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.