

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

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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

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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