his commitment to service and his great generosity.

Raised in Londonderry, New Hampshire, Andy was a Granite Stater through and through. Earlier in his life, he served his country honorably in the Army Chemical Corps before returning to Londonderry. Whether as a town moderator, volunteer firefighter, or Derry Rotarian, Andy spent his life working for the greater good of his neighbors and his town. He had a vibrant civic life and was known for his handmade, plywood road signs, which boldly shared his views on a variety of topics.

The passing on of Andy's property is just one of many remarkable examples of his dedication to the people around him. After being owned by his family for seven generations, Andy eventually sold his family farm to the town of Londonderry. In doing so, he made sure that the land would be used for local schools, civic organizations, and nature conservation.

Andy's passing is a profound loss to Londonderry, but I know that his legacy will live on through those who knew and loved him, including his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His life offers inspiration to Granite Staters across New Hampshire who care about and aspire to make change in their communities. I am grateful for his memory and for the lasting impact Andy has made on our state.

COMMENDING THE HISTORY AND SERVICE OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the remarkable history and service of the Delaware Valley Food Pantry in Lambertville, Hunterdon County.

For 70 years, this pantry has been a lifeline for families experiencing food insecurity in the Lambertville and New Hope communities. Since 1955, its dedicated volunteers have ensured that everyone who walks through its

doors feels welcomed, supported, and part of a caring community. An entirely volunteer-run organization, the pantry serves more than 1,000 individuals each month, generously giving their time to meet the needs of their neighbors.

As we celebrate seven decades of service, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers and community members whose dedication has made the Delaware Valley Food Pantry a lasting success and will continue to keep families fed for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING JPS HEALTH NETWORK FOR THE OPENING OF A NEW PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY CENTER

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Leadership and Staff of JPS Health Network.

On the occasion of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Psychiatric Emergency Center, I extend my deepest congratulations and recognition on behalf of the people of the 33rd Congressional District.

This remarkable facility represents more than bricks and mortar—it is a testament to vision, leadership, and an unwavering commit-

ment to meeting one of our community's most urgent needs. By tripling capacity and providing 24/7 specialized behavioral health services for both adults and adolescents, JPS is not only expanding access to care but also affirming the dignity, safety, and hope that every individual deserves.

As Tarrant County's only psychiatric emergency center—and one of the busiest in the Nation—the opening of this center is a milestone in advancing compassionate, high-quality care. It reflects the dedication of the JPS leadership team, the skill and perseverance of the staff, and the broad collaboration that made this achievement possible.

I commend them for their service to our community, and I look forward to the positive impact this facility will have on countless patients, families, and first responders in the years to come.