

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLIFF AND LINDA DAVIS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a love story that has spanned half a century—a story rooted in youthful hope that matured into a legacy of devotion and family. It is my honor to recognize Cliff and Linda Davis on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cliff and Linda were high school sweethearts, drawn together in the bright promise of youth. While many young romances fade with time, theirs grew deeper, steadier, and more resilient. On October 19, 1975, they pledged their lives to each other, and for 50 years they have lived out that promise with grace and unwavering devotion.

Together they built not only a marriage but a home. A home where the laughter of children rang through the years, where values of honesty, sacrifice, and kindness were instilled. Their children, and now their grandchildren, carry forward that legacy. They are living reminders that the most powerful inheritance parents can give is not wealth or possessions, but a model of what love, commitment, and family truly means.

Yet their love story is not confined to their family alone. Cliff and Linda have been pillars in their community, quietly shaping the lives of those around them. Neighbors and friends know their door is always open, their table always ready to welcome another chair, their hearts always eager to serve. In times of joy, they have celebrated with others; in times of hardship, they have lifted burdens and offered strength. Their names have become synonymous with generosity, loyalty, and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, when we celebrate 50 years of marriage, we celebrate more than the passage of time. We celebrate thousands of small acts of love such as the morning smiles, the late-night reassurances, and the steady presence through every storm. We celebrate a golden thread that has bound two lives together and, in doing so, bound a family and a community closer as well.

On this golden anniversary, we honor Cliff and Linda Davis not only for the years they have shared, but for the example they have set. Their love reminds us that promises kept matter, that devotion is beautiful, and that strong families are the very foundation of strong communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest congratulations to Cliff and Linda Davis. May their days ahead be as joyful as the fifty years behind them, and may their story of love continue to shine as a beacon of hope for generations to come.

CELEBRATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARIEL CLUB OF ASBURY PARK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join The Ariel Club, the oldest women's club in the State of New Jersey, as it celebrates its 130th anniversary this year. Since its incorporation in 1895, The Ariel Club has provided a supportive social environment for women of Asbury Park to connect, share experiences, and foster friendships.

Together, 10 women chartered and founded the first Asbury Park ariel cycles club to pair bicycle riding throughout the city with the community. Social clubs create a space for people to connect with their interests, hobbies, and businesses, and foster purposeful and influential partnerships. The Ariel Club's earliest rewarding community endeavors have transpired into a meaningful practice for several generations of women to follow.

In 1896, members began a collective effort to raise funds, volunteer their time, and donate supplies to the Asbury Park Library. This renowned group of women raised \$4,000 for the library of Asbury Park. Over the years, they have donated a beautiful large mahogany mantle clock, sponsored a beloved reading room, and continued to finance the clock's repairs today. It is a significant achievement that the Asbury Park Library could undergo several refurbishment projects and remain a fine resource for residents of Asbury Park after all these years. With forty current members, The Ariel Club remains a vibrant tight-knit group whose positive impact on the greater community stands as a special reminder of the value of neighborly connection.

It is my privilege to honor The Ariel Club as its members mark this historic 130th anniversary, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone. The Ariel Club truly deserves this body's recognition.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRANFORD UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL CHAPEL

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I seek to recognize the 125th anniversary of Cranford United Methodist Memorial Chapel, a spiritual home deeply rooted in the history of Fairfax County and the American story itself.

The site predates Fairfax County, which was found in 1742, starting and still serving as a place of worship and gathering. Originally home to Pohick Church, established in 1730, it counted among its vestry members George

Washington and George Mason. The surrounding cemetery, the oldest in the county, dates back to the same year and has been researched and preserved for centuries. Over 200 unmarked graves have been discovered and marked. This historic grave is where soldiers from the Revolutionary War and the Civil War lie to rest.

The site's spiritual legacy continued through the Methodist movement, with John Lewis and early circuit riders holding meetings here as far back as the early 1800's. By 1830, a formal Methodist congregation had been established, leading to the construction of Lewis Chapel in 1857, a humble building that served as a chapel, schoolhouse, and even a Civil War hospital. Its walls still bear visible traces of that history.

In 1900, local craftsman James Cranford built the present-day church, consecrated as Cranford United Methodist Memorial Chapel. 125 years later, it remains a sacred house of worship in Northern Virginia, interweaving community, service, history, and faith.

HONORING THE GENESIS GROUP

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone: the 35th anniversary of the Genesis Group.

