

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STUDENTS SRIKRISHNA DOWLAPALLI, AVNEET SINGH, KUSH DAVE, AND AARON PERSKY OF BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor students Srikrishna Dowlapalli, Avneet Singh, Kush Dave, and Aaron Persky of Bridgewater-Raritan High School. I applaud their work in expanding awareness for early lung cancer screening as New Jersey's first high school chapter of the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative (ALCSI).

As President and founder of the chapter, Srikrishna authored S4042/A5028, the First Responders and Veterans Lung Cancer Screening Access Act. The bill aims to create a free education and referral program informing our most vulnerable citizens about their eligibility for low dose CT lung cancer screening—a test proven to reduce lung cancer mortality by 20 percent when caught early.

This once student project is now before the New Jersey Legislature with 10 bipartisan sponsors, the endorsement of the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey, and the support of the New Jersey State Fraternal Order of Police.

Srikrishna has also taken his vision globally. Working with the Rwanda Biomedical Centre to help establish their first lung cancer screening program. Under the mentorship of Dr. Pax Karamage of the Center's Public Health Surveillance and Emergency Preparedness Division, these students have built a comprehensive partnership that now includes the U.S. Embassy in Kigali's Economic and Commercial Section.

The members of Bridgewater-Raritan High School's Chapter of ALCSI have exhibited tremendous effort on behalf of first responders, veterans, and victims of lung cancer worldwide. As a former volunteer firefighter myself, I am honored to celebrate the accomplishments of these dedicated individuals. I sincerely wish them continued success in their exemplary service.

RECOGNIZING THE SONS OF ALLEN MINISTRY'S 100 MEN IN BLACK PROGRAM AT SAINT STEPHEN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize The Sons of Allen Ministry's Second Annual 100 Men in Black

Program at Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Miami Gardens, Florida. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, The Sons of Allen Ministry's 100 Men in Black program is a "rite" of passage for young men to enter into Christian maturity, develop as leaders and role models for the youth;

Whereas, The Sons of Allen Ministry's 100 Men in Black program seeks to galvanize the latent power of men for the worship of God and service to God's people, equipping them through the vital, vibrant, spiritual and social message of God and the African Methodist Episcopal Church;

Whereas, The Sons of Allen Ministry, the official Men's Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, fosters an atmosphere where men are inspired through worship, study and prayer to have fellowship and a relationship with God and their fellowman;

Whereas, The Sons of Allen Ministry builds men as providers, protectors, producers and priests for their families and the community of the faithful;

Whereas, The Sons of Allen Ministry has programs that enhance men in their abilities to serve God and God's people through social outreach, Godly civic leadership and vital Christian testimony; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, recognize The Sons of Allen Ministry's 100 Men in Black program at Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church for its commitment to serving God, for its dedication to being a positive influence in the lives of young men and for its service to our community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF D&D INGREDIENTS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the contributions of the founders, owners, and employees of D&D Ingredients of Delphos, Ohio, as they mark fifty years in business.

Founded in 1976 by Doc and Dorothy Miller, D&D Ingredients is one of the region's most prominent animal nutrition companies. Through their integrity and hard work, commitment to delivering high-quality products, and dedication to meeting the needs of their customers, the Millers formed the foundation for steady growth that has made D&D a major force in the animal feed and pet food space. The company now employs 156 and serves customers across the globe.

Five years ago, D&D became a part of the California-based Swanson Family of Companies, allowing D&D to serve new markets while maintaining the family-friendly culture and values that have shaped the company since its founding.

Mr. Speaker, D&D will hold an open house on Saturday to commemorate this milestone. On behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to the men and women of D&D Ingredients as they celebrate fifty years of outstanding service to their customers. They have my very best wishes for continued excellence in the decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly recorded my vote as NO when I should have voted YES on Roll Call No. 271.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTOPHER FAMILY AND THE GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the Gilroy Garlic Festival, a beloved annual tradition in Santa Clara County dating back to 1979.

Drawing thousands of visitors from across the country, this three-day festival has raised millions of dollars for local schools and charities.

With everything from garlic fries to garlic ice cream, the Gilroy Garlic Festival reminds people every year why Gilroy is the Garlic Capital of the World. In fact, over half of America's garlic is now grown around Gilroy and 90 percent of the country's garlic harvest is processed here.

