

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF SANDRA JEAN CALDWELL "SANDY" DAVIS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend Ms. Sandra Jean Caldwell "Sandy" Davis, who passed away on March 17, 2026, at the age of 79.

Ms. Davis was born on August 9, 1946, in Radford, Virginia. Her upbringing in rural Virginia included graduating from nearby Floyd County High School.

After graduation, Ms. Davis pursued lengthy careers in Southwest Virginia. Her first career path focused on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Health Department. This line of work provided her the opportunity to serve the public health needs of communities in the New River Valley, primarily in Radford and nearby Giles County.

In addition to addressing local health care challenges, Ms. Davis developed a reputable career in banking and finance. She rose to senior vice president at the Bank of Christiansburg, the first woman in Southwest Virginia to achieve that position.

Together with her first husband, Patrick C. Cupp, Ms. Davis founded BCR Real Estate and Property Management. Their company would be foundational in supplying housing to college students seeking to attend two of Southwest Virginia's premier academic institutions, Virginia Tech and Radford University.

Moreover, Ms. Davis dedicated significant attention and resources to higher education and athletics at these institutions. She served on the Board of Visitors for Radford University and Virginia Tech. Ms. Davis also devoted time to the Board of Directors for the New River Community College in Pulaski County, Virginia.

More scholarship opportunities are available to students and student-athletes thanks to Ms. Davis' contributions. In 2018, she and her second husband, Jack Davis, a renowned author and historian, made a landmark \$8 million donation to Radford, which was one of the largest gifts in the school's history. Additionally, Radford University's Athletic Director credits Ms. Davis' impact on Radford Athletics, saying she helped create opportunities for student-athletes to pursue excellence and represent Radford with pride.

New River Valley communities and schools recognized Ms. Davis for her excellent work and profound charity. Among her highly esteemed accolades, both the Blacksburg Rotary Club and Montgomery County Chamber awarded her Citizen of the Year. In 2022, Ms. Davis was inducted into the Southwest Virginia Business Hall of Fame.

Besides her husband of 23 years, Jack, Ms. Davis is survived by her sister, Mildred Weddle; two stepchildren; and more than a dozen nieces and nephews.

I join the New River Valley in mourning the loss of a philanthropic titan, education advo-

cate, and community leader. Throughout her career of service and business, Southwest Virginia communities received support. Ms. Davis will continue to be remembered for her significant impact on our region.

HONORING DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY'S BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a moment of profound historical significance in the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi—the unveiling of a Mississippi Freedom Trail marker at Delta State University on March 10, 2026, commemorating the 1969 Black Student Organization Student Sit-In. This event marks a pivotal chapter in the university's history and in the broader Civil Rights Movement in the Mississippi Delta.

During an era when desegregation efforts were unfolding across the South—often met with resistance—Black students at Delta State University courageously organized to confront inequality and injustice on their campus. While the story of James Meredith is widely known, the experiences of students at smaller regional institutions like Delta State are equally deserving of recognition.

Despite the university's legal integration, Black students endured discrimination in classrooms, social spaces, and campus life. They faced unfair grading practices, racial hostility, and exclusion from full participation in the academic community. In response, these students formed the Black Student Organization (BSO) in 1969, uniting to advocate for equity, dignity, and representation.

The BSO presented university leadership with a list of ten demands, including the hiring of Black faculty and counselors, fair grading policies, an end to racial slurs, and greater academic and cultural inclusion.

When their concerns were dismissed, students organized peacefully—meeting, marching, and ultimately staging a sit-in at Kethley Hall on March 10, 1969. On that day, more than fifty students were arrested after refusing to leave the administration building. They were transported to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, where they were held overnight. Their courage in the face of intimidation and injustice became one of the most significant civil rights moments in Delta State's history and student's bravery. Though met with resistance, their actions brought meaningful change. The university began to address inequities, including hiring more Black faculty and improving fairness in academic practices. More importantly, these students helped lay the foundation for a more inclusive and equitable campus environment for future generations.

Today, more than fifty years later, the Mississippi Freedom Trail marker stands outside Kethley Hall as a lasting tribute to their bravery and determination. It serves as a reminder that progress is often born from sacrifice, and that the voices of determined individuals can shape institutions and communities for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the students of the 1969 Delta State Sit-In. Their legacy continues to inspire those who seek justice, equality, and opportunity for all.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB OF MATAWAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) of Matawan as it celebrates its 110th anniversary this year. Since its incorporation, GFWC of Matawan has provided a supportive social environment for women of Matawan to connect and take strides towards supporting their community.

Historically, the women involved in this organization were devoted to the betterment of their town, and Nation. During World War I, members volunteered to support schoolgirls at Camp Morgan and later, during World War II, members served as Air Wardens, Plane Spotters, Red Cross Volunteers, Rationing Board members and on all fund drives. Community volunteerism remains a core pillar of membership with this organization. Members have initiated the Public Health Association, and sponsored multiple meaningful organizations, including the local Parents Teacher League, YMCA, the first Girl Scout troop, and the creation of academic scholarships and cultural programs in town. The GFWC of Matawan has amplified their leadership, initiative, and generosity over many generations.

