

rose through the ranks to become full-time staff members on my team. Both Mickeala and Hannah are now government professionals in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce, respectively.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the students from this program during my tenure in Congress, and I commend the ANRP Internship Program for the great work they do in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

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HONORING CINDY LEWIS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Cindy Lewis has dedicated her nearly 33-year career at the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce to serving the business community of Osceola County. A native Floridian, Cindy was born in Deland, Florida as the second daughter of Johnny and Annette Wimberly. She has called Central Florida her home for her entire life and is a proud graduate of Osceola High School's Class of 1980.

Cindy began her career with the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce as an Administrative Assistant in 1989, was promoted to Office Manager in 1994, and Executive Vice President in 2008. In her time at the Chamber, Cindy was recognized as Chamber Professional of the Year in 2017 by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP), she received her certification as a Florida Certified Chamber Professional (FCCP) and is currently in her fourth year at the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), a professional development program of the U.S. Chamber Foundation from which she will graduate in June 2022 with the IOM certification. During her tenure at the Kissimmee/Osceola Chamber, the Chamber has been recognized by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals (FACP) as Chamber of the Year in the years 2001, 2017, and 2021. Cindy is a graduate of Leadership Osceola.

Cindy has been married to Troy Lewis, the love of her life, for 32 years. Cindy and Troy own a ranch in Clermont, FL filled with cattle, donkeys, chickens, cats, and two spoiled dogs who are their pride and joy. When she is not working or ranching, she enjoys spending time with her husband boating, enjoying other outdoor activities, learning new recipes, vacationing in the Florida Keys, and spending time with family and friends.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 74; YEA on Roll Call No. 75; YEA on Roll Call No. 76; and YEA on Roll Call No. 77.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETA CHI CHAPTER OF THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

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**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Beta Chi Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

The Beta Chi Chapter has been the gateway for over 400 men into the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity which was founded 111 years ago by ten founders who overcame racism and other hardships at Indiana University and created an organization that has played a major role in the advancement of African-Americans and American history. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is dedicated to achievement and the development of leaders and has over 160,000 members and chapters on five continents.

Since 1947, the men of the Beta Chi Chapter have endeavored and achieved in many occupations including the military, education, health care, business, entrepreneurship, journalism, law enforcement, and the law. The chapter has embraced community service and has had a positive impact on the Hampton and greater Hampton Roads community through volunteering at the Hampton Boys and Girls Club, organizing and leading activities for the elderly, conducting food drives, and donating turkeys and other food during Thanksgiving.

The chapter currently has two philanthropic and scholarship entities, The Ron Young Scholarship and the Kapex Foundation, both of which support and empower students in their college journeys. The chapter members have mentored hundreds of students in their chosen majors and provided valuable advice and connections once students leave Hampton University.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let us celebrate 75 years of Beta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.'s achievement at Hampton University. As the chapter forges onward, it carries with it a continued commitment to supporting Hampton University and the greater Hampton Roads community, while also upholding the high standards of the fraternity and its members.

CELEBRATING THE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LEMON POPPY KITCHEN

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**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lemon Poppy Kitchen restaurant in the community of Glassell Park on its ten-year anniversary.

Lemon Poppy Kitchen opened for business in March 2012 with hardly any money, a couple of handmade tables, and a counter crafted by a friend on the promise of free ice coffee and biscuits. The three owners Katie Kildow,

Anca Caliman, and Jack Wilson were the cooks, waiters, and cashiers.

From your first interaction with Lemon Poppy Kitchen, you know you are in for a treat. "We make food from scratch with love," says Anca. The team is a compassionate group that is engaged with the Glassell Park community and beyond. During the pandemic, Lemon Poppy Kitchen worked with the Glassell Park Improvement Association to provide 50 cooked meals a day, six days a week, for seniors. They have also helped raise funds for the homeless community of Skid Row in Los Angeles.

Once you make your first order at the restaurant you feel the sense of community. "We wanted to make a spot where everyone wants to be," says Katie. Ten years later the Glassell Park community has shown that Lemon Poppy Kitchen is the go-to spot for good coffee, pastries, and meals. "We are happy we made it [to ten years]. There have been some rough patches, but the people that come here feel like family after a while," says Jack.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Katie, Anca, Jack and Lemon Poppy Kitchen on their ten-year anniversary. I also extend to all of them my best wishes for many more years of success. I invite my colleagues to stop by Lemon Poppy Kitchen the next time they are in Los Angeles.

HONORING SARAH JOHNSTON FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Sarah Johnston serves as the Vice President of Development of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida. She began her career in the Development field in 2002 after graduating from the University of Central Florida. Her goal has always been to obtain a leadership position that utilizes and challenges her abilities to maximize results, build strong relationships and honor her commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. She is a mission driven professional with over 20 years of experience, building and sustaining excellent investor relationships with a measurable track record of success. Through her experience she has demonstrated expertise in creating philanthropic cultures by utilizing a strategic, collaborative, data driven, results-oriented mindset.

In her eyes, her team's responsibility is to serve as a connector for individuals in the community and their passion for investing in the future of children of promise. Sarah's favorite part of her role is building bridges with investors and sharing the potential impact they can make through the stories of the Club Members she serves. She believes there is nothing more important than telling a child you believe in them, that regardless of zip code or economic status of their family—they deserve a chance to realize their dreams. In her service to the community, Sarah has raised over \$25 million dollars in hope and opportunity.