Founded in 1990 by Phil and Bobbie Burks, Genesis has always stood out—not just for its innovation in public safety technology, but for the heart behind the mission. For 35 years, they've grown a business that's as committed to people and community as it is to excellence in its field.

Under Phil's leadership, Genesis has become more than a technology firm. Through their Genesis Gives Back program, they've supported local schools, churches, and hunger relief efforts—while also becoming a global leader in protecting first responders and public safety professionals around the world.

Phil often says, "This is God's company, I just work there." And while not everyone may put it the same way, there's something powerful about using success as a means to give back and serve others.

Today, we honor Genesis—not only for three and a half decades of business growth—but for the impact they've had on lives here in East Texas and beyond.

I congratulate the Burks family and the entire Genesis team on 35 wonderful years.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SERGEANT MATTHEW TYLER YOUNG

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sergeant Matthew Tyler Young, a devoted husband, father, son, brother, marine, and friend. A man of uncommon strength and deep compassion, Sergeant Young lived a life defined by service, sacrifice, and love for his country and community.

Matt answered the call to duty as a United States marine and served honorably in Iraq from 2004 to 2005 with 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, Fox Company, where he earned the rank of Sergeant. To those who served beside him, he was more than a fellow marine. He was a brother, remembered for his quiet leadership and unwavering loyalty.

Following his military service, Matt remained committed to serving others. Whether coordinating evacuations of American and Afghan allies or standing beside a veteran in crisis, he showed up—consistently and without hesitation.

He did not seek attention or accolades. He believed that the measure of a life was found not in recognition, but in how faithfully we lift others up and how steadfastly we keep our promises. Matt's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rachael, and their children, Owen, Trystan, David, and Mekenzie, as well as his trusted service dog, Trooper.

Matt's Marine Corps family remembers him as strong, loyal, quick to smile, and always ready to offer a helping hand. His character, shaped by discipline and compassion, left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Matt's legacy lives on in the veterans he stood by, the families he comforted, and the community he helped strengthen. We carry his name forward in the way we serve, the way we show up for others, and the values we live by.

Mr. Speaker, this stands as a tribute to Sergeant Matthew Tyler Young's enduring impact. May it remind us that even in grief, there is gratitude—for the joy he gave, the lives he touched, and the example he set. And may it call each of us to live as he did, with honor, with heart, and with unwavering devotion. *Semper Fidelis*, Sergeant Young. Never Forgotten.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE UNITED METH- ODIST FAMILY SERVICES OF VIRGINIA

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shineforth, formerly known as UMFS, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary of service to children, families, and communities across Virginia.

Founded in 1900 as the Virginia Conference Orphanage, the organization has evolved over

the past century to meet the changing needs of vulnerable children and families. From its earliest days, providing care and shelter for orphans, to its transformation into United Methodist Family Services, and now as Shineforth, the organization has remained steadfast in its mission: to create a world where all children can belong and thrive.

Over the past 125 years, Shineforth has pioneered innovative services for children in foster care, those with special education needs, and youth facing behavioral health challenges. Its programs, including foster care and adoption services, residential treatment, community-based support, and the Charterhouse School, have become a model of compassion, resilience, and evidence-based care.

What has not changed is Shineforth's unwavering belief in the worth and dignity of every child. Generations of families in Virginia have been strengthened because of the care, advocacy, and vision provided by this organization and its dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters.

As Shineforth celebrates this remarkable milestone, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring 125 years of transformative service. May the next century of Shineforth's work continue to light the way forward for children and families in Virginia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRUCE SIEGEL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Bruce Siegel on his retirement after an extraordinary career as a leader in public health, hospital administration, and health policy. Bruce has spent his entire career advocating on behalf of our Nation's most at-risk populations and the providers that care for them. For the past 14 years he has led America's Essential Hospitals, formerly the National Association of Public Hospitals, championing the cause of mission-driven safety net hospitals that serve communities facing the greatest social and financial barriers to care.

During Dr. Siegel's tenure, he led efforts to preserve the 340B Drug Pricing Program, secured targeted safety-net hospital funding during the COVID-19 pandemic, and fought to close Medicaid payment gaps. He was instrumental in stopping harmful cuts to Medicaid DSH funding. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Siegel spearheaded a national campaign to incorporate social risk factors into federal value-based purchasing programs—an important step toward recognizing and addressing health disparities in policy and practice.