Around Matawan, it is revealing how significant of an impact GFWC of Matawan has had on the town. The club accomplished several projects for locals to benefit from including planting trees around Veterans Memorial Park, creating Veterans Memorial Park, building the steps and landing at Park Avenue on Lake Matawan, and planting shrubs and dogwood around Terhune Park to honor club members. Perhaps their most notable effort to support the continuation of civic betterment is the "Girl of the Year" award. Annually, one High School Senior is awarded recognition for their academic advancements and significant community volunteerism.

It is my privilege to honor the General Federation of Women's Club of Matawan as its members mark this historic 110th anniversary, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone. They are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

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HONORING AVERY WISE FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Avery Wise, a fearless 17-year-old leader from Woodbridge, Virginia, who has already committed his life to serving others.

At just 17 years old, EMT Wise volunteers weekly with the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton (OWL) Volunteer Fire Department, where he responds to 911 emergency calls, provides medical assistance to patients, and administers appropriate medical treatments.

Last year, his passion for service was put to the test in a profound and life-changing way. While in class learning about air management, EMT Wise was dispatched to an emergency involving a 73-year-old woman who had stopped breathing. Without a doubt, he went into action, performing an intubation procedure and attaching a ventilation device to restore her breathing. After successfully stabilizing the patient, he remained by her side during transport, carefully making sure her chest continued to rise adequately. Thanks to his quick actions and composure under pressure, the patient was released from the hospital in good health.

This experience did not deter him, instead it strengthened his commitment to public service and deepened his understanding of what it truly means to serve, no matter how big or small the call could be.

EMT Wise's dedication to serving his community doesn't stop when he is off the clock. He has been a member of the Trail Life USA scouting program for over 11 years, serving in multiple leadership roles, including First Officer and High School Chaplain, taking on the responsibility of assisting the Troop Master in troop management and communicating with the Committee Chair to discuss ways to improve the organization.

In addition, EMT Wise is an extraordinary varsity basketball player with the Northern Virginia Homeschool Athletic Association. He also earned the Passion for Public Service Scholarship from the National Society of High School Scholars.

In want to personally thank EMT Wise for his dedication to serving his community, and I wish him continued success as he works toward becoming a crew leader within his EMT team. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing EMT Wise for his courage.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
REPRESENTATIVE ELIOT ENGEL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of my colleague, Representative Eliot Lance Engel of New York. Congressman Engel passed away on April 10, 2026, in New York City at the age of 79. My condolences are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

Prior to his political career, Congressman Engel worked as a teacher and guidance counselor in the Bronx. Eliot and I often shared stories over our similar experiences as teachers of social studies. After teaching, he was elected to the New York State Assembly representing the 81st District. During his tenure in the New York State Assembly, he concurrently pursued his Juris Doctor at the New York Law School.

In Congress, Congressman Engel was a dear colleague. I worked closely with him on issues related to foreign affairs, travelling around the world together from Iraq to India together. In his time in Congress, Congressman Engel played an instrumental role in passing key international development and humanitarian legislation such as the re-authorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) which included his Stop Tuberculosis Now Act. He also championed efforts here in the United States and around the world to protect and expand LGBTQ+ rights. Congressman Engel was also a strong advocate for healthcare reform including the Affordable Care Act, and the Partnering to Improve Maternity Care Quality Act which improved maternity care both for mothers and newborns.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the life and work of Congressman Eliot Engel.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR BENJAMIN
"BEN" COHEN

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay a special thank you to a truly exceptional American, and U.S. Army officer, Major Benjamin "Ben" Cohen.

Major Cohen served with distinction as a Defense Fellow in my office from January 2023 to December 2023 in which his professionalism, expertise, candor, and team-centric attitude was paramount to my staff's success in the FY24 Appropriations Cycle. His contributions during this time were instrumental in shaping budget and policy related discussions and advancing legislative priorities.

Following his tenure in my office, Ben served as a Congressional Budget Liaison in the Secretary of the Army's Financial Management and Comptroller's Budget Liaison (SAFMI-BUL) office, representing the Missile Procurement, Army (MiPA). Procurement of Army Ammunition (PAA), and Procurement of Wheeled Tracked Combat Vehicles (WTCV) appropriations portfolios. As a Liaison, Ben supported 25 staff delegation trips and 5 congressional delegation trips and expertly worked with the appropriations staff to ensure the United States Army's priorities were supported, cared for, and realized. His professionalism, dedication, and expertise have greatly benefited Members of Congress and their staff, leaving a lasting impression on all who have had the privilege of working with him.

Born and raised in Barnstable, Massachusetts, Major Cohen graduated from Norwich University in 2014 with a bachelor's in criminal justice and was commissioned Active Duty as a Field Artillery Officer.

Major Cohen began his military career with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, where he served as a Company Fire Support Officer, Maintenance Control Officer, Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Brigade Adjutant. After completing his Captains Career Course in 2018, Ben returned to Alaska—Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, where he served as a Battalion Fire Support Officer for 3-509th Infantry (Airborne), Commander for HHC, 3-509th Infantry (Airborne), and Commander for B Battery, 2-377th PFAF. Upon completing his command time at JBER, Ben was accepted into the Army's Congressional Fellowship Program.

Major Cohen's academic achievements include earning a Master of Professional Studies in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in 2023, and a Master of Public Administration from Norwich University. Additionally, Ben is a graduate of United States Army's Ranger School, Jumpmaster Course, Basic Airborne Course, Air Assault School, and the Army's Cold Weather Leaders Course.