Ultimately, she is driven every day by the bravery of the Club members she serves who face and overcome unimaginable obstacles and the success they achieve through mentors and Club programming. For her, being able to

watch a Club member be the first in their family to walk across a stage to receive a high school diploma, and see the pride light up in their eyes, keeps her believing that every day is an opportunity to be great.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
CHIEF ROBINSON

**HON. RALPH NORMAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief C.A. "Andy" Robinson and his outstanding service to our state. Chief Robinson has spent much of his life as a law enforcement officer and is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community.

Chief Robinson has spent 25 years serving his community and as a law enforcement officer for various municipal and county agencies. Throughout the last eleven years, he has served as Chief for the York Police Department. Under Chief Robinson's leadership, the York Police Department has implemented a community policing philosophy to foster and bridge connections with businesses, local civics organizations, churches, schools, and citizens across York. Some of these initiatives include York's National Night Out, hosting summer youth camps, fundraisers, blood drives, and holiday outreach programs.

In addition to his outstanding work in law enforcement, Chief Robinson also serves on numerous boards and committees. For example, Chief Robinson is a past President of the South Carolina Police Chiefs Association (SCPCA). He has also served as Chairman of the York County Law Enforcement Governing Board since 2011 and is an active member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associations. Additionally, Chief Robinson has spoken to several South Carolina House and Senate subcommittees on various topics.

Chief Robinson is dependable, compassionate, and has earned the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over South Carolina. He has exceeded expectations in service to our state, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, Chief Robinson is the only York Police Chief to receive the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, which is the highest law enforcement honor in the state. He also received an award for Outstanding Service to the Community of York by the York Men's Club.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Chief Robinson for his outstanding leadership and service to our state. I wish him the best of luck throughout his future endeavors, as I am confident he will continue to serve and find great success in all that he does.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAT  
MITZVAH IN THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the centennial anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah of an American girl, which took place on March 18, 1922, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ) in New York City.

At 12 years of age, Judith Kaplan became the first girl on American soil to formally step into the Jewish community by becoming a Bat Mitzvah (daughter of the commandments). Her father, Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, founded SAJ just three months prior, in January of 1922. He believed strongly that girls should have equal religious opportunities, so he arranged for his daughter to read from the Torah soon after the synagogue was created.

This momentous occasion helped begin the meaningful inclusion of women and girls in Jewish religious life. Bat Mitzvahs became common place, Jewish women started to serve in leadership roles in synagogues and organizations, and exactly 50 years later, the first female rabbi in American history was ordained by a rabbinical seminary.

Judith Kaplan's Bat Mitzvah was also the first in a long line of countless innovative and groundbreaking advancements in Jewish thought and practice by SAJ and their leadership.

Rabbi Kaplan established SAJ as the first synagogue based on the principles of Reconstruction, which views Judaism as a constantly evolving civilization. He believed that Jewish life was rooted in tradition but also able to adapt alongside the ever-changing circumstances of wider society under that guiding principle.

Since Rabbi Kaplan's pioneering tenure, SAJ has continued to live up to his powerful legacy of American Jewish innovation. The synagogue is considered a cornerstone of Jewish life in New York's Upper West Side. SAJ, led by an all-female clergy and staff, is an intellectual stalwart in the community that is dedicated to practicing a modern, American, egalitarian form of Judaism. They advance Jewish education, arts, music, and cultural self-expression as vital to the religious practice.

SAJ upholds the Jewish tenet of *tikkun olam*, a Hebrew phrase that means to repair the world. The synagogue embodies this teaching by working for economic, immigrant, and reproductive justice; affirming LGBTQ+ members and interfaith families; and actively supporting and partnering with New York City's Westside Campaign Against Hunger to fight against food insecurity.

I honor Judith Kaplan's courage and celebrate the 100th anniversary of her groundbreaking Bat Mitzvah.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Society for the Advancement of Judaism's remarkable contributions to the Jewish community in New York City and all over the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J.  
THORNTON, RECIPIENT OF THE  
GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY  
SONS OF ST. PATRICK SWINGLE  
AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor William J. Thornton who will be awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Bill, son of Bill Thornton and Kathie Bender Elecko, was raised in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, along with his four siblings. He graduated from Wyoming Area High School with the Class of 1994, and he attended Penn State University where he earned a degree in management science and information systems. He later went on to receive an MBA in finance from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

Bill began his career as a technology consultant working in the Philadelphia area with life sciences companies including Pfizer, Roche, Johnson & Johnson, and Eli Lilly. He then transitioned to working as a computer programmer for Amgen, a biotech company that specializes in products for treatment of blood disorders, osteoporosis, and other inflammatory conditions. Continuing his work on the technical side of health care, Bill joined the team at Allergan, a global leader in medical aesthetics, eye care, and neurological disorders. He spent 11 years at Allergan as an IT executive working across business units in research and development, manufacturing, sales, and marketing, and he was the IT leader for the emerging markets of Latin America and Asia, supporting 17 countries and \$1 billion in revenue. Bill currently serves as the Chief Information Officer for Sarepta Therapeutics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His role at Sarepta supports their mission to engineer solutions for rare diseases with science that is on the forefront of precision genetic medicine. Bill is also a partner and member of Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan School of Management.

Bill is a sustaining member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His maternal grandfather, Ted Bender, proudly served as the 60th president of the organization in 1973. Bill was awarded the Friendly Sons Annual Student Scholarship in 1994, and his wife, Susan, was a scholarship recipient in 1995.

Bill is a dedicated volunteer and is actively involved in his local community to support youth sports and school events. He and his wife have three daughters, Erin, Emily, and Allie.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Bill as the 2022 Swingle Award Winner. He has dedicated his career to supporting cutting edge medical research in the life sciences industry while also volunteering his time to support his community. May he continue to find fulfillment in his work and giving back to his fellow citizens.