This cherished event is thanks in large part to the Christopher Family, who made the long journey from Denmark to America in the 1890s. After hearing tale of the Santa Clara Valley's dark, fertile soil and Mediterranean climate, they knew this land would be where they would settle.

In 1979, Donald Christopher co-founded the Gilroy Garlic Festival, with an estimated 15,000 people showing up to the two-day event, about triple the number they expected. By the 1980s, there were more than 100,000 ticket buyers.

Today, the legacy of Don Christopher is carried on by his family, including his son, Bill, and grandsons, Ken and Jason. Thanks to their hard work, the Gilroy Garlic Festival remains a critical part of Gilroy's identity and a moment that families look forward to year after year. The festival also could not take place without the help of thousands of volunteers. We thank them for their help, and we honor the Christopher family for their long service to our community.

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COMMENDING THE MIAMI ALUMNI
CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI
FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated host of the 64th Southern Province Council. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated has been a leader in service to the community, advocating for youth, providing scholarships and sponsoring cultural, educational and civic projects;

Whereas, the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is devoted to improving the outcomes and clear pathways to success for disadvantaged youth and African-American boys, by maintaining active roles with programs such as the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and the Big Time Boys organization, an acronym for Black Individuals Giving Time Investing Money and Effort to Better Our Young Society;

Whereas, the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated has partnered with elected officials and Farm Share to provide food for struggling individuals and families and holds its Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner to feed seniors at assisted living facilities;

Whereas, the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated works diligently to educate women about breast cancer and heart disease through its Women's Breast Health Initiative, which provides free mammograms for uninsured women;

Whereas, the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is tackling subjects such as Profiling, Gun Control, "Stand Your Ground" Legislation, Conflict Resolution, and Effectively Dealing with Police Encounters to educate its members and our youth to make a difference in the wake of the death of Trayvon Martin; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, recognize and commend the Miami Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated for its unwavering service, commitment and dedication to the growth and prosperity our community.

HONORING 10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS
IN INDIANA'S 4TH DISTRICT

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the many 4-H members through the 4th District who recently reached 10 years of 4-H membership. As a 10 year 4-H member myself, this truly gives me joy to speak about.

4-H members pledge their minds, hearts, and whole person toward serving their communities. Supporting the very future of agriculture will have an impact that extends far beyond their current endeavors.

So, with all my head, heart, hands, and health, I thank all the 10 year 4-H members for helping strengthen the bonds of all those they meet through their 4-H mission.

HONORING BILL HENDERSON

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Henderson, a Savannah-based commercial truck driver, on a milestone achievement in American trucking.

After 37 years behind the wheel, Bill recently completed four million consecutive accident-free miles, becoming just the fifth driver in XPO's history to reach this distinction. To put that number in perspective, four million miles is roughly 160 trips around the globe.

Every one of those miles was driven while hauling freight that keeps Georgia's economy moving and our shelves stocked. Bill's discipline behind the wheel has kept his fellow drivers and everyday Georgians safe on our highways.

Professional truck drivers like Bill are the backbone of our supply chains, and safety records like his are a testimony to his daily commitment.

On behalf of the 1st District of Georgia, I congratulate Bill on this remarkable career achievement and thank him for his decades of service on our roads.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 269, I mistakenly voted NO when I intended to vote AYE.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. MICHAEL JOHNSON

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. Michael Johnson, who passed away unexpectedly this year.

Michael Johnson was a member of the Dane County community for many years and spent his life dedicated to improving equality and higher educational prospects for young people in his city and state at large.

Michael grew up in Chicago, honoring the Boys & Girls Clubs of his youth for providing

him with a safe space and opportunities to grow beyond his neighborhood. After his graduation from Cornell University, Michael climbed the ranks of many non-profits in the Midwest before settling in Madison where he spent 17 years working tirelessly to close youth opportunity gaps in education and the skilled trades.

In his role as President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, Michael endeavored to raise over 50 million dollars for projects such as the McKenzie Regional Workforce Center, a hands-on skilled trades training and career center, and was a key leader in the largest public-private partnership in the history of the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Michael played a profound role in the development of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County, quadrupling the number of students and families served in the area—his aspirations were never small, nor did they relent at the walls of his organization. Colleagues and friends of Michael recognized how his vision and generosity for the state extended beyond closing the education gaps and providing opportunities for students to pursue higher education. In 2020, following the murder of George Floyd, Michael talked extensively with youth protestors in downtown Madison and campaigned for the construction of a statue of Vel Philips, the first woman and African American elected to a statewide office to be erected on the grounds of the Capitol, where it stands today. He was a passionate advocate of challenging assumptions and the need for equity and representation in the state.