In addition to his military duties, Major Cohen volunteers his time as a Coach for youth sports (hockey) in the local area, providing development and mentorship opportunities to local youth athletes. This year, Ben's St. James Hockey Team won the Atlantic Hockey Federation's (AHF) 16U Lemieux Division in dominant fashion, culminating a massively successful season with an overall record of 34-18-5.

Major Cohen's exceptional career is a testament to his unwavering dedication, leadership, and commitment to selfless service and excellence. His contributions to the Army and our Nation are truly commendable.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending my good friend, Major Benjamin "Ben" Cohen for his service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SECOND
CHANCE MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as Second Chance Month, a time to reflect on and celebrate the growth and successes that emerge from giving people with records new opportunities. Second chances help justice-involved individuals better themselves, reduce recidivism, make communities safer, and grow the economy.

As I prepare to retire at the end of 2026, I am deeply proud of my work to advance opportunities for people with records, be the reforms in the areas of criminal justice, health, tax, or education. Today, I wish to focus on how giving second chances by expanding access to higher education makes our country stronger. We know that education is one of the most effective ways to support reentry—strengthening communities, closing racial and economic equity gaps in postsecondary education and workforce participation, and disrupting the cycle of incarceration that continues to target and limit opportunity for people of color and those from low-income backgrounds.

For decades, I worked to expand educational opportunities to those with criminal records, with two key bills becoming law in 2020 as part of P.L. 116–260, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The Restoring Education and Learning (REAL) Act restored Federal Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated individuals for the first time in nearly 30 years. Research clearly demonstrates that individuals who enroll in postsecondary prison programs see higher earnings and reduced recidivism when they return home. After Congress stripped Pell Grants from incarcerated students in 1994, correctional education plummeted, directly hurting the ability of incarcerated individuals to gain the skills and education needed to secure quality employment post-release. I support and applaud the Northwestern Prison Education Program that offers undergraduate degrees to men incarcerated at Sheridan prison in Illinois. I am proud that my work helps these students get Pell grants so that they can earn a bachelor’s degree from a top university.

The FAFSA Act removed the prohibition on federal student aid for people with felony drug convictions—a policy that inappropriately applied a mandatory minimum sentence beyond that deemed appropriate by the judicial system. Removing financial aid from students forces low-income students to leave or forego higher education, undermining economic security. Further, given that African Americans account for only 13 percent of drug users but 55 percent of drug convictions, the prohibition unfairly targeted poor and minority students. Now, students can attend higher education and complete the FAFSA without fear of losing eligibility due to a past drug conviction.

Unfortunately, more still needs to be done to improve educational access for incarcerated individuals. My Eliminating Discrimination and Creating Corridors to Expand Student Success Act (ED ACCESS) would help remove the lifetime ban on the American Opportunity Tax Credit for individuals with felony drug convictions. This ban actively makes it harder for these individuals to afford higher education and get their lives back on track. Similarly, my Demonstrating that Empowerment Makes Opportunities (DEMO) Act would help those with a record obtain successful health careers. This bill is modeled on the amazing work of John Hopkins and the Safer Foundation that created intensive training programs for workers in hospitals coupled with legal services, support services, technical assistance for businesses, and job placement services.

The value of higher education is clear: it increases employment rates; decreases reliance on public assistance; strengthens communities; reduces taxpayer dollars spent on prisons; and reduces recidivism. In today’s society, where postsecondary credentials are necessary to access well-paying jobs, helping those with criminal justice involvement earn credentials and degrees which improves their lives as well as their communities.

As we celebrate Second Chance Month, I recognize our successes and commit myself to continuing to help those who have made mistakes get the opportunities to turn their lives around.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HAL MARCUS

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable artist, musician, and proud El Pasoan, Hal Marcus.

For decades, Hal Marcus helped shape the artistic spirit of El Paso, leaving an indelible imprint through his creative works and the countless individuals and institutions he uplifted along the way. Hal brought joy, imagination, and a sense of possibility to those around him. His artistic contributions captured the essence of the borderland region with a distinctive and enduring style.

As a steward of history, Hal was deeply devoted to preserving and promoting early regional art, helping elevate awareness of El Paso’s rich cultural heritage, and ensuring future generations could learn from and be inspired by it.

The passing of Hal Marcus is a profound loss for El Paso. Yet his legacy lives on in his beautiful and loving family, the vibrant cultural landscape he helped shape, the artists he inspired, and the community he brought together. May he rest in peace, and may his memory continue to inspire us all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF STEVEN ALFRED ROBERTI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Steven Alfred Roberti. Throughout his life, Steven demonstrated his commitment to service and advocacy. Steven was a lifelong member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 302, where he honed his passion for serving his community and supporting the labor movement. He then went on to serve as manager of the Contra Costa Labor Council from 1988 to 1996. Steven was recognized by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for his outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Contra Costa’s economic and social wellbeing. In 1996, the U.S. Department of Labor appointed Steven the regional manager for Region IX, overseeing labor affairs across the Western United States. His wealth of knowledge of infrastructure and transportation policy was critical to his success in this role.

