RECOGNIZING LEOPOLD'S ICE CREAM

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 Leopold's Ice Cream and congratulate them on their 107th birthday.

Leopold's Ice Cream was founded in Savannah, Georgia, in 1919 to three Greek immigrant brothers. The famous local ice cream spot threw quite the birthday party, consisting of $2 ice cream scoops, live music, face painting, and a special presentation of a restored World War I 48-star American flag belonging to the owner Stratton Leopold's family.

Whether it is a hot August day or a cold February evening, you can always expect Leopold's to have the longest line in town. The incredible ice cream is not only a favorite to its residents, but a must-have to the millions of tourists that visit the city evey year.

As part of a long standing tradition, childrern 12 and under who recite the Pledge of Allegience, receive a free child's scoop of ice cream.

I thank Leopold's for always having the best ice cream around, especially on the hot summer days when we need it most.

CELEBRATING SID SCHMIDT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sid Schmidt on his distinguished leadership as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer of NASA.

Mr. Schmidt began his NASA career as an intern and rose, through decades of hard work, all the way to Deputy and Acting Chief Financial Officer, speaking to a rare kind of dedication, not just to his own advancement, but to the mission of NASA and to our Nation. After his internship, Mr. Schmidt joined NASA full-time as a resource analyst supporting human spaceflight initiatives at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Over a remarkable career spanning several decades, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from Texas A&M University before completing both Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees at the University of Houston. He stepped into progressively greater leadership roles, serving as Manager for the Space Operations Resource Management Office, Resources Manager for the International Space Station, Chief of NASA Johnson's Central Budget Office, and eventually as CFO at Johnson Space Center.

As NASA's Acting Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Schmidt directed financial operations, managing more than 1,600 personnel and overseeing NASA's $24.4 billion portfolio. His career is defined by strategic leadership and dedicated public service, including assignments as Loaned Executive to the Houston Technology Center, Associate Director of the EVA Management Office, and Dean of CFO University.

As the senior appropriator for the State of Texas, I understand firsthand how demanding a role of this magnitude truly is, and I have great respect for the discipline it takes to manage a portfolio of this size responsibly on behalf of the American taxpayer. Sid Schmidt represents the very best of Texas through his unwavering dedication and hard work. It is a distinct honor to help celebrate the retirement of a dedicated public servant whose work has done so much for our Nation's space programs, and I wish him nothing but the best in the years ahead.

HONORING BAHAMIAN INDEPENDENCE

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, as a descendant of Bahamians, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Bahamian independence and to pay tribute to its citizens and Bahamian-Americans living in South Florida and across the United States. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the Islands of the Bahamas became an Independent Commonwealth Country on July 10, 1973, after centuries of British rule; and

Whereas, the proud people who, through uncertainty and tough economic times, remained steadfast and determined to build a brighter future after its hard-fought independence, showed great strength and unwavering will; and

Whereas, today, The Bahamas has a thriving economy built around tourism and financial services; the tenacious and enduring spirit of the Bahamian people, and its rich traditions and culture;

Whereas, Bahamians and Bahamian-Americans have made significant contributions to the United States through the art and humanities, business, activism, and local and national government, and remain an integral part of the South Florida community; 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, and a person of Bahamian descent, am proud to recognize the 40th anniversary of this resilient, free, and sovereign nation, and pay tribute to the wonderful people and descendants who make it great.

RECOGNIZING COLE MORGAN 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. Cole Morgan, a CR Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his dedicated service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. Light Up Navajo brings together skilled utility professionals who volunteer their expertise to help extend electricity to Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Mr. Morgan answered this call to service, using his specialized training and experience as a lineman to help make reliable electrical service a reality for families in need. The impact of this work reaches well beyond the electrical infrastructure itself. Reliable power gives children light to study, allows families to safely preserve food and medicine, and provides greater comfort and security in the home. Mr. Morgan's willingness to put his skills to work far beyond WREC's traditional service territory demonstrates both compassion and an extraordinary commitment to service. His efforts are a powerful example of the cooperative principle of neighbors helping neighbors.

I commend Mr. Cole Morgan for his professionalism, dedication, and willingness to use his talents to improve the lives of others. His service reflects great credit upon WREC and our entire community.

HONORING MAYOR SCOTT SEDGLEY

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 Mayor Scott Sedgley's decades of public service and his contributions to the Napa County community as he is honored with Molly's Angels Community Impact Award.

As Mayor of Napa County. Scott Sedgley has led a lifetime of public service and extraordinary commitment to the Napa Community. Scott was raised in Napa, graduating from Napa High School in 1970. He completed a four-year apprenticeship in carpentry, spending 13 years working as a union carpenter. His next opportunity and challenge was working for the Napa Fire Department. Scott began as a Reserve Firefighter and then went on to permanent, working 32 years with the department. He retired as a Truck Captain in 2011.

Scott was elected to the Napa City Council in 2012 and re-elected to Council in 2016. Following a successful campaign in 2020, Scott became Napa's 25th Mayor since the incorporation of Napa in 1872. Mayor Sedgley currently serves on the Board of the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA), the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County and Napa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Mayor Sedgley's interest in local history has him serving on the Napa Valley Opera House Board of Trustees, Board Member of the Napa Valley Historical Society, and has dedicated over three decades as a docent at Bale Grist Mill State Historical Site. Previous Offices and appointments Scott served on were the City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and he served nine years as a Board Member with the Napa Valley Unified School District.

Beyond elected office, Scott is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Napa Elks Lodge, Napa Kiwanis, Napa Moose Lodge, Napa County Landmarks, Land Trust of Napa County and the Sierra Club. Mayor Sedgley also worked for 13 years as a union carpenter helping to construct portions of downtown Napa. His extensive record reflects