Michael was a Champion for Children, honored in his life with the Boys & Girls Clubs Heart and Soul Award, the highest recognition of local executives in the organization, as well as the Hometown Hero award in the Wisconsin State Assembly for his courage and conviction in pursuit of a more equitable world.

He is survived by his wife, Toya, and three children. Michael will be dearly missed by the Dane County and greater Wisconsin communities for his extraordinary leadership, integrity, and deep commitment to his important work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for votes on July 20, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 251, H.R. 8823, and YEA on Roll Call No. 250, H.R. 4541.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 264, I mistakenly voted YES when I intended to vote NO.

COMMENDING THE LATE REVEREND SHEDRICK EDWARD GILBERT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the late Reverend Shedrick Edward Gilbert, dutiful servant of God, well respected and admired religious leader, community activist, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert served Historic Saint Agnes Episcopal Church in Miami, Florida, for 57 years before his retirement in 2012 from the Deaconate and active ministry at age 90;

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert served in various roles at St. Agnes Episcopal Church which include, Vestryman, Treasurer and Clerk and the Deaconate;

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert dedicated his life to the ministry, his church and to helping his community by advocating for support and funding from the City of Miami Commission for St. Agnes' Rainbow Village Community Development Corporation, a housing development program for Miami's Overtown community;

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert served as Director of St. Agnes' Rainbow Village Community Development Corporation and coordinated an eight-week Summer Program for the youth in the Overtown area;

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert served on several committees for the Diocese of Southeast Florida, including the Credentials Committee for 13 years, served as president of the Algonquin Club and president of the Booker T. Washington Class of 1938;

Whereas, Reverend Gilbert was presented with numerous awards among them the Unsung Hero award from the Booker T. Washington Alumni Association and the Man of the Year award for outstanding community service from the King of Clubs of Greater Miami; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Reverend Shedrick Edward Gilbert for his commitment to God and spreading God's message, for his devotion to his family and his congregation and for his dedication to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUNNY DIANNE CLAGGETT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Sunny Dianne Claggett, an accomplished executive and leader in San Jose.

Ms. Claggett was born in Abilene, Kansas on August 28, 1945, to Maryanne Fuller Robertson and Rees Stewart Robertson. In 1978,

she graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Throughout her professional career, Ms. Claggett was widely respected as a premier organizational development consultant at CBIZ, providing advice and executive coaching to countless groups, including Fortune 500 companies. Her guidance helped to shape many careers and assist organizations through their most challenging times.

In addition to being a Vice President at CBIZ, Ms. Claggett founded and led the San Jose Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Program. She also dedicated much of her time to the American Musical Theatre of San Jose, the YMCA, and CreaTV.

In 1986, she married William Ernest Claggett. She was a mother to Jerilynne and a stepmother to Peter and Hillary. Sunny and William had five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

I will miss her greatly, as will our entire community. Sunny was a generous, smart, and insightful person who mentored others. She cared about her community and was one of the kindest people I have ever met.

Sunny Claggett's impact lives on in the countless people she coached and the community she loved so much. Her legacy of leadership and kindness will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE FLORIDA CARIBBEAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the Florida Caribbean Students Association, Incorporated (FCSA) and its 40th Leadership Conference. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the Florida Caribbean Students Association (FCSA) has served as a leading student network of over 28 different organizations and thousands of students of Caribbean descent at colleges and universities across Florida;

Whereas, the Florida Caribbean Students Association provides a statewide platform of leadership development, civic engagement, community service and cultural awareness;

Whereas, the Florida Caribbean Students Association is holding its 40th Annual Leadership Conference at Miami-Dade College's North Campus;

Whereas, the Florida Caribbean Students Association's Annual Leadership Conference provides students with one-on-one networking with fellow students and experts in a variety of fields;

Whereas, the Florida Caribbean Students Association's Annual Leadership Conference is the leading Caribbean student event in Florida and brings together a wide variety of Caribbean cultures and traditions; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, recognize and commend the Florida Caribbean Students Association for its com-

mitment to the educational growth and empowerment of Florida's university and college students of Caribbean descent.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on July 13 through 16, 2026, I missed votes due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 234; YEA on Roll Call No. 235; NAY on Roll Call No. 240; NAY on Roll Call No. 241; NAY on Roll Call No. 242; NAY on Roll Call No. 243; NAY on Roll Call No. 244; NAY on Roll Call No. 245; YEA on Roll Call No. 246; NAY on Roll Call No. 247; YEA on Roll Call No. 248; and YEA on Roll Call No. 249.

