

sang in the choir and was a driver for the Evangelism Ministry; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Fred-
erica S. Wilson, a Member of the United
States House of Representatives, rep-
resenting the 24th Congressional District of
Florida, commend the late Mrs. Jeanet Gray-
son for her dedication to her family and
friends and her church and for her commit-
ment to our community.

HONORING SOMERSET HILLS EDU-
CATION FOUNDATION'S 30-YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of Somerset Hills Education Foundation. For 30 years, the founda-
tion has dutifully pursued its vision to em-
power every student in the Somerset Hills
School District to excel academically, develop
strong character, and embrace lifelong learn-
ing.

Established in 1986, this independent non-
profit has consistently dedicated itself to sup-
porting the next generation. Through a wide
range of academics professional development,
and community partnership programs, they in-
spire students to "stand on their toes and
reach for the stars."

As we commemorate this remarkable mile-
stone, we express our sincere gratitude for
Somerset Hills Education Foundation's three
decades of service to Somerset Hills School
District and the State of New Jersey. I wish
them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING MIGUEL A. OTERO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today
to recognize my dear, long-time friend and
Deputy Chief of Staff, Miguel A. Otero. His
decades-long dedication to public service has
created a long-lasting impact on our commu-
nity and well beyond Florida's 26th District.

Born in New York City, New York, in 1962
to parents Mr. Eliseo Marrero Otero and Dr.
Dulce Amada Otero, Miguel Otero's family
moved to Miami, Florida in the late 1960s.
Miguel and his sister, Dolores, grew up being
taught the value of hands-on, hard work, with
Miguel often accompanying his father on
project, performing manual labor like painting
and building. In the summer, the family would
go on road trips across the country, imbuing
Miguel with a deep sense of appreciation for
the beauty of America and its history.

Miguel later applied these principles to his
studies, earning a bachelor's of business ad-
ministration at Florida International University
while simultaneously working at Luria's depart-
ment store. It was there that he met his loving
wife of 36 years, Sheila. In 1993, Miguel offi-
cially began his long civil service career work-
ing for Alex Villalobos in the Florida House of
Representatives and the Florida Senate, work-
ing diligently as his Chief Legislative Assistant
as well as his Chief of Staff.

Since his days in the Florida legislature,
Miguel has consistently demonstrated his
steadfast commitment to safeguarding and as-
sisting the people of South Florida. In fact,
Miguel is a proud 1996 graduate of the Miami-
Dade County Citizens' Police Academy, a
2007 graduate of the U.S. Department of Jus-
tice Federal Bureau of Investigations Miami
Division Citizens' Academy, and a 2019 grad-
uate of the Doral Police Department's Citizens'
Police Academy. Since joining my office in
2003, he has continually invested in and main-
tained foundational relationships in our com-
munity with consular officers, local and State-
elected officials, as well as law enforcement
and first responders throughout the 26th Dis-
trict of Florida; work critical to my effort to re-
present and serve my constituents.

Miguel's ethos has always been one of
service. He continually looks for ways he can
help others, whether that means assisting a
constituent with an immigration issue, meeting
with community leaders to understand their
needs and concerns, reaching for something
off a high shelf for a stranger at the grocery
store, or caring for family members during
times of illness.

As one of my trusted advisors, I can always
count on Miguel to remember every detail, and
he has such a great memory. He is a prin-
ciple person, and his character is a direct re-
flection of his beliefs. In his many years of
service, he has never needed nor sought the
spotlight, and his integrity lies in his desire to
do the right thing for the sake of doing so.

Mr. Speaker, Miguel's commitment to his
community is demonstrative of the very best
this country has to offer. A tireless civil servant
who uses his skills to advocate for his commu-
nity, a loving husband to Sheila, and a devoted
father to their daughter Victoria, and a man
who is relentless in his desire to serve. I am
honored to know him, and I ask my colleagues
to join me in recognizing this outstanding in-
dividual.

HONORING SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL,
BISHOP ROBERT GRIFFIN, AND
BISHOP DURRELL WATKINS FOR
THEIR HISTORIC MILESTONES

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker,
I rise to congratulate Sunshine Cathedral on
its 55th anniversary and honor Bishop Durrell
Watkins and Bishop Robert Griffin for 20 years
of faithful service to our community. Sunshine
Cathedral has served as a beacon of hope, in-
clusion, unconditional love, and spiritual
grounding in South Florida for 55 years, culti-
vating a vibrant, welcoming community where
all individuals are celebrated.