Dr. Siegel's medical career began after graduating from the Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University and reflects a deep commitment to public service and health equity. From his early days as New Jersey's Commissioner of Health to his leadership of NYC Health+Hospitals and Tampa General Hospital, and later as a professor and director at The George Washington University, Dr. Siegel has consistently worked to improve care for the most vulnerable among us, performing pioneering research into health care quality, health care disparities, and the safety

net. He has had a significant and positive impact on our health care system, and his contributions will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, my staff and I thank Dr. Siegel for his tireless dedication and leadership. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations of health care advocates and public servants.

RECOGNIZING 25NEWS CHIEF ME- TEOROLOGIST CHUCK COLLINS ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 46 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chuck Collins, a broadcaster who has kept our district safe from storms for nearly a half century.

Next week, 25News Chief Meteorologist Chuck Collins, will be walking away from the green screen. Chuck is a legend in the heart of Illinois, offering a calm voice that is trusted in the best weather and the worst storms.

He grew up in Central Illinois and, I may know something about doing weather in your hometown, there's almost nothing more rewarding. Chuck's recognition will now live in the official Congressional Record for inspiring weather watchers, storm chasers, and other meteorologists. We will all be watching his final broadcast on October 15, 2025.

Today, I thank Chuck Collins for his decades of commitment to Central Illinois, and I extend my best wishes to him in retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE BANK OF EDMONSON COUNTY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bank of Edmonson County for 100 years of service to its local community.

Founded on October 5, 1925, by brothers Jesse, Luther, and David Alexander alongside business partners George Woodcock and N.E. (Ed) Vincent, this local financial institution has served the residents of Edmonson County well for a century. Their foresight during the 1920's, followed quickly by the trials of the Great Depression, laid the foundation for a community-focused institution that has not only endured but thrived. The Bank of Edmonson County has guided its customers through economic shifts, new technologies, and changing conditions with one main mission in mind: ensuring customers are its highest priority.

Established with the goal of building a local bank to serve as a pillar of trust and local investment, 100 years later, they continue to focus on supporting Edmonson County and the surrounding area faithfully.

From its humble beginnings with just \$15,000 in capital, the bank has grown into a \$200 million enterprise, with locations in multiple counties in Kentucky. I congratulate the

Bank of Edmonson County for its 100 years of service.

RECOGNIZING BENSALEM HIGH SCHOOL JROTC INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR, MASTER SERGEANT SHAWN WORTHEN, RETIRED

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Shawn Worthen, United States Marine Corps, Retired, of Bensalem High School, who has been named the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Instructor of the Year for the past school year.

The Bensalem Township School District is proud to celebrate this extraordinary accomplishment by one of its own. Master Sergeant Worthen proudly serves as the Leadership Studies and Marine Instructor, and exemplifies the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps. He consistently instills discipline, honor, and civic responsibility in his cadets each and every day.

This recognition is awarded annually to the very best instructors from all Marine Corps JROTC programs nationwide. With approximately 500 Marine Corps JROTC instructors serving across the country, being selected for this distinction is a remarkable and well-deserved honor. It reflects not only Master Sergeant Worthen's professionalism and excellence in teaching, but also his profound commitment to shaping the character and leadership potential of America's youth.

Through his example, Master Sergeant Worthen continues to inspire students at Bensalem High School to live by the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment. These values that will guide them as they become future leaders in their communities and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Bensalem Township School District, the People of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Marine Corps in congratulating Master Sergeant Shawn Worthen on this outstanding achievement. His dedication to his students and to the ideals of service and leadership brings great credit to himself, his school, and our Nation.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colorado Legal Services on its 100th anniversary and to honor its enduring commitment to justice for all Coloradans.

Founded as the Legal Aid Society of Denver in February 1925, Colorado Legal Services has been a lifeline for low-income individuals and seniors in every county across our state—providing free, high-quality civil legal assistance to those who need it most. As a former trial attorney, I understand how critical legal

representation can be when everything is at stake.

Whether it's helping someone keep their home, secure child support, access health care, or find safety from abuse, Colorado Legal Services delivers life-changing support that strengthens families and communities across our state.

Their work extends far beyond the courtroom—offering clients the stability, emotional support, and community resources they need to move forward.

In August of this year alone, Colorado Legal Services opened nearly a thousand new cases to help Coloradans facing housing insecurity, domestic violence, and other urgent challenges. That's the kind of quiet, vital work that keeps our communities strong and resilient.