COMMENDING RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT IVORY WILCOX

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Superintendent Ivory Wilcox, a well-respected man of God, spiritual leader and community servant, who is retiring after 41 years as superintendent of The South Miami District Church of God in Christ. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Superintendent Wilcox dedicated his life to serving God and spreading His Word:

Whereas, Superintendent Wilcox served as pastor of South Miami Church of God in Christ for 29 years, as pastor of Emanuel Church of God in Christ for 13 years and served as pastor of Dania Church of God in Christ for 22 years;

Whereas, Superintendent Wilcox worked tirelessly, feeding and clothing those in need through the church's outreach programs, and regularly visiting the sick in hospitals;

Whereas, Superintendent Wilcox would not be deterred when handling church business, even traveling and sleeping in his car during segregation, when hotels denied him access;

Whereas, each year Superintendent Wilcox purchased, transported and helped prepared food for thousands who attended the annual Holy Convocation held in Fort Pierce;

Whereas, Superintendent Wilcox bravely served his country as a member of the United States Armed Services; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend retiring Superintendent Ivory Wilcox for his unwavering faith, his commitment to his family and The South Miami District Church of God in Christ and for his dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF DON KOEHLER

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Representative SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR., to congratulate Don Koehler on his remarkable career and to extend our appreciation for his decades of dedicated service to Georgia's agriculture community.

Since 1986, Don has served as Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission. Throughout his distinguished career, he has provided exceptional leadership to organizations including the Southern Peanut Growers, the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, the U.S. Peanut Federation, the American Peanut Council, and the American Peanut Shellers Association. As Chairman of the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee, he has also helped shape U.S. agricultural trade policy by advising both the Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Don's leadership has strengthened Georgia's peanut industry, expanded opportunities for producers, and elevated the voice of American agriculture at home and abroad. His lasting contributions have been recognized through numerous honors, including being named one of Georgia Trend's 500 Most Influential Georgians for three consecutive years and his induction into the Georgia Peanut Commission Hall of Fame earlier this year.

The mark that Don has left on this industry will not be forgotten. On behalf of Georgia's 8th and 2nd Congressional Districts, and a grateful agricultural community, we thank him for his remarkable service and wish him and Cheryl every happiness in retirement. May his next chapter be filled with good health, cherished time with his children and four grandchildren, and the many blessings he has so richly earned.

CONGRATULATING NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to congratulate Nova Southeastern University on its 50th anniversary and for a half century of service to our students, community and state. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Nova Southeastern University was founded as Nova University of Advanced Technology on December 4, 1964, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida;

Whereas, in 1994, Nova University merged with Southeastern University of Health and Sciences to form Nova Southeastern University;

Whereas, today, Nova Southeastern University is the largest independent institution of higher education in the southeastern United States and the ninth largest inde-

pendent, not-for-profit institution of higher education nationally;

Whereas, Nova Southeastern University has graduated more than 162,000 students who have become professionals in such areas as health care, education, law, business, computer sciences, mental and social sciences;

Whereas, Nova Southeastern University employs more than 4,000 people, and has an economic impact of \$2.6 billion, in Florida; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, congratulate Nova Southeastern University on its 50th Anniversary and commend it for its contributions to education and for its commitment to our community, state and our country.

HONORING LORI WHITE, JASON
CHEW, AND THE ENTIRE
DEPAUW GROWING GREEN AND
GOLD TOGETHER INITIATIVE

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Depauw University's "Growing Green and Gold Together" initiative, which has made tremendous progress and is soon entering its final year of implementation in 2027.

Since 1837, Depauw has provided a well-rounded, premier education to many budding scholars. It is the alma mater of several influential people in American history, including a Vice President, a Congressman, and an NBA Executive.

Depauw continually makes outstanding contributions to its students and local Greencastle residents. This initiative is part of a larger \$109 million "Bold & Gold 2027" plan that has invested in resources and amenities for the entire community.