Founded on the principles of social justice,
compassion, and progressive faith, Sunshine
Cathedral has continuously opened its doors
to all people—standing strong as a sanctuary
of refuge, empowerment, and equality.

But Sunshine Cathedral's success would not
be possible without steady hands. Bishop
Durrell Watkins and Bishop Robert Griffin
have faithfully served Sunshine Cathedral for
two decades, offering exemplary pastoral care,
visionary leadership, and unwavering dedica-

tion to the congregation and the broader com-
munity. Through their 20 years of leadership in
Broward County, Bishop Watkins and Bishop
Griffin have championed humanitarian causes,
advanced civil rights, nurtured spiritual growth,
and strengthened South Florida through
impactful community outreach.

The 55th anniversary of Sunshine Cathedral
and the 20th anniversary of Bishop Watkins'
and Bishop Griffin's Sunshine Cathedral min-
istry mark historic milestones of transformative
service, enduring resilience, and compas-
sionate spiritual leadership. It is my honor to
recognize them for these accomplishments and
extend my deepest gratitude and con-
gratulations to Bishop Watkins and Bishop
Griffin for achieving this milestone.

HONORING PEARSON'S CANDY
COMPANY IN SAINT PAUL, MIN-
NESOTA

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today
to honor the employees and many fans of
Pearson's Candy Company, the 117-year old
candy producer which has been making its
iconic Nut Goodie and Salted Nut Roll candies
at its manufacturing facility in Saint Paul since
1957. Last month, Pearson's announced that it
will be closing its West Seventh Street Saint
Paul factory at the end of September, elimi-
nating approximately 80 jobs.

Founded in 1909 by P. Edward Pearson
and his brothers, Pearson's Candy Company
introduced its famous Nut Goodie in 1912.
Featuring maple nougat, roasted peanuts, and
a milk-chocolate coating, the Nut Goodie was
a hit and has been enjoyed for generations. In
1933, during the depths of the Great Depres-
sion, Pearson's debuted the Salted Nut Roll.
Its vanilla nougat center, caramel layer, and
salted peanut coating gave people something
sweet yet filling for only 5 cents. In 1957, pro-
duction moved to the current location on West
Seventh Street in Saint Paul, where the be-
loved treats have been produced ever since.

Sadly, Pearson's Candy Company has now
announced that its Saint Paul factory will end
production and close its doors at the end of
September, leaving about 80 employees with-
out their jobs. The layoffs will affect positions
across production, maintenance, quality con-
trol, shipping, and management. Jobs being
eliminated include candy makers, packers,
maintenance mechanics, boiler operators, ma-
chine operators, quality control technicians,
HVAC technicians, shipping and receiving
clerks, production managers, and the IT man-
ager. While Pearson's parent company, Prom-
ise Confections, has stated that production of
these iconic products will continue elsewhere,
the closure marks the end of more than a cen-
tury of candy manufacturing in Minnesota and
will leave about 80 Saint Paul workers without
jobs.

In my role as a United States Representa-
tive, I have often purchased Pearson's
candies to share at special events, including
with visitors, ambassadors, and dignitaries
from around the world. I have lost count of
how many times someone has tried one and
immediately asked for another—a small testa-
ment to the enduring appeal of this Minnesota-
made treat.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Pearson's Candy Company's 117-year history of candy production in Minnesota, nearly seven decades of Nut Goodie and Salted Nut Roll production on Saint Paul's West Seventh Street, and the generations of workers and families who produced these iconic Minnesota treats.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. ROBERT TAMBOUR

HON. ROBERT P. BRESNAHAN, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Robert Tambour, a resident of Shavertown, Pennsylvania, and a dedicated athlete, businessman, family man, and philanthropist. Born in the former Pittston Hospital in 1938, Bob was known for the development of Arena Hub Plaza shopping center, which remains an important economic hub to this day. His successful career also encompassed Tammac Corporation, golf course development, real estate, and horse breeding, among other industries.

Throughout his life, Bob took community and civic engagement seriously. He served on the boards of many important institutions in northeastern Pennsylvania, including the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center, King's College, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Fox Hill Country Club, the Glenmaura National Golf Club, and the F.M. Kirby Center. He and his wife were repeatedly recognized for their involvement and contributions to local organizations, educational institutions, and charities.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob from a very early age, and he was a dear friend of my grandfather. Bob will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the entire Wilkes-Barre community. He is remembered and honored by a grateful community for a life committed to service and making northeastern Pennsylvania a better place.