I want to congratulate Colorado Legal Services on a century of unwavering service and express my deepest gratitude to its staff, volunteers, and supporters for their tireless dedication to equal justice under the law.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN EMBASSY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Christian Embassy, a ministry that has faithfully served leaders in Washington, D.C. and around the world since 1975. I have had the privilege of being involved with Christian Embassy since I first came to the House of Representatives 28 years ago.

For half a century, the Christian Embassy has stood as a spiritual resource to public servants, helping them discover the relevance of God's truth in their personal and professional lives. This vital ministry began when government officials and business leaders, concerned for the spiritual health of Members of Congress and their spouses, invited Dr. Bill and Vonette Bright—founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ International—to come to Washington to minister to the personal, private, and spiritual needs of those serving in public life.

Over the years, the Christian Embassy's ministry expanded to include the White House, Presidential Appointees, senior Pentagon civilian and military leaders, ambassadors, and their spouses and staff. From the beginning, God blessed this work. The evidence of His faithfulness is seen in the many leaders who have come to know Jesus Christ personally through the ministry, as well as in those who have grown in their faith, learned to share it with others, and discovered how to live a Spirit-empowered life even amid the pressures of leadership.

The Christian Embassy's outreach has included discipleship training, evangelism training, private prayer times, personal counseling, and both group and individual Bible studies. Through these efforts, the Christian Embassy has served Members of both Houses of Congress, White House officials, Presidential Appointees, senior military officers and civilians, and international diplomats.

For over two decades, one of the most cherished programs of the Christian Embassy

was the "Washington Escape," an annual retreat that allowed Members of Congress, senior military leaders, political appointees, senior executives, ambassadors, and their spouses to step away from the demands of Washington for a time of rest and renewal. Renowned pastor and author Chuck Swindoll served as the master teacher for these retreats, which blessed countless participants with biblical wisdom and encouragement. My wife Caroline and I were honored to participate in some of these retreats over the years.

I also want to highlight the leadership of Bobby Little, who has served as Executive Director of the Christian Embassy since 2007. Under his direction, the Christian Embassy has expanded its programs to strengthen the spiritual and relational foundations of leaders serving in Washington and around the world. Working alongside his lovely wife Sheila, Mr. Little has guided initiatives that provide discipleship, leadership development, and biblical training for Members of Congress, senior military officers, and diplomats. As someone who has known Bobby for many years and is currently in the bible study he leads, I know that his steady leadership has helped the Christian Embassy remain faithful to its mission—equipping and encouraging those in positions of influence to live out their faith and values with integrity and purpose.

The Christian Embassy is nonpolitical and non-denominational, maintaining a singular vision: to minister to government leaders not only because of their personal needs, but also because of their influence as decision-makers shaping our Nation and the world.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Christian Embassy for 50 years of steadfast service to our leaders and our Nation, but mainly Christian Embassy's service to the Lord Jesus Christ. As we mark this milestone, we give thanks for the countless lives touched by this ministry and for its continuing mission to honor God and serve those who serve others.

WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Spiritual Head of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the second largest Christian Church in the world. It is a distinct honor for our Nation's Capital to host such a revered global religious leader whose life's work has been defined by faith, peace, and reconciliation.

His All-Holiness has long been a tireless advocate for interfaith dialogue, human rights, religious freedom, and environmental stewardship. For decades, he has traveled the world promoting understanding and respect among faith traditions and urging us to safeguard our common home for future generations. His spiritual leadership has touched the lives of millions of Orthodox Christians and countless others across the globe.

I am especially proud to represent the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond, Virginia, a vibrant and

faithful community that stands as a testament to the Orthodox tradition's rich history and enduring presence in America. Their commitment to faith, service, and fellowship reflects the very values His All-Holiness has championed throughout his ministry.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Virginia, I welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington and extend deep gratitude for his lifelong dedication to promoting peace, unity, and justice in our world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DAVE WELIHAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Dave Welihan of Jackson as the Veteran of the Month for October and honor him for his distinguished service to our great Nation.

Dave courageously served in the U.S. Army from 1971 through 1974 and has been honorably awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Since returning home, Dave has dedicated his life to serving the veteran community and ensuring they have the resources and support they deserve. He was formerly a Veteran Service Officer in Jackson, where he helped those who have worn the uniform resolve their local, state, and federal benefit issues to ensure that they receive the benefits they have so rightfully earned.