I thank Depauw President Lori White, Project Director and Community Liaison Jason Chew, and the entire "Growing Green and Gold Together" team for giving back to our local communities every day. I look forward to seeing the completion of this greatly anticipated project soon. They have my sincere gratitude for all their hard work and dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
MRS. MATTIE MAE PAUL

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mattie Mae Paul, a faithful servant of God, a community activist—who lived in the district for 57 years—a beloved mother and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Mattie Mae Paul, an inspiration to all who knew her, returned to school at the age of 59 fulfilling a lifelong dream to further her education by earning her AA Degree in Education;

Whereas, Mrs. Paul, after her retirement from Saint Francis Hospital following a 23-year career, went to work for Miami-Dade County Public Schools at Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary School;

Whereas, Mrs. Paul was an active member of New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for 40 years, where she was active with the Mission Ministry, Music Ministry/Mass Choir, Usher Ministry, Woman's Ministry and was an assistant Sunday School Teacher; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mattie Mae Paul, for her commitment to God and her church, and for her dedication and devotion to her family, friends and to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ALFONSO "AL" RODRIGUEZ

HON. YASSAMIN ANSARI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Alfonso "Al" Rodriguez, a beloved mentor, community leader, and pillar of Arizona's boxing community. After more than six decades of dedicated service to young people and boxers across the Valley, Rodriguez passed away on July 6, 2026. While his passing marks the end of an extraordinary life, his legacy will endure through the countless lives he impacted and through the continued work of the Rodriguez Boxing Club.

Al and his wife, Carmen Rodriguez, moved from Texas to Arizona, where they raised five children: Al Rodriguez, Jr., Carolina Olmos, Ofelia Hooper, Fernando Rodriguez, and Seferino "Sefe" Rodriguez. As a third-generation boxer, Al founded the Rodriguez Boxing Club in the backyard of his Mesa home in 1961, where he began coaching his children while instilling in them the notion that everyone is a "diamond in the rough". To Al, every individual possessed the potential to become a champion, both inside and outside the ring.

That belief became the foundation of the Rodriguez Boxing Club, a gym in the heart of downtown Phoenix and a refuge for generations of young people. For decades, the gym has provided a safe, welcoming environment where youth can develop discipline, confidence, and resilience. Operating as a non-profit organization, the Rodriguez Boxing Club has remained committed to ensuring that it is accessible to all members of the community.

Today, Al's children continue to carry forward his mission with the same compassion, dedication, and commitment to service that defined their father's life. Through their leadership, the Rodriguez Boxing Club remains a testament to Al's enduring belief in the transformative power of mentorship, opportunity, and community.

It is my privilege to recognize the remarkable life of Alfonso "Al" Rodriguez and to honor his more than six decades of service to Arizona's 3rd Congressional District.

COMMENDING THE LATE MRS.
LOTTIE MITCHELL HINES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to commend the late Mrs. Lottie Mitchell Hines, a dedicated community activist, successful entrepreneur, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Hines worked tirelessly to improve living conditions and provide quality and affordable housing for residents of Miami's Liberty City;

Whereas, Mrs. Hines was a staunch supporter of the democratic process and worked to ensure that South Floridians exercised their right to vote;

Whereas, Mrs. Hines invested in Miami's Liberty City and Overtown communities by opening businesses numerous businesses over the years that included a taxicab service, a restaurant, grocery store and the Model City Diagnostic Center;

Whereas, Mrs. Hines volunteered with numerous organizations and served on countless neighborhood and housing improvement boards; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Mrs. Lottie Mitchell Hines for her dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life all South Floridians.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TUSKEGEE
AIRMEN MEMORIAL ACT OF 2026

HON. SHOMARI FIGURES

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Act of 2026, which would authorize Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated to establish a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate the service, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Tuskegee Airmen are widely recognized for their exceptional combat record, including their escort missions protecting American bombers over the skies of Europe, which was vital to the Allied victory in World War II. During combat, they flew more than 15,000 sorties, escorting bombers and engaging enemy fighters. Their courage, skill, and unwavering determination helped pave the way for the desegregation of the U.S. military. Their achievements effectively broke down racial barriers, expanded opportunities for future generations of Black military personnel, and had a profound effect on the U.S. Armed Forces.

These men defended rights and freedoms abroad that they did not have back at home. They were trained as pilots on Moton Field and on Tuskegee Army Airfield in Tuskegee, Alabama, going on to form units such as the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group. The Tuskegee Airmen, alongside thousands of Black mechanics, navigators, bom-

bardiers, instructors, and support personnel, were essential to American victory in World War II.

