

to recognize Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Munster, Indiana, as its members and leaders join in celebration of the church's 60th anniversary. The congregation will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a special service and celebratory brunch on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

In 1961, twenty-nine families met to discuss the establishment of a new Presbyterian church in Munster, Indiana. After obtaining its validation, the church, which would later come to be known as Westminster Presbyterian Church, held its first service on February 4, 1962, at the Independence Park Community Building. Eighty individuals were in attendance while thirty-three children met at the town hall for Sunday School. The congregation then began holding services at Munster Christian Reformed Church under the leadership and guidance of its first pastor, Reverend Gerald Gregg. During its early years, Westminster's membership continued to grow, and the congregation soon purchased five acres of land on the corner of Elliott Drive and Columbia Avenue, the location that would become its permanent home. Westminster's first service at the new building took place on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965.

Westminster's second pastor, Reverend Richard Rogers, arrived in January of 1979 and would remain in this capacity for nearly thirty years. During his extraordinary tenure, the membership experienced immense growth, additional Sunday worship services, and began to televise services. Eventually, in the mid-1990s, Westminster would make the decision to replace its building, while keeping its original sanctuary, in order to accommodate its growing needs.

A beacon of hope in the community, Westminster Presbyterian Church has been dedicated to charitable efforts within Northwest Indiana and beyond. Throughout the years, the church has graciously supported local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Greater Hammond Community Services, the Samaritan Center, Sojourner Truth House, and Northwest Indiana Veterans Village, among others. Westminster's members have also selflessly dedicated their time and efforts to feeding the homeless in their communities and providing blankets and winter clothing items for schools and relief organizations. Globally, the church's mission has directly improved the lives of countless individuals through its support of organizations including Heart for Africa, Living Waters, and Malawi Matters, as well through its commitment to aiding those impacted by the devastating Haitian earthquakes of 2010.

Despite the challenges in recent years caused by the COVID pandemic, Westminster Presbyterian Church has continued to thrive and is currently led by Reverend Angela Ryo. The church's outstanding musical programs have been a source of pride for the community, and its Christian educational programs, which are offered for children, teens, and adults, have been essential to its members. Westminster Presbyterian Church is truly a congregation worthy of emulation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Munster, Indiana, on its special milestone. For the past sixty years, it has served as an exceptional partner in the Northwest Indiana community. The members and church leaders have dedicated them-

selves to serving others, especially those most in need, and they are an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MT. VERNON MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The cemetery was acquired by Gene and Betty Wells in 1952. In 1967, their daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Eugene Stanford, acquired and placed 25 flags to honor our heroes in uniform laid to rest in the cemetery. Over the years, they also began placing homemade crosses bearing the names of each veteran interred there. Earlier this year, the Stanfords and their staff set up an avenue of 419 flags and 1,200 crosses to represent every veteran laid to rest at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In 2019, a local citizen encouraged Memorial Gardens to participate in the Wreaths Across America program. Since then, the Mt. Vernon community comes out to the cemetery every year to place small flags at the marker of each veteran ahead of Veterans' Day. When the wreaths arrive in December, the community uses those flags to easily identify which graves bear the heroes from the Mt. Vernon area who served our nation.

I also want to recognize the Stanfords' daughter, Lieutenant Colonel Samantha Stanford, who answered the call to serve on September 11, 2001. Twenty-one years later, she continues to patriotically serve our nation in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Stanfords' efforts to keep the memory of generations of servicemembers alive and for the important role they've played in providing a place of comfort for grieving Southern Illinois families.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF MUNFORD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Munford on their 20th anniversary.

In the latter part of 1999 and early 2000, the citizens of the Community of Munford, Alabama, located in the northern portion of Talladega County, began a campaign to incorporate the community. One of the main purposes for incorporating was to separate itself from the City of Oxford, which was rapidly expanding and moving closer and closer to Munford.

In August of 2002, an election was held, and the Town of Munford was incorporated with a population of 1,508. The newly elected mayor and five council members took office in November of that year. Now Munford was in control of its own growth.

Munford has a very strong Water Board and Volunteer Fire Department to serve the area. The town also has a brand new middle school and high school and a new elementary school. The future looks bright for this great small town.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Town of Munford on their 20th anniversary.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5641, THE SPEED RECOVERY ACT

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5641, the SPEED Recovery Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 22, 2022.

Hon. GARY PETERS,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5641, the SPEED Recovery Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5641, SPEED RECOVERY ACT—AUGUST 3, 2022

(By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars)

	2022	2022–2027	2022–2032
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	1	*

* = not estimated.

Mandate Effects:

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033? No.

