HONORING DOROTHY BALLARD GIBSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Ballard Gibson. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Dorothy Ballard Gibson graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1948 and went on to pursue a career in healthcare, earning her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the Medical College of Virginia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson dedicated her life to healthcare in south Florida, working as a registered nurse at Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1956, Kendall Hospital in 1962, and as a supervisor at the Veterans Administration Hospital from 1966 until her retirement in 1990; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson and her husband, Sampson, established Michael's Kindergarten, Inc., and educated thousands of children from Miami's Liberty City, Opa-Locka, Carol City, and numerous other communities, at four day care centers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was an active member of Mt. Zion AME Church, where she served with the Missionary Society, the Trustee Board, Youth Development Department, and the Little Folk Choir, and was the founder of the Dorothy Gibson Lay Organization; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was an active member in her community and often lobbied the State legislature as a children's advocate; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was honored by the Miami-Dade County Child Development Services and received numerous awards, including the daycare center she founded, Michael's Kindergarten, Inc., being named Day Care Center of the Year; 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, recognize the tremendous contributions made by Mrs. Dorothy Ballard Gibson. I affirm her positive and far-reaching impact upon our community and our children. I honor her many years of dedication and service to South Florida.

RECOGNIZING BRETT TOWNS OF WREC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, rise today to recognize Mr. Brett Towns, an OPC Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his dedicated service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. Through this important initiative, skilled utility professionals volunteer their time and expertise to help bring electricity to Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Mr. Towns used his specialized skills as a lineman to help carry out the demanding work necessary to extend electrical service to families in need. Electricity is something many of us rarely have to think about, but for those who have lived without it, access to reliable power can transform daily life. It provides light after dark, allows families to safely refrigerate food and medicine, and brings greater safety, comfort, and opportunity.

Mr. Towns' willingness to put his skills to work for families far from his own community is a testament to his character and the spirit of service found throughout WREC. His work demonstrates that the cooperative tradition of neighbors helping neighbors extends well beyond geographic boundaries. I commend Mr. Brett Towns for his professionalism, hard work, and commitment to this life-changing mission. His service reflects great credit upon WREC and our entire community.

HONORING DR. SUSANA GONZALEZ

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 Dr. Susana Gonzalez, an esteemed member of our Napa community, for receiving the inaugural Physician Innovation Award from Queen of the Valley Foundation.

As a first generation Californian and American, Dr. Gonzalez shows that the American dream is alive and well in Napa County. She and her husband, James Gonzalez, have been proud Napa residents for more than 20 years, raising 2 remarkable daughters. She received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees from St. Mary's College and a medical degree from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Gonzalez's commitment to our community is evident from her leadership in cutting edge advancements for women's health. In 2004, she co-founded the robotics program at the Queen of the Valley, bringing minimally invasive robotic surgery to hundreds of women in the Napa Valley.

As a result of her work, Dr. Gonzalez has rightfully been recognized for her tireless commitment to healthcare, receiving the inaugural Women Who Inspire, Lead, and Transform Award from the Bi-National Health Alliance. She has also been featured in the U.S. News and World Report's "Top Doctor" list, and she has been routinely named one of the best OB/GYNs in the Bay Area by San Francisco Magazine.

Beyond her work as medical practitioner, Dr. Gonzalez is a proud mother and wife, whose devotion to her children's education has allowed them to attend two of California's finest universities. Outside of her meaningful and groundbreaking work, Dr. Gonzalez enjoys traveling and cooking for her family.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Dr. Gonzalez for her years of tireless dedication to our community and her impact on the medical field. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING GEORGIA HOSPITALS

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 Georgia's fine hospitals and healthcare facilities, five of which have been named by US News as some of America's top hospitals.

I would like to congratulate the following hospitals: Emory University, Piedmont Atlanta, Emory St. Joseph's, Emory University Hospital Midtown, and Northside Hospital Cherokee.

These hospitals have shown remarkable care and service to patients. They have been recognized for outstanding treatment in a wide variety of categories.

Of the over 100 hospitals in the State of Georgia, these hospitals have stood out as an example.

These five hospitals demonstrate great pride in their work and set a standard for the rest of the nation to look up to and admire.

The care, research, and lifesaving techniques developed at these institutions will continue to reap benefits for all Georgians in the years to come.

HONORING EUNICE J. DAVIS

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 Mrs. Eunice J. Davis, a proud, dedicated member of Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a dynamic leader and a devoted community servant. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Eunice J. Davis has been a faithful member of Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and committed to the sorority's mission of service to all mankind; and

Whereas, Mrs. Davis has exemplified exceptional leadership and organizational skills to become the new president-elect of Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter; and

Whereas, Mrs. Davis joined Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter in 1990, was named 2002 Soror of the Year, and has been an invaluable member for 23 years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Davis served as co-chair of the board of directors of Women Involved in Service to Humanity (WISH) Foundation, Incorporated, served as chairperson of the Spring and Fall Life Skills Workshops for the Jefferson Reaves House Women's Residential Center Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, and held several chapter offices and chaired numerous committees; and

Whereas, Mrs. Davis was awarded the WISH Foundation's Chairman of the Board Award for outstanding service and, although retired, is recognized as an outstanding educator and school principal who has received community-wide recognition along with many other awards; 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