

Countless mothers and their babies have passed through the doors of this organization, and are much better for having done so.

The work that The Living Vine does is crucial and often overlooked by many.

I would like to join the countless babies and mothers helped by The Living Vine in saying thank you for their work, and please do not stop any time soon.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 DEONTRE TREVON HUEY

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 Chief Warrant Officer 2 Deontre Trevon Huey, a dedicated soldier, aviator, father, brother and son whose life was guided by service, leadership, and an enduring commitment to his family and country.

In 2014, Chief Huey began his military career as an 88M Transportation Operator, marking the start of 12 years of dedicated service to our Nation. He served at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Fort Bragg, and Fort Hood. Seeking a new direction in his military career, he attended Warrant Officer Candidate School and pursued his goal of becoming an Army aviator. In February 2022, he began serving as an AH-64E Apache pilot at Fort Hood. Through flying, Chief Huey found a true passion that brought him great pride and fulfillment.

A proud native of Killeen, Texas, Chief Huey graduated from Killeen High School, where he displayed leadership on and off the football field. He later attended Temple College and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. A gifted artist, his love for drawing was another reflection of the passion and creativity he brought to his life.

Above all, Chief Huey will be remembered for the love and joy he brought to those around him. He leaves behind his children, Naomi Victoria and Ezekeial Titus; his parents, Velvet Dancer-Huey and Douglas Huey; his brothers; and many family members and friends.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Deontre Trevon Huey represented the very best of service, leadership, and dedication to our Nation. His legacy will live on through his family, fellow soldiers, and the place he proudly called home. On behalf of a grateful community, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends, and I honor his life, his service, and his legacy.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR ARTHUR WELLS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Major Arthur Wells who has recently been selected as

the South Florida Federal Employee of the year.

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells has been a devoted leader and driving force in his community and is an active advocate for veterans for he is a veteran. Wells served his country with pride for 39 years, until his retirement in 2005. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells has been a tireless worker for Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Monroe County, assisting many veterans to obtain prosthetic limbs and devices such as electric wheelchairs, scooters, patient lifts, and many other instruments to ease any vet's daily tasks. Further, into his efforts of helping United States soldiers, he is the president of South Florida Army National Guard Family Support Foundation, a nonprofit organization that assists deployed soldiers' families with funds to pay bills while the soldier is overseas; and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells' compassion has helped propel his success amongst Bruce W. Carter Miami VA Healthcare Systems being the assistant chief of prosthetics service for 25 years. As a mentor and supervisor of 21 staff members, Sergeant Major Wells constantly exceeds the expectations of his colleagues; and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells is also an outstanding president to multiple nonprofit organizations, including South Florida Chapter of Blacks in Government and the chairperson of the EEO Black Employment Program, with a list of accomplishments including scholarship programs and fundraising events; and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells has a bachelor of specialized training in military science from the National Consortium Staff College and an honorary degree of doctor of humanities National Consortium Staff College as well; 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 Sergeant Major Wells for his dedication to his profession and our veterans and commitment to the community.

RECOGNIZING FRED ARCHIBALD OF WREC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Fred Archibald, an SO Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his outstanding service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. Through this initiative, skilled utility professionals volunteer their time and expertise to help bring electricity to Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Mr. Archibald brought his technical knowledge, experience, and strong work ethic to this important effort, helping provide the infrastructure necessary to connect families to reliable power. For the families served, electricity means far more than convenience. It provides light after dark, refrigeration for food and medicine, and greater safety and comfort at home. These basic necessities can open the door to greater opportunity and a better quality of life.

Mr. Archibald's willingness to use his specialized skills to serve people far beyond his

own community reflects the very best of the cooperative tradition. His participation demonstrates professionalism, compassion, and a genuine commitment to helping others. I commend Mr. Fred Archibald for his technical expertise and selfless service to this important mission. His efforts reflect great credit upon WREC and our community.

HONORING SHERWIN FAMILY VINEYARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sherwin Family Vineyards as they celebrate their 30th anniversary.

Steve and Linda Sherwin founded Sherwin Family Vineyards with their inaugural 1996 vintage of Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. For years, the Sherwins managed every aspect of the winery from running the tasting room to overseeing wine production. Steve Sherwin is a self-made businessman. He owned Sherwin Construction and Development in the East Bay for almost 30 years, building both residential and commercial structures. Steve has generously offered to help other vintners and neighbors make improvements to their properties, providing expertise, advice, and equipment when needed.

On September 28, 2020, disaster struck Sherwin Family Vineyards. The Glass Fire, which would go on to burn for almost a month and consume close to 70,000 acres, burned the winery to the ground. The family saw their life's work go up in smoke. With persistence, the Sherwins rebuilt the winery, and it reopened in May 2023. Now, thankful to be fully operational, the Sherwins continue to focus on making exceptional wines and entertaining guests at the top of Spring Mountain, always with a strong focus on supporting the local community as well as nonprofits nationwide.

Coined the "Home of the Patriotic Pour," the Commemorative Etched American Flag Bottles that Sherwin Family Vineyards produces are the cornerstone of the charitable focus of the winery. These bottles were created for a charity auction in honor of the September 11, 2001, attacks. Now, they are donated to nonprofits across the country and placed into charity auctions where they have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for a range of great causes.

While the Sherwins donate to charities throughout the country, their first focus is on the Napa Valley community, where they raised their three children. They have donated to almost every nonprofit in the Valley, with the goal of supporting the community that has embraced them and their family.