Steven also worked with many community groups including United Way, Shelter Inc., the Labor Project for Working Families and Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation. Steven’s work as a political consultant supported regional projects focused on improving transportation throughout the county and supporting economic development throughout the region. Additionally, Steven was a California history enthusiast, avid Bay Area sports fan, holding

season tickets for the San Francisco 49ers, Giants, and Golden State Warriors and supporting UC Berkeley’s women’s softball as a Cal Booster, and developed a passion for genealogy, tracing his family’s history and eventually organizing an annual family reunion.

Steven is survived by his wife, Diane Roberti; daughters Christine Collins (Barry), Sherri Roberti, and Gina Roberti (Jeff); grandchildren Ryan Collins, Marcus Collins, Raquel Collins, and Joseph Wells; and great-grandchildren Ava Collins and Amaya Collins.

Steven will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to leadership, service, and his family. Please join me in honoring Steven A. Roberti for his invaluable contributions to our region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISHA GARLOCK

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trisha Garlock, who passed away on January 15, 2026. Trisha was a visionary leader and tireless champion for equitable access to high-quality public education.

Born in Bakersfield, California, Trisha’s parents instilled in her a deep respect for education and public service. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and a master’s degree from the University of Michigan, where she met her husband, Jim.

In 1982, Trisha and her neighbor Penny Weiss founded the Mill Valley Schools Community Foundation, later renamed “Kiddo!,” to preserve arts and music in the school district. What began as an urgent stopgap to backfill state cuts to public education became a community institution focused on supplemental funding for Mill Valley public schools. She served as the foundation’s executive director for 32 years, helping it evolve from a grassroots effort into a nationally recognized model that raised millions annually to support enrichment for our schools.

In response to disparities in school funding in Marin County, Trisha then helped co-found and lead SchoolsRule, a countywide collaboration of public-school foundations focused on equitable funding for every student. Under her leadership, SchoolsRule brought together community partners and donors to invest in arts, literacy, technology, and student wellness, distributing support so that each student in Marin could benefit.

Trisha’s leadership and legacy have been widely recognized. She was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame in 2018 for her decades of work strengthening public education countywide.

Mr. Speaker, Trisha Garlock believed that every child deserves a full and rich education, and she spent more than four decades working toward that goal. I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Trisha’s extraordinary life and extending our deepest condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and the many students whose lives were enriched by her work.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE MARILLA
COUNTRY STORE

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Marilla Country Store, an institution that has truly stood the test of time.

Since opening its doors in 1851, this store has remained a constant in a world of change. Through generations, through wars, economic hardship, and even global pandemics, it has never once closed, serving as a steadfast presence in the heart of Marilla, New York and a symbol of resilience across Western New York.

But what makes this place truly special is not just its age, it's the people. For 175 years, only a handful of families have carried this store forward, preserving its character, its traditions, and its deep connection to the community. Today, that legacy continues under the leadership of Sandy Gingerich Grunzweig, whose family roots run deep in Marilla and whose commitment ensures the store remains a proud pillar of the community.

The Marilla Country Store is more than a business—it is a gathering place, a living museum, and a testament to what endures when community, family, and tradition come together.

As we celebrate 175 years, we honor not just the past, but the generations who will carry this legacy forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Marilla Country Store for its lasting legacy, and in celebrating the Grunzweig family as they carry this success long into the future.

RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK AND
HONORING AMERICA'S 911 DIS-
PATCHERS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public Safety Telecommunicator Week and to honor the men and women who serve as 911 emergency dispatchers across our Nation.

America's 911 dispatchers are true first responders. Before a police officer arrives on scene, before an ambulance turns the corner, before a firefighter enters a burning building, there is a dispatcher on the line, gathering critical information, coordinating a response, and providing support. Without these workers, other public safety personnel would be unable to reach people in need and calls for help would go unanswered.

These dedicated professionals answer the call no matter the circumstances, through

blackouts, mass casualty events, natural disasters, and public health emergencies. They work in high-stress, fast-paced environments that demand steady composure and an unwavering commitment to the public they serve every day.

Yet for too long, 911 dispatchers have gone unrecognized for the work they perform. Despite being the critical link in our public safety infrastructure, they remain classified as administrative and clerical workers. This misclassification has fueled persistent underinvestment: insufficient pay, inadequate mental health resources, and staffing. Too many of these public servants experience burnout and emotional exhaustion from years of exposure to traumatic calls without adequate support. In some facilities, staffing shortages are so acute that dispatchers sleep at their posts rather than returning home.

At the same time, new technologies, including text-to-911, live video-to-911, and Next Generation 911 systems, are fundamentally changing the nature of this work. Congress has invested in these technologies, but those investments will fall short if we do not invest equally in those who operate them. Training, mental health resources, and fair compensation must keep pace with the demands we place on this workforce.

I am proud to stand with AFSCME and the nearly 100,000 public safety workers they represent in calling for the reclassification of 911 dispatchers as protective service workers. Reclassification is the foundation for the investment, resources, and dignity this workforce has long deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring America's 911 dispatchers during Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, and to commit to ensuring these vital public servants receive the recognition, support, and respect they are owed.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE TOWN OF ALABAMA

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Alabama, located in Genesee County, New York. In the early 19th century, settlers began to gather in the region, appreciating the abundant resources the land offered. By 1828, the previously named town of Gerrysville was officially renamed Alabama. Within the town there are four hamlets: Alabama Center, Basom, South Alabama, and Wheatville.

