

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

Thursday, September 24, 2026

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

businessman by training, he has brought his experience to public office with a focus on government reform and expanding opportunity for the Dominican people.

During his presidency, the Dominican Republic has pursued investments in infrastructure and access to drinking water while modernizing its national power grid. His administration has also worked to increase foreign investment and promote transparency and public accountability. In 2024, President Abinader helped enact constitutional reforms preserving presidential term limits and providing greater

independence for the Attorney General's Office.

President Abinader's visit carries special meaning in New Jersey. Our state is home to one of the largest Dominican communities in the United States. Among them are thousands of families in North Jersey who contribute enormously to the economic and cultural life of our state. The bonds between our nations are renewed every day by these families and the enduring connections they maintain with the Dominican Republic.

Today, William Paterson University welcomes President Abinader to its campus and presents him with its Presidential Medal. The occasion also celebrates the lasting ties between the Dominican Republic and Dominicans abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join New Jersey's Dominican community in marking President Luis Abinader's first official visit to our state. I extend my best wishes to President Abinader and the people of the Dominican Republic and look forward to the continued friendship between our nations.