He also served as a commander of the American Legion Richard F. Smith Post 29 and worked as the Director of the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Office. While with the Jackson County VA, Dave helped coordinate the burial of five unclaimed veterans so that they could be honored and properly laid to rest, exemplifying his compassion for others. Dave and his wife even selflessly donated the flags used for the burial.

Dave's unwavering service, tireless commitment, and leadership have made a tangible difference. Through his many roles and daily actions, he has uplifted and advocated for his fellow veterans, serving as a guide, mentor, and friend. His legacy will not only live on in the hearts of those he has helped but also in the strong community he has helped build.

May others know of my high regard for Dave, as well as my deep gratitude for his lasting contributions to the county we love.

RECOGNIZING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the revered Ninth Guru of Sikhism—the world's fifth-largest religion, with nearly 30 million followers worldwide, including one million here in the United States.

A champion of religious freedom for all, Guru Tegh Bahadur courageously confronted the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's campaign of religious persecution, defending the right of every individual to freely practice their faith. For this act of unwavering conviction, he was publicly executed in 1675 in Delhi, India, and is fondly remembered as Dharam Di Chadar, or, "Shield of the Religions," for his ultimate sacrifice to protect the rights of others and uphold the universal principles of human dignity, freedom of conscience, and the right to worship according to one's beliefs.

Pennsylvania's Sikh community, whose roots trace back to the State of Punjab in India, began immigrating to our Nation more than a century ago. These remarkable Americans have played a vital role in the growth and vitality of the Keystone State and have enriched their communities through their commitment to tolerance, service, and civic engagement.

These extraordinary ideals reflect the Sikh tradition of seeking peace through equality, fraternity, and respect, while striving to overcome division through sacred teachings and the admirable tenets of honest work, charity, volunteerism, and sharing with those in need.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that the House recognize Guru Tegh Bahadur's supreme sacrifice for human rights and religious freedom, and encourage all Americans to join in its observance on November 24, 2025.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MILLBURY, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize a significant milestone in the life of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Millbury, Ohio. The congregation celebrates its 150th anniversary on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

Only one year after the founding of Millbury, St. Peter's Church was founded in 1875 by twelve families of German immigrants who came together to form the German Evangelical United St. Peter's Congregation. It is the oldest continuous church in the community. Church records show that the first meeting took place at the home of Adam Martin, a home that stands yet today, and was officiated by Reverend Andrews of Genoa St. John's Church.

A fire sparked by a passing train burned the newly constructed building in 1878 and a new building was finally completed in 1884 using the railroad settlement. That year, the church adopted its first constitution. In 1908 a parsonage was built and a minister was hired.

The following years brought growth along with stained glass windows and a pipe organ. In 1934 following a national merger the congregation was renamed St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Since a 1957 merger the church has held its current name, St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Branching out into the community in the 1950's, adjacent land was purchased and a park was built which serves the neighborhood, gardens and athletic teams. Uniquely, a boulder which resembled the image of Christ at

Gethsemane was unearthed in 1969. Moved next to the church, a plaque was inscribed with Mathew 16:18, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Believing that "every generation is called to live out its faith in meaningful worship, honest reflection and sincere devotion to God," the church continued to grow through the decades. A youth program produced musical groups Kid's Praise and The Light Brigade which toured the states in our region and visited the Creation Music Festival in Pennsylvania. Community services continued throughout, as the congregation supports food pantries, partners with service organization, has hosted an AA chapter for over forty years, opened its doors following a devastating tornado and became a Red Cross command post, and adapted to COVID by offering a "parking lot church" and live streaming which continues to this day. Also during this time the congregation merged with its shared church Eastminster United Presbyterian Church so the two congregations now worship as one.

For an astounding 150 years, St. Peter's United Church of Christ lives up to the faith's motto, John 17:21: "That they may all be one." The church demonstrates this message while living Christ's message of Love and being "a welcoming place for all—no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey." As today's congregants celebrate this journey of 150 years, looking back with inspired recollection and renewed with a faith-filled purpose, we look forward to the next centuries of servant leadership in the community of Millbury and surrounding neighbors.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN SPORT CENTER TRYZUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of individuals from Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District—an organization that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with great respect and admiration I recognize the Ukrainian American Sports Center Tryzub's 75th anniversary.