For 200 years, Alabama has respected and maintained its strong farming heritage. The fertile land has proven Alabama and the surrounding area as one of the foremost agricultural regions within the State. Agricultural growers and producers continue to responsibly steward the land, providing fresh products to our region and country.

As the town celebrates its 200th anniversary, I join my colleagues in wishing its resi-

dents a wonderful year of celebration and many more future milestones.

HONORING DEPUTY PATRICK
SHELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Deputy Patrick Shell, a devoted public servant from Vicksburg, who was recently named Deputy of the Year by the Vicksburg Homecoming Benevolent Club. This distinguished honor reflects his decades of unwavering commitment to protecting and serving his community.

A lifelong resident of Vicksburg, Deputy Shell began his career in public service in 1991 with the National Park Service, where he served with distinction as an interpreter specialist before rising through the ranks to become Chief Ranger and later District Supervisor along the Natchez Trace Parkway. His leadership and dedication left a lasting impact on both his colleagues and the countless visitors he served.

Following his retirement from the National Park Service, Deputy Shell answered the call to serve once more, joining the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Now in his eight year with the department, he continues to demonstrate exemplary service as a bailiff, while also carrying out critical responsibilities such as delivering summonses, escorting inmates, and patrolling the historic Vicksburg National Military Park, where he resides.

Throughout more than three decades in law enforcement and public safety, Deputy Shell has encountered both the profound challenges and meaningful rewards that define a life of service. He has provided comfort in moments of tragedy, including assisting a young boy in coping with the loss of his father, and has also been instrumental in life-saving efforts, such as aiding a man experiencing a heart attack—an act that contributed to the man's survival. These experiences underscore his compassion, professionalism, and steadfast dedication to others.

Deputy Patrick Shell's recognition as Deputy of the Year is a testament not only to his exceptional career, but also to the enduring values of integrity, selflessness, and dedication that he embodies. His continued service stands as an inspiration to his fellow officers and to all who are fortunate to call Vicksburg home.

Deputy Shell's commitment to service is matched by his devotion to family. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Carolyn, since 1981, and together they have built a life grounded in faith, family, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deputy Patrick Shell for his outstanding service and congratulating him on his well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE PACE HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize and commend the exceptional accomplishments of the Pace High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) program, a group of young leaders who continue to make Northwest Florida proud.

Recently, the cadets of Pace High School NJROTC competed at the NJROTC National Championship held in Pensacola, Florida, where they earned an outstanding second place finish among the very best programs in the Nation. This achievement reflects not only their hard work and determination, but also the countless hours of preparation, discipline, and teamwork they have demonstrated throughout the year.

The NJROTC program is a nationally respected initiative dedicated to developing leadership, citizenship, and character among high school students. With more than 580 units across the country, only a select number advance through rigorous regional competitions to reach the national stage. Pace High School's continued success at this level is a clear testament to the strength and consistency of its program. It also reflects the spirit of Northwest Florida's proud military tradition, where homegrown talent rises to meet the highest standards of service, leadership, and excellence.

Over the past five years, Pace High School NJROTC has distinguished itself as a national powerhouse, earning three national championships and multiple top three finishes, including this year's impressive second-place result. This sustained excellence speaks volumes about the commitment of the cadets, the leadership of their instructors, and the strong support of their school and community.

I am especially proud of these cadets. They exemplify the very best of Northwest Florida and act as outstanding ambassadors for Pace High School, Santa Rosa County, and the State of Florida.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pace High School NJROTC cadets, their instructors, and their leadership team on this extraordinary accomplishment. I wish them continued success as they carry forward this proud tradition of excellence.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDANT JAMES EMORY MACE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Carolinians are grateful to express appreciation for the life of Commandant James Emory Mace, Sr., of Hampton County. He not only served our Nation as a decorated Army Officer but was the beloved father of Congresswoman NANCY MACE. I include in the

RECORD the following obituary provided by The Citadel Alumni Association:

J. EMORY MACE, SR., '63

James Emory Mace, Sr., of Mount Pleasant, the decorated Army officer who led The Citadel through a dramatic transition from an all-male institution to a co-ed military college, has died. He was 85.

Mace, a Vietnam War veteran, was among the most decorated graduates in The Citadel's history. He served as the school's commandant from 1997 to 2005—a period marked by cultural upheaval, internal reforms and national scrutiny.

Mace took over the role in February 1997, months after the first woman, Shannon Faulkner, enrolled at the formerly all-male military college following a protracted legal battle that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

While Faulkner's stay was brief, his daughter, now-U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace, would eventually succeed in becoming the school's first female graduate.

She confirmed his death on the night of April 14. A cause was not immediately announced.

"Rest in peace, Dad. I love you and I'll see you again," she wrote on social media the following morning.

As commandant, Mace moved quickly to reshape cadet life. Known for his blunt, disciplined leadership style, he implemented sweeping reforms: prohibiting harassment during meals and study periods, eliminating sophomore rank authority over freshmen, banning physical contact with first-year cadets, limiting "knob knowledge" requirements and shortening the military orientation period.

In 1997, cadets lived by a new Citadel creed written by Mace. It read, in part: "I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor and high esprit de corps of The Citadel and the South Carolina Corps of Cadets . . . Under no circumstances will I ever embarrass The Citadel and the South Carolina Corps of Cadets."