The memorial will serve as an educational resource, designed to teach future generations about one of the greatest, most well-known, most well-decorated fighting forces in this Nation's history, and to highlight the important roles that Black military pilots and support personnel played during World War II.

The Tuskegee Airmen have received numerous accolades for their service, including the Congressional Gold Medal, 14 Bronze Stars, one Silver Star, 3 Distinguished Unit Citations, 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 744 Air Medals, and at least 60 Purple Hearts.

Their legacy has continued through Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., a national nonprofit organization founded in 1972 and incorporated in Washington, D.C., in 1975. The organization was established to preserve the history and achievements of the original Tuskegee Airmen and engage with youth to inspire future careers in aviation, aerospace, and STEM.

It is fitting that Congress enact legislation that would authorize a memorial of the Tuskegee Airmen in our Nation's capital, allowing millions of visitors who travel to Washington, D.C. each year to learn about and honor the extraordinary service and enduring legacy of the Airmen.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

COMMENDING MR. T. WILLARD
FAIR

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and commend Mr. T. Willard Fair, a visionary and community activist, whose distinguished and unprecedented leadership as President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Miami for fifty years broke down racial and discriminatory barriers in employment, education, and housing for African-Americans. His leadership transformed the climate of exclusion in South Florida in the 1960s and ushered in new era of inclusion and social change. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mr. Fair has dedicated his professional career to promoting the interest and well-being of the African-American community, and as president and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Miami lead campaigns that successfully integrated corporations and businesses, and public and private volunteer organizations, in Miami, desegregated public housing in Dade County, and worked to make affordable housing available through countless construction and rehabilitation projects;

Whereas, Mr. Fair is deeply committed to solving complex problems, ranging from unemployment to illiteracy, that plague our community and offering solutions through expert analysis, publications in the Miami Herald, Miami Magazine, and Tropic Magazine, and through interviews with 60 Minutes, the Tom Brokaw Show, and Ebony Magazine;

Whereas, Mr. Fair has demonstrated superior capabilities in community development

while providing dynamic leadership over the Urban League of Greater Miami, which strives to improve the lives of individuals and families through employment, childcare, senior citizen services, housing, economic development, training, community service, political advocacy, and education;

Whereas, Mr. Fair co-founded Florida's first charter school, and has served as an adjunct professor at the Atlanta University School of Social Work, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida International University, and the National Urban League's Whitney M. Young, Jr. Center for Urban Leadership;

Whereas, Mr. Fair's excellence in education, leadership, and service has been recognized by various organizations through awards, accolades, and appointments, including former Secretary of State Colin Powell's Advisory Committee on Cultural Affairs, President Obama's Commission on White House Fellowships—Miami Regional Selection Panel, the United States' Advisory Committee on Cultural Affairs, and a tenure as past chairperson of the Florida State Board of Education; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend Mr. T. Willard Fair for his unwavering commitment and faithful service to our community, state and country, and the Urban League of Greater Miami.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS
"L.B." ECKELKAMP, JR.

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of my constituents and a dear friend, Louis "L.B." Eckelkamp, Jr. of Washington, Missouri. It is difficult to put into words what L.B. meant for so many people and the City of Washington. L.B. started his career at a young age, learning the value of hard work while working for his father at Diamonds Restaurant in via a Ridge as a teenager washing dishes and busing tables. He was a tireless advocate for our community, devoting his life to making the world better for those around him. He served over five decades with the Bank of Washington, the longest-serving director in its history, and he also founded the oldest law firm in Washington, Eckelkamp Kuenzel LLP.

He had a great many professional accomplishments, but he was so much more than just the successes of his career.

He believed in volunteer service and giving back to the community and was one of the most involved and engaged people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was deeply committed to the Boy Scouts, serving locally and nationally, and helped nurture so many individuals who will become leaders in their own right in the next generation. His service included roles at the YMCA, Washington Town and Country Fair, Mercy Hospital, St. Louis Archdiocese, Missouri Historical Society, and St. Francis Borgja Parrish, among so many others. L.B. worked every day of his life to inspire those around him. He was a pillar of Washington and will leave a long legacy from which we all can learn.

I am blessed to have known him personally and learned so much from him, and I know

there are so many in Washington who feel the same.

These are big shoes to fill, and it will truly take the entire community coming together to do the work that L.B. was doing. But the reality is, we all will and L.B. knows we will. He led by example, and we have much more to learn from all he did.