The Sherwins are proud to have raised their three children—Jenn Sherwin Matthews, Lindsey Sherwin-Quigley, and Matthew Sherwin—in the Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Sherwin Family Vineyards for its three decades of patriotism and community connection. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

RECOGNIZING JUDGES VERONICA H. COPE AND KATHERINE M. ARMSTRONG

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 Judge Veronica H. Cope and Judge Kathrine M. Armstrong and would like to congratulate them on their appointment to serve on the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit Superior Court.

Governor Kemp recently selected these two women for these important and admirable positions. Both judges have esteemed legal careers and have shown a dedication to justice through their service to their communities.

Judge Cope has promoted social justice for Georgians throughout her career and has fought for fairness and equality for all Georgians.

Judge Armstrong is a lifelong citizen of Gwinnett County and has led a life serving her friends, neighbors, and community from the very beginning.

I have no doubt that both of these judges will serve with dedication and shall hold the utmost respect for their office and their communities.

CELEBRATING TEMPLE COLLEGE'S CENTENNIAL

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 the Centennial of Temple College, an institution whose century of service has provided educational opportunities, supported generations of students, and made a lasting impact through Central Texas.

Founded in 1926 as Temple Junior College, the institution first held classes in the basement of Temple High School under its first president, Major Joseph S. Cook. Established through the efforts of civic, business, and education leaders, the college provided students with greater access to higher education closer to home.

From its earliest years, Temple College remained dedicated to providing students with a quality education. Despite the challenges of the Great Depression and World War II, Temple College continued to grow expanding its academic programs and establishing its own campus in south Temple. As Temple College enters its second century, it continues to grow and expand opportunities for students across Central Texas. With new facilities supporting a variety of academic and workforce programs, students have greater opportunities to learn and prepare for their futures. Temple College has also expanded its academic offerings, providing students with additional pathways to continue their education and pursue their career goals.

I am honored to congratulate Temple College on its 100th Anniversary and recognize

its lasting contributions to Central Texas, now serving more than 8,600 students and offering more than 80 associate degree and certificate programs while supporting veterans and military-connected students. I commend the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have shaped the College over the past century and wish Temple College continued success for the next hundred years.

HONORING HUGH BERESFORD HAMMOND

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor legendary reggae superstar Hugh Beresford Hammond, known to his legions of fans and the music world as Beres Hammond. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mr. Hammond's distinctive, romantic, and soulful style, which was influenced by American soul and jazz music, and native Jamaican artists he grew up listening to in Annotto Bay, Jamaica, has garnered him international notoriety and acclaim; and

Whereas, Mr. Hammond began singing and performing in local talent shows in the 1970s, and his career has spanned more than 40 years, resulting in numerous hit singles and albums that have topped music charts; and

Whereas, Mr. Hammond formed his own record label, Harmony Records, in 1985 and released his album "Make a Song," which had two Jamaican chart-toppers and set the stage for his success and recognition in the reggae music industry; and

Whereas, Mr. Hammond's 2012 album "One Love, One Life," topped the Billboard Reggae Albums chart. He has performed with iconic musicians, including Maxi Priest, Wyclef Jean, Buju Banton, and Big Youth; 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 Hugh Beresford "Beres" Hammond for his talent and dedication to his art, and for his contributions to the music industry.

RECOGNIZING DYLLON LEAB OF WREC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dyllon Leab, an OPC Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his exceptional service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. The Light Up Navajo initiative relies on skilled utility professionals who volunteer their expertise to help extend electrical service to Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Mr. Leab an-

swered that call, using his training and experience as a lineman to help perform the difficult work necessary to bring reliable electricity to families in need. The impact of this work extends far beyond electrical infrastructure. Reliable power allows children to study after dark, enables families to safely store food and medicine, and gives elders greater comfort and security in their homes. It brings greater opportunity and improves quality of life.

Mr. Leab's participation in this mission demonstrates both technical skill and a genuine commitment to helping others. His willingness to put his abilities to work far from home embodies the cooperative tradition of neighbors helping neighbors. I commend Mr. Dyllon Leab for his dedication, professionalism, and spirit of service. His contribution to Light Up Navajo reflects great credit upon WREC and the community we are proud to call home.

HONORING THE LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the Land Trust of Napa County, and to recognize their 50 years of service to our Napa community. This anniversary marks five decades of community-powered conservation and stewardship in Napa County.

Land Trust of Napa County is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land. Founded in 1976, the Land Trust has permanently protected more than 96,000 acres, representing over 18 percent of Napa County. The organization has completed more than 275 conservation projects and protects land that supports biodiversity, climate resilience, clean water, wildlife habitat, public enjoyment, and Napa County's agricultural legacy.

The Land Trust works cooperatively with landowners and our community to protect agricultural land, water resources, wildlife and wildlife corridors, scenic open space, forests, ranches, wildflower meadows and native biodiversity throughout Napa County. The Land Trust's conservation work has made significant progress toward creating a network of conservation lands that will continue to provide clean water, wildlife habitat and corridors, thriving agricultural lands, and access to nature for all those who live in and visit Napa.

Land Trust of Napa County is an accredited land trust, a distinction awarded by the Land Trust Alliance that recognizes their commitment to the highest standards in land conservation, financial accountability, and ethical practices. This accreditation signifies that Land Trust of Napa County meets rigorous national quality standards for protecting and stewarding the lands entrusted to our community.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Land Trust of Napa County for their 50 years of dedicated service to our community. The organization's contributions are undeniable and have made a lasting impact on the lives of many. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.