HONORING DR. CARMEN BERRIOS
DELGADO

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recognition of Dr. Carmen Berrios Delgado, a proud Puerto Rican, a brilliant educator, and now a Friends of Puerto Rico honoree.

For over a decade, Dr. Berrios Delgado has made a steadfast commitment to the betterment of her community, helping to educate, mentor, and invest in the students and young professionals of Puerto Rico.

A prolific academic, Dr. Berrios Delgado has aided many students and young professionals during her time as a faculty member at the University of Puerto Rico Aguadilla's business administration department, going above and beyond to ensure the success of Puerto Rico's best and brightest.

Dr. Berrios Delgado has sought out opportunities to provide financial assistance and in-

vestments to many students who have ideas that would expand and strengthen not only our economy, but our world. Her efforts ensure that the best of us do not go unheard and unrecognized based on their ability to pay their way.

Additionally, she has donated her time and expertise to strengthen the professional readiness of young people. She works to expose students to outside organizations and workshops that better prepare them for business-oriented careers. She has ardently pursued Puerto Rico's education, entrepreneurship, labor reforms, and economic growth, investing in the long-term goals of the island.

Dr. Berrios Delgado is recognized today as a tireless advocate for the improvement of student opportunities, and a tremendous force for good in her community.

I congratulate Dr. Berrios Delgado on this tremendous honor, and thank her for all she has done for both Puerto Rico and society at large.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AD-
MINISTRATION OF THE UNIVER-
SITY OF PUERTO RICO, RÍO
PIEDRAS CAMPUS

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the College of Business Administration of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, as it celebrates its centennial anniversary (1926–2026), commemorating 100 years of academic excellence, leadership, and service to Puerto Rico.

Established in 1926 as the School of Commerce and Business Administration, the institution marked the beginning of formal higher education in business and management disciplines in Puerto Rico. Over the past century, it has played a pivotal role in preparing generations of professionals who have contributed to the island's economic development, strengthened its public and private sectors, and served communities both in Puerto Rico and abroad.

A defining milestone in the college's history came in 2013, when it earned accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This internationally recognized distinction reaffirmed the college's commitment to the highest standards of academic quality and established it as the only public institution of higher education in Puerto Rico to hold this prestigious accreditation.

Today, the college continues to advance its mission through a strong commitment to innovation, international collaboration, sustainability, and continuous academic improvement. These efforts have strengthened its reputation as a center of excellence and reinforced its role as an essential pillar of Puerto Rico's public university system.

The celebration of its centennial, under the theme "One Hundred Years Building Success Stories," provides an opportunity to reflect on the college's remarkable legacy while recognizing the invaluable contributions of its faculty, students, administrative personnel, alum-

ni, and supporters, whose dedication has shaped the institution's success throughout the past century.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the centennial of the College of Business Administration of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. May this milestone serve not only as a celebration of its distinguished history, but also as an inspiration for future generations to continue advancing excellence in education, leadership, innovation, and service to Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING VALDOSTA STATE
LAMBDA MU CHAPTER OF SIGMA
CHI FRATERNITY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lambda Mu Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Valdosta State University, as it celebrates its 15th anniversary.

Founded on October 11, 2011, Lambda Mu has spent the past 15 years building a tradition of friendship, leadership, service, and scholarship.

Over the years, the chapter has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation through Derby Days, provided food to Second Harvest Food Bank, and invested in student life at Valdosta State University.

These efforts embody the founding principles of Sigma Chi: "friendship, justice, and learning." The chapter has also received numerous honors and recognition over the years, including recognition from fellow Sigma Chi and former Senator Saxby Chambliss when the chapter was founded.

I congratulate the brothers, alumni, and friends of Lambda Mu on 15 years of excellence, brotherhood, and service.

In Hoc—and Go Blazers.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WAR-
RANT OFFICER SETH L.
OLMSTEAD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and service of Warrant Officer Seth L. Olmstead, a devoted soldier, husband, son, brother, and friend whose dedication to his family, community, and country will not be forgotten.

W.O. Olmstead pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot when he entered the United States Army as a warrant officer candidate. He went on to become an AH-64 Apache pilot, serving at Fort Hood with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. During his time at Fort Hood, W.O. Olmstead served alongside fellow soldiers as part of the Army's aviation community, turning his lifelong passion for flying into a career dedicated to serving his country. Raised in Bell County, Texas, Mr. Olmstead graduated