He leaves behind Bonnie, his wife of over six decades who was always by his side and is a force to be reckoned with in her own right. Their marriage serves as a strong example of how two likeminded Missourians who care about those around them can make lasting changes here in our neighborhoods as an equal partnership. They were inseparable as they built a life of service and philanthropy that was centered around a shared passion to invest in their community, make Washington a better place for all, and give a helping hand to those in need.

My prayers are with Bonnie, children Buzz and Jeanna, his sisters Judy and Susie, and his grandchildren and great grandchild. I thank L.B. for all he did for Washington, for Missouri, and for all those who loved him. May God Bless him.

COMMENDING CHURCH MOTHER
LAVERNE M. ROUNDTREE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and commend Mrs. LaVerne M. Roundtree, faithful servant of God, loving mother and grandmother, and a dutiful member of A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ for 67 years. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Roundtree serves as Church Mother at A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ;

Whereas, Mrs. Roundtree is co-leader and an advisor at large to the congregation;

Whereas, Mrs. Roundtree is a role model to the women of the church;

Whereas, Mrs. Roundtree has served as president of the hospitality department, and is the general chairperson of the Unity Day Program, the Pastor's Anniversary Celebration and the Pastor's Sendoff program, which coincides with the annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend Church Mother LaVerne M. Roundtree for her is unwavering commitment and faithful service to her family and, friends, and her church.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF NAS-
SAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Nassau County Sheriff's Office as it celebrates a historic and remark-

able milestone: 200 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Northeast Florida.

The distinguished legacy of law enforcement in Nassau County began in 1827, when Florida Governor William Pope Duval appointed Sheriff Harman Holiman as the county's very first law enforcement officer.

For two centuries, the courageous men and women of this office, both sworn deputies and dedicated civilian personnel, have worked tirelessly to preserve the rule of law, ensure domestic tranquility, and protect the lives and property of our residents and visitors.

Today, this exceptional tradition of public safety continues under the leadership of Sheriff Bill Leeper, who began his dedicated service as the county's 24th Sheriff on January 8, 2013. Under his steady guidance, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office remains a beacon of professionalism, integrity, and proactive community partnership.

Mr. Speaker, a bicentennial milestone is a time for celebration, but it is also a hallowed opportunity to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our community. Over the past two centuries, fourteen dedicated heroes gave their lives in the line of duty while serving Nassau County, including eight Deputies, one Police Chief, one Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, one Constable, and two Florida Department of Agriculture Officers. We owe these fallen law enforcement officers, and the families they left behind, a debt of gratitude that can never truly be repaid.

As the Nassau County Sheriff's Office prepares its historic yearbook ahead of its official anniversary in January 2027, it is fitting that we pay special tribute to the professionals who keep our neighborhoods safe every single day.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Bill Leeper and the entire Nassau County Sheriff's Office on 200 years of faithful service, and I thank them for their unwavering commitment to our community, our state, and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Mr. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 258, I mistakenly voted No when I intended to vote Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to a previously planned familial obligation on July 16, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 248 and NAY on Roll Call No. 249.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

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

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

8:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the testimony of Anthony Fauci.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Special Education Administration Protection Act", S. 5046, to prohibit the transfer of certain offices and functions of the Department of Education to other Federal agencies, S. 2511, to establish a postsecondary student data system, S. 3010, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve provisions relating to dyslexia, S. 3589, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled, S. 4097, to establish that a State-based education loan program is excluded from certain requirements relating to a preferred lender arrangement, S. 4689, to strengthen literacy outcomes for all students, to amend the comprehensive literacy State development grant program, and to ensure Federal accountability and investment in research, teacher preparation, and evidence-based instruction aligned with the science of reading, S. 3333, to modify the eligibility requirements and account contribution maximum for pension-linked emergency savings accounts, S. 4965, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to establish a Railroad Retirement Board Administrative Account, and S. 3097, to provide additional protections with respect to health information.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine the impact of AI on the workplace.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 3573, to amend the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act to modify a provision relating to the extension of certain dates for the completion of the Regional Water System, S. 3617, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize con-

struction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, S. 4368, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, S. 4417, to amend the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act to make technical corrections, and S. 4890, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to establish subaccounts in the Indian

Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund.

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the AI deception machine, focusing on deepfakes, chatbots, and the new frontier of senior fraud.

SD-562