The changes marked a significant shift in the school's culture as it worked to integrate women into a traditionally rigid system, including his daughter.

He would hold the role as third-in-command at the school for eight years.

When he told the school's board of visitors he was stepping down, he said he had accomplished what he came to do—help men and women cadets coexist at the college.

"I feel I made a small difference in the life of The Citadel," Mace said in 2005 when announcing his retirement.

That year, when state lawmakers recognized Mace for his contributions at the state's military college, the resolution noted that under his leadership some 95 women had graduated from the Corps of Cadets.

The year Mace retired as commandant, the 1,900-member body included about 120 women.

Born in Hampton County, Mace attended The Citadel and earned the nickname "Bulldog." He graduated in 1963.

He became something of a living legend. In her memoir, Nancy Mace wrote that her father built a near-mythic reputation at The Citadel for his extreme backwoods antics, including poaching alligators to pay for school and using them to intimidate freshmen.

In one story, he allegedly threw a live alligator into a cadet's room to make a point about discipline, while in another, he chained a gator to the parade field overnight, leaving officers scrambling to remove it the next morning.

The stories, she wrote, cemented his image as both feared and legendary among cadets.

The persona he cultivated as a cadet was later reinforced by his record in combat.

RECOGNIZING APOSTLE FELIX REVILLS AND CELEBRATING HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEADERSHIP

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, with a heart overflowing with gratitude, reverence, and admiration, to recognize a man whose life has been a living sermon, Apostle Felix Revills, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ascension to the leadership of Evangelical Faith Vision Ministries, Incorporated. An event to celebrate this singular event will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Evangelical Faith Vision Ministries in Albany, Georgia.

There are leaders whose names are known; and then there are leaders whose lives are felt. Apostle Revills is the latter. For two decades, he has not only shepherded a congregation, he has tended the hearts of a people, mended broken spirits, and lit lamps in dark places. He leads a network of more than twenty churches across our Nation, and into the streets and homes of Port-au-Prince and the Dominican Republic, his ministry has reached far beyond brick and mortar. It has gone where the pain is raw, where hope is fragile, and where the promise of new beginnings is most desperately needed.

Born into a legacy of faith nurtured by Chief Apostle Dr. Isaiah and Dr. Ullainee S. Revills, Apostle Felix inherited more than a name, he inherited a charge to care. But he did not rest on inheritance alone. He answered his country's call in the United States Marine Corps, learned the discipline of service, and then translated that discipline into spiritual warfare against despair and injustice. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Albany State University, not merely to add letters after his name, but to steward resources wisely and create sustainable change for those he serves. I think of the faces who have walked through EFVM's doors and found God's Amazing Grace. They are the living, breathing proof that Apostle Revills' calling is not theoretical, it is incarnational.

Apostle Felix leads with a rare combination of fierce conviction and tender humility. He preaches with passion, yes, but he also sits at hospital bedsides, shows up at kitchen tables, and listens in the silent hours when prayer is the only currency left. He founded the New Visions Community Development Corporation and the Young Lions Mentoring Program because he knows that salvation is both spiritual and practical. He built institutions that teach, feed, mentor, and uplift, because faith without works is dead, and he will not allow emptiness to stand long where he can build.

He stands with his beloved First Lady Andrea Revills in a partnership forged in Christ and deep affection. Their marriage, a true covenant of friendship and sacrifice, has nurtured four remarkable children and welcomed the joy of a grandson. Their home has been a refuge for families, for weary ministers, and for young people seeking counsel. In their love you see the Gospel lived in the ordinary moments, in prayers before meals, in the laughter that follows mistakes, and in quiet steadiness when storms come.

Apostle Revills' voice reaches beyond pulpit and pew through EFVM's broadcast, "The Latter Rain," and through his written word in "Close the Door on Your Way Out." Yet even as his influence grows, he models a humility that insists the glory belongs to God alone. He carries honors without pride, responsibilities without show, and every success as an opportunity to lift someone else. There is a tenderness about his leadership that moves people to tears because it taps into something ancient and timeless: the longing to be seen, to be known, to be loved.

We thank him for his patriotism—for the years he served our Nation in uniform—and for bringing that same disciplined love into the civic life of Albany and beyond. We celebrate his membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, his partnership with community initiatives, and his hands-on leadership in building institutions that endure. We honor his commitment to international outreach, where the love of Christ has crossed oceans to meet crying children and weary families.

Twenty years is more than a milestone—it is a mosaic of lives transformed. Every program launched, every sermon preached, every hand held in the night, every meal served, every life redirected toward hope is a tessera in that mosaic. Behind each one is a story of pain met with compassion, of isolation met with welcome, of despair met with faith-driven action.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian, and I along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring Apostle Felix Revills. We pledge to support the work of ministers like Apostle Felix Revills who bind community wounds with the salve of gospel love. We pray for continued health and wisdom for him and First Lady Andrea Revills. We pray for their children and their grandchild. We pray that Evangelical Faith Vision Ministries will continue to be a lighthouse for those tossed upon the seas of life.

May God grant Apostle Revills many more years of fruitful labor. May his hands never tire, his voice never falter, and his heart never lose its compassion. And may the thousands who have found refuge under his care continue to rise and carry forward the healing he has sown.

