

HONORING DOROTHY BALLARD
GIBSON

HON. FEDERICA 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. FEDERICA 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

Florida, commend Mrs. Eunice J. Davis, my friend and Soror, for her dedication to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and for her commitment to serving the people of South Florida.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON KRAUTER
OF WREC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brandon Krauter, a BP Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his outstanding service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. The Light Up Navajo initiative calls upon skilled utility professionals to volunteer their expertise to help bring electricity to Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Mr. Krauter answered that call, traveling far from home and putting his specialized skills to work on behalf of families in need.

For those of us accustomed to reliable electricity, it can be easy to overlook just how much it affects our daily lives. Power means children can study after dark, food and medicine can be safely refrigerated, and families can enjoy greater safety and comfort in their homes. By participating in this mission, Mr. Krauter demonstrated that his commitment to service extends far beyond the communities WREC traditionally serves. His work exemplifies the cooperative principle of neighbors helping neighbors and shows the tremendous difference skilled professionals can make when they choose to use their talents to help others.

I commend Mr. Brandon Krauter for his professionalism, dedication, and selfless service. His contribution to Light Up Navajo reflects great credit upon WREC and our community.

HONORING THE SONOMA VALLEY
WOMAN'S CLUB

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 Sonoma Valley Woman's Club for their 125 years of tireless service to our community.

The Sonoma Valley Woman's Club is a historic and vibrant organization dedicated to empowering and uniting the women of our beautiful Sonoma Valley. Established in 1901, the club has been a cornerstone of our community, bringing together women of all backgrounds and ages who share a passion for service, learning, and friendship.

Over the years, the club has hosted countless events, workshops, and initiatives that have enriched the lives of our Sonoma Valley community. The Sonoma Valley Woman's Club boasts notable contributions including bringing the first free library to the city of Sonoma and writing the grant that opened a Carnegie library. Today, the club engages in educational programs and workshops, philanthropic endeavors that benefit local organiza-

tions, social gatherings and networking opportunities, and advocacy for issues that impact women and families in our community.

The Sonoma Valley Woman's Club also focuses on the preservation and maintenance of their historic clubhouse. The Club House was constructed by renowned architect Maynard Jones and opened on September 15, 1916. Part of the Register of Historic Places, the Club House remains a focal point of Sonoma Valley history to this day.

The Sonoma Valley Woman's Club is led today by President Victoria Mann, Vice President Jody Leeds, Treasurer Erika Petroni, Director Marilyn Booth, and Director Diane Termini. Without their hard work, the legacy of this impactful organization would not be what it is today.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Sonoma Valley Woman's Club for their dedicated service to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today for their 125th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING DOWNTOWN
BRUNSWICK

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 downtown Brunswick, Georgia, on being named the downtown of the year by the Georgia Downtown Association.

This grand achievement was presented at the GDA annual conference in Rome. The award celebrates communities that demonstrate outstanding achievement in planning, historic preservation, economic development, placemaking, organization, and community engagement.

Over the past two decades, downtown Brunswick has transformed into one of Georgia's premier downtown destinations by restoring historic buildings, opening thriving businesses, and welcoming more than 1.3 million visitors annually. Brunswick exemplifies the very best of downtown revitalization, having created a downtown atmosphere that is economically resilient, culturally vibrant, and positioned for future success.

Its achievements serve as an inspiration for communities across Georgia. It is a great honor to represent the city of Brunswick, Georgia, and I could not be more proud of the economic growth we have had in this part of the district.

HONORING THE LATE GUSSIE MAE
HALL

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 the late Mrs. Gussie Mae Hall of Miami, Florida, an exceptional woman who has left an enduring legacy of humbleness, kindness, and strength. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was a tireless supporter of local African-American elected officials and actively engaged in the democratic process by educating members of the community on the importance of the right to vote and encouraging their registration and participation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was a lifelong resident of South Florida who was born in Homestead, Florida, formally educated in the Miami-Dade County Public School system, and worked through her church, He Reigns Interdenominational Ministries, Incorporated, to improve our community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was an outstanding citizen, wife, mother, and friend; 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 the late Mrs. Gussie Mae Hall for her years of loving and faithful service to her family, her church, and our community.

RECOGNIZING JESSE DIAZ 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. Jesse Diaz, a WH Lineman with Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), for his dedicated service as part of WREC's second mission supporting the Light Up Navajo Project. The Light Up Navajo initiative brings skilled utility professionals together in service to Navajo families who have lived without electricity for generations. Mr. Diaz volunteered his expertise as a lineman and helped undertake the challenging work required to extend electrical service to families in need. The results of this work can transform everyday life. Electricity means children can study after dark, families can safely preserve food and medicine, and elders can live with greater comfort and security. It brings connection, opportunity, and greater independence to the families who receive it. Mr. Diaz's willingness to use his professional skills in service to people far from his own community reflects tremendous character. His contribution exemplifies WREC's commitment to service and the cooperative principle that neighbors help neighbors wherever the need may be.

I commend Mr. Jesse Diaz for his skill, dedication, and compassion. His service to the Light Up Navajo mission reflects great credit upon WREC and our entire community.

HONORING LUIS ABINADER

HON. NELLIE POU

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome His Excellency Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic, to New Jersey on the occasion of his first official visit to our state and to recognize his distinguished record of service.

President Abinader was first elected President of the Dominican Republic in 2020 and was reelected in 2024. An economist and