Such honorable individuals are not defined by titles or accolades but by the quiet power of their actions. They are distinguished by their unwavering integrity, the strength of their character, and their steadfast commitment to the people and places they serve. They are the foundation upon which our communities stand—the ones who lift others up, inspire hope, and, in doing so, call us all to higher standards of service and compassion. Throughout their years helping the community, the UASC Tryzub embodies this spirit of honor in ways that words can scarcely capture.

Founded in Philadelphia by displaced World War II Ukrainian immigrants, the UASC Tryzub became an important part of the community. The UASC Tryzub organized teams of all sports to play in various leagues in Philadelphia, as well as gave the Ukrainian American

community a nourishing environment with personal and professional support. The goals of the UASC Tryzub align with preserving history, culture, tradition, and Ukrainian sport (specifically professional soccer). Their home-base in Horsham township continues to be a center where the community comes together. Some notable achievements of the UASC Tryzub include in 1856 the Club's Majors' Division soccer team reached the national championship game for the coveted US Amateur Cup. A year later the UASC Tryzub organized a professional soccer franchise; the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals, which generated many professional championships onto the City of Philadelphia. These achievements, along with many others, brought a downpour of glory and attention to Philadelphia from the international soccer world.

Today, 56 teams and 800 athletes, known as the "Ukie Nation" proudly wear blue and yellow and play under the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals Banner. Travel and club teams, including all skill levels, are offered for boys and girls all year round. The UASC Tryzub is not only notable for their achievements, but for giving back to the community. The players develop and improve not only their soccer skills but their personal goals as well. Through scholarships, volunteering, and community efforts to preserve Ukrainian heritage and bring awareness to those in need, the Tryzub continues to support and grow the Ukrainian American community.

In times of need, their service is a testament to the belief that an individual's dedication can ripple through the lives of many, sparking change, fostering resilience, and inspiring hope. Today, we honor the UASC Tryzub not just for their remarkable deeds but for fostering an incredible community.

Mr. Speaker, their actions remind us that progress is not forged in grand gestures but in the cumulative power of selfless acts. They embody the timeless American values of resilience, generosity, and compassion, showing us that the future is built by those who care deeply, act decisively, and give without hesitation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District, I extend my appreciation and

recognition to the UASC Tryzub for their extraordinary service of 75 years. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the UASC Tryzub's 75th anniversary, which will inspire generations to come. May their example remind us of the boundless potential within each of us to make our communities, country, and world a better place.

HONORING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S
150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Franklin County's 150th Anniversary.

We stand on the proud shoulder of 150 years of history, celebrating the founding of Franklin County in 1875. Franklin County is a vibrant and resilient community, rich with heritage and heart.

Named for Benjamin C. Franklin, the first judicial officer of the Republic of Texas, the county has always stood for justice, independence, and perseverance. From early state settlers to the citizens of today, Franklin County has been shaped by hard work, strong values, and deep roots.

With scenic lakes, thriving agriculture, and local legends, Franklin County is a lot more than a pinpoint on a map. It is a community worth celebrating. The many days I have spent in Franklin County have been filled with incredible people who lead with service and compassion, and world-famous, East Texas hospitality.

The county has balanced tradition and growth, by strengthening the community and promoting new economic development.

As we honor the past, we look forward to a future filled with promise. Here's to the next 150 years of Franklin County. May it continue to grow, inspire and shine as a beacon of East Texas. It is an honor to represent this community in Washington.

God Bless Franklin County.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF VIRGINIA

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Special Olympics Virginia and the Law Enforcement Torch Run as they celebrate 40 years of extraordinary service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For four decades, Special Olympics Virginia has provided year-round sports training and competition to thousands of athletes, empowering them to achieve their personal best while fostering inclusion, respect, and community engagement. Through these programs, athletes not only develop athletic skills but also gain confidence, leadership abilities, and lifelong friendships.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run exemplifies the incredible partnership between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. Officers across Virginia have carried the Flame of Hope, raising awareness and vital funds to support Special Olympics programs. This collaboration has helped break down barriers, build trust, and promote understanding for individuals with disabilities.

As we celebrate this milestone, we recognize the dedication of athletes, coaches, volunteers, and law enforcement officers whose commitment has transformed the lives of countless Virginians. The legacy of Special Olympics Virginia and the Law Enforcement Torch Run is one of inclusion, compassion, and unwavering support for every athlete's potential.

I congratulate the Special Olympics Virginia and the Law Enforcement Torch Run on 40 years of service and in celebrating their continued impact on communities throughout our Commonwealth.