I honor Apostle Revills on this blessed 20th anniversary—a shepherd, a patriot, a husband, a father, and a servant whose life has summoned tears of grief and joy, for in both he has shown us the face of God's steadfast love.

HONORING JOSH MIRSKY FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT NEURODIVERSITY

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Josh Mirsky, who created the Neurodiversity Strength Flag. Sadly, many neurodivergent Americans feel that they don't belong and that the world is not designed for them. Too often, they face ignorance and stigma. They face bullying at

school, at work, and even in their families. They are picked last for sports teams and scolded by teachers for behaviors they themselves may not fully understand. They struggle in job interviews when employers misinterpret differences in communication styles—such as difficulty maintaining eye contact—as a lack of confidence or ability.

For Josh Mirsky, and other neurodivergent Americans, these challenges are not signs of personal weakness, but of the weakness of a society that has yet to appreciate diverse and unique ways of thinking and experiencing the world. The consequences of this misunderstanding can be devastating. Research shows that many neurodivergent individuals, particularly those with conditions such as autism or ADHD, experience significantly higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation.

It was for this reason that Josh created the Neurodiversity Strength Flag in October 2021—a flag of red, white, and gold. The design features two red bars at each end, a gold backdrop, and a large white diamond containing a red infinity symbol, accented with subtle gold highlights.

When asked to explain the symbolism of the flag, Josh said: "Red is a power color, representing the immense inner power and strength of neurodivergent people. We have survived and endured so much. In the diamond we see value, because deep down we have always known our worth—and when this flag flies high, the world will see it as well. In gold we see first place. For too long we have been seen and treated as second- or third-class citizens. We fly this flag unapologetically and say: no more. We are first class, just like the rest of the population. And in the infinity symbol we see the true emblem of neurodiversity—not a puzzle piece struggling to fit in, but an infinite spectrum of possibilities."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Josh Mirsky my constituent. His creativity, compassion, and dedication to uplifting others is exemplary. By creating the Neurodiversity Strength Flag, Josh has given a sense of pride and visibility to millions of neurodivergent individuals.

HONORING MR. VINCE SMITHERS FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Vince Smithers on his 40 years of federal service.

Throughout his career, including at the Office of Personnel Management within the Healthcare and Insurance arena—Mr. Smithers has exemplified professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to those around him. As a federal warrant holder, he carried out his responsibilities with the highest ethical standards, playing a critical role in supporting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, one of the largest employer sponsored health programs in the Nation.

Though he is known for his quiet demeanor, Mr. Smithers' presence has a way of uplifting every room he enters, his colleagues describe him as a true team player—thoughtful, kind, and dedicated to fostering a healthy work-life balance within the workplace.

I want to personally thank Mr. Smithers for the outstanding impact he has had on his colleagues, his workplace, and the many individuals he has served over the past four decades. His leadership and expertise reflect the very best of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Vince Smithers, honoring his service and the difference he has made in our communities. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and in the years ahead.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. WYANETTA JOHNSON

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson.

Whereas, Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson, born April 18, 1939, in Wyatt, Missouri, to Lem and Estel Gilliam Johnson, who grew up in Charleston, Missouri, and who departed this life on New Year's Day, January 1, 2026, at the age of 86, was a pioneering Black leader, a fierce and loving advocate for educational equity, and a woman whose tireless service transformed the lives of generations of children and families in the communities of Oak Park and River Forest, Illinois, in the 7th Congressional District; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson came from a family whose roots in racial justice predated the Civil Rights Movement itself—her family was engaged in justice efforts while working as sharecroppers in the Missouri Delta, and she carried that inheritance of courage and conviction with her when she and her husband Forrest moved to Oak Park in the early 1980s to be near their children and grandchildren, a move that set the course for more than four decades of transformative community advocacy; and

Whereas, in the late 1980s, Mrs. Johnson became a founding leader of the African American Parents for Purposeful Leadership in Education—known as APPLE—serving as both president and vice president of the organization over many years, building a grassroots network that achieved a sustained, daily presence in all of Oak Park's public schools, mentoring Black students during the school day and after school, providing homework assistance, career days, Saturday School, parent seminars, and overnight retreats—all born from her unwavering belief that every child deserved to be seen, supported, and given a full and fair opportunity to succeed; and

Whereas, APPLE maintained its own room at Oak Park and River Forest High School where all students were welcomed, counseled, tutored, and found rest, and where Mrs. Johnson—who did not hold a college degree—nonetheless counseled first-year teachers on classroom management and discipline, earning the deep respect of educators, administrators, and parents alike, because her authority came not from credentials but from decades of walking alongside children and families with unfailing love and practical wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson was a central and decisive force in advocating for the adoption of

a racial equity policy by Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200, helping to launch the Freshman All Honors Curriculum now in its fourth year of implementation, and working alongside attorneys and community education experts to challenge the gross inequities Black children experienced in Oak Park's special education and discipline policies—efforts that set the stage for a major overhaul of special education and the establishment of the district's first Director of Equity position, a living institutional monument to her decades of advocacy; and

