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 answered 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.