Whereas, known to generations of students, parents, and community members simply as "Grandma," Mrs. Johnson embodied a generosity of spirit that extended far beyond meetings and school board chambers—she regularly reached into her own pocket to feed children, buy clothing for students in need, and support families facing hardship; she attended community events, recruited young filmmakers, catered receptions for emerging artists, drove children to school in sub-zero temperatures, and called, visited, and personally congratulated young people when they achieved positions of leadership and service, as she did when Oak Park's Christina Waters was elected village clerk; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson's daughter Dorise Monroe reflected that her mother wanted to make sure that people were treated fairly—whether poor Black, poor White, poor Hispanic, or poor Asian—because she had a heart for people, and no matter where you went, somebody knew her; and OPRF Superintendent Greg Johnson confirmed that many of the school's current practices around community engagement, including the Director of Equity position, have their roots in her advocacy, stating that she was 'a powerful force for the students in our school' and that it was 'absolutely appropriate' to recognize and honor her efforts; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson is survived by her seven children—Gwendolyn, David Hawthorne, Vivian Henderson, Dorise Monroe, James Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Annette Garnish, and Cynthia Johnson—as well as seventeen grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, a family as vast and abundant as the love she poured into her community for more than four decades; and,

Whereas, scripture reminds us in Proverbs 31:26, 'She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue'—words that describe not an aspiration but a life actually lived, by a woman who walked into every room carrying both truth and grace, who out-talked the most educated people in the service of the least powerful children in the room, and who leaves behind a community permanently changed for the better by the force of her love and the steadfastness of her will;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Congressman Danny K. Davis, representing the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson, and offer this Extension of Remarks as a tribute to her life, her advocacy, and the profound and lasting impact

she made on the children, families, educators, and institutions of Oak Park and River Forest.

Let this Resolution serve as both a recognition of a life poured out in extraordinary service to justice and children, and as a call to all who carry forward her vision—that every child, in every school, deserves to be seen, supported, and given a full and fair opportunity to thrive.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE REVEREND JESSE LOUIS
JACKSON, SR.

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.

Whereas, the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., born Jesse Louis Burns on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina, and who departed this life on February 17, 2026, at the age of 84, was one of the towering moral voices of the American civil rights movement, a Baptist minister, two-time candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and a lifelong champion of the poor, the marginalized, and the voiceless across this nation and around the world; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jackson first demonstrated his courage and calling as a young man in the segregated South, leading a sit-in at the Greenville County Public Library in 1960 that resulted in his arrest but ultimately contributed to the desegregation of that library system—an early act of nonviolent defiance that planted seeds of justice which would define the next six decades of his extraordinary life; and

Whereas, in 1966, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. personally selected Reverend Jackson to lead the Chicago chapter of Operation Breadbasket—the economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference—and under his leadership, the program secured more than 2,000 new jobs and \$15 million in new annual income for Chicago's Black community in its first fifteen months alone, forever binding Reverend Jackson's name and mission to the city of Chicago and its people; and

Whereas, in December 1971, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH—People United to Serve Humanity—on Chicago's South Side, an institution built on the conviction that economic empowerment, voter registration, and educational access were inseparable from the full realization of civil rights, and which became one of the most consequential social justice organizations in American history; and

Whereas, in 1984 and again in 1988, Reverend Jackson waged historic campaigns for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States—the first African American man to mount a serious and sustained national campaign for the presidency—winning more

than 7 million votes in 1988 and inspiring millions of Black, Latino, working-class, and young Americans to believe that the highest office belonged to them too, and laying the groundwork which, as President Barack Obama later acknowledged, made future paths to the White House possible; and

Whereas, in 1996, Reverend Jackson merged Operation PUSH with the National Rainbow Coalition to form the Rainbow PUSH Coalition—a national organization whose South Side Chicago headquarters remains a beacon of activism, scholarship, and community power, carrying forward his mission of leveling economic and educational playing fields, expanding voting rights, advancing corporate accountability, and promoting peace and justice around the world; and

Whereas, Reverend Jackson and Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS shared a bond forged in decades of shared struggle and common purpose—fellow travelers in the ongoing work of organizing communities, registering voters, expanding economic opportunity, and demanding that the full promise of American democracy be extended to every citizen regardless of race, income, or circumstance; Congressman DAVIS, speaking on the day of Reverend Jackson's passing, bore witness to this partnership with characteristic eloquence, declaring that Chicago has become a center of the universe in terms of social activism, social involvement, and people power—and that much of that must be attributed to Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson—and closing with the words: 'Long live Reverend Jesse Jackson, because the spirit of his being and the accomplishments of his work will live on forever and forever;' and

Whereas, even in his final years, as Reverend Jackson battled Parkinson's disease with the same quiet dignity with which he had faced firehoses, courtrooms, and campaign trails, he remained a source of moral authority and inspiration to generations of organizers, clergy, elected officials, and ordinary Americans who learned from him that change is not given—it is earned, through sustained, fearless, organized, and faithful work; and

Whereas, scripture reminds us in Micah 6:8, 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'—words that describe not a distant ideal, but the actual life that Reverend Jesse Jackson lived, from the streets of Greenville to the pulpits of Chicago to the floors of convention halls and the boardrooms of corporate America;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, representing the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, do hereby extend this Extension of Remarks as a tribute to the life, ministry, and enduring legacy of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.—a giant of the civil rights movement, a son of Chicago, a man of God, and a friend whose voice shaped this city, this nation, and this world.

Let this Resolution stand as both an expression of gratitude for a life poured out in service to justices and as a solemn call to all who carry on—to register voters, demand equity, build community, and above all, to keep hope alive.