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5641 would codify a final rule issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in August 2022 that allows more disaster relief projects to qualify as small projects and thus be approved for federal assistance under a simplified review process. That rule increased the upper monetary threshold for small projects from \$139,800 to \$1 million. Projects under the threshold are approved for assistance based on estimated costs rather than on the actual costs of projects and are typically approved for assistance more quickly.

Because H.R. 5641 would codify an existing regulation, CBO estimates that enacting the provision related to a higher threshold for small projects would not affect the budget, relative to current law.

In addition, within three years of enactment, H.R. 5641 would require the inspector

general of the Department of Homeland Security to audit projects that have received assistance under the higher threshold for the simplified review process to determine whether there has been waste or abuse. Using information from FEMA and the Government Accountability Office about the cost of similar audits, CBO estimates that implementing that requirement would cost about \$1 million over the 2022-2027 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

CELEBRATING MRS. HELEN B. RUCKER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vibrant life of Mrs. Helen B. Rucker as we celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. Rucker is a pillar of the Monterey Peninsula and her dedication to social equality cements her legacy in the history of the Central Coast.

Since 1964, Mrs. Rucker has been a civil rights activist, educator, and community leader in the city of Seaside. Through her varied roles as a member of the School Board and City Council, a leader of the Monterey County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and founder of the Seaside Voter Education Center, Mrs. Rucker's work has been a testament to her passion for the well-being of her community.

Mrs. Rucker's efforts to combat social injustices dates back to her days as a librarian and teacher. Throughout her tenure as an educator, Mrs. Rucker provided opportunities for students to learn and grow. She and her husband, Mr. James Rucker, went on to open a library, where students receive free tutoring and a work environment free of distraction. After retiring in 1988, Mrs. Rucker served on the Seaside City Council and participated in major policy decisions regarding water management, transportation, and Fort Ord Military Base. Additionally, in 2005, Mrs. Rucker was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, where she took on leadership roles in programs like After School Tutoring and the California State University, Monterey Bay Service-Learning Institute.

Mrs. Rucker's efforts to advance the rights and well-being of Monterey Peninsula residents has earned her consistent recognition and admiration from her community. In 2015, Mrs. Rucker was honored as the 29th Assembly District Woman of the Year for "enriching the lives of so many residents in the Monterey Bay Area through her selfless and tireless work to teach students, boost civic engagement, and participate in governance." In February of this year, in recognition of her lifelong community work and activism, Mrs. Rucker was given an honorary key to the city of Seaside by Mayor Ian Oglesby. In April, California State University, Monterey Bay revealed the University's Helen Rucker Center for Black Excellence. This center provides additional resources and support to students of the African diaspora.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen B. Rucker in celebration of her life's work in education, civil rights, and community leadership. Mrs. Rucker will continue to serve as a model for selflessness and compassion for our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today.

RECOGNIZING MARY HOSTETTER

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Hostetter of Kimmswick, Missouri, founder of the Blue Owl Restaurant & Bakery, who is retiring after 40 years.

Mary started the business in her home and then opened The Blue Owl in August of 1985. Since then, she has established The Blue Owl as a place for a hearty meal, a warm welcome, and a delicious dessert. No visit to Jefferson County is complete without a trip to The Blue Owl.

Through her TV appearances and articles in magazines and newspapers, the world has learned of Mary, and she has surely become an Ambassador of Good Eating. Her Mile High Levee Pie pays tribute to Kimmswick's triumph in the 1993 flood and is evidence of her strong commitment to her community and her customers. It's just one of the dishes for which she is famous.

Mary is indeed a treasure whose passion for food and service lives on in her daughter, Kim Byerly, who, with her husband Dan will continue Mary's legacy of excellence at The Blue Owl.

As she trades her blue apron for a wonderful retirement, it is my great pleasure to honor Mary Hostetter today before the United States House of Representatives.

HOMETOWN HERO—THOMAS BOOTHBY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Boothby, a high school senior at Trinity Valley School who has gone above and beyond to give back to underprivileged North Texas students.

Thomas had the selfless goal of giving kids the same opportunity to learn that he has. That is why he started Tools to Teach, a non-profit organization designed to help kids excel in the classroom even though they might not have the necessary resources to do so.

With Tools to Teach, Thomas puts together backpacks full of supplies to give to students around DFW, which has helped them stay in school and increased literacy rates in our community.

Thomas's selfless pursuit to help his community and the next generation of North Texans should serve as an inspiration to all of us.

On behalf of everyone in DFW, I'd like to thank Thomas for his work and wish him the best as he finishes up high school this year.

HONORING JOSHUA RIVERA,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY 2022 GRADUATE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Joshua Rivera as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2022.

Rivera graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on Friday, June 17, 2022, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Rivera's unselfish devotion to the people of this great Nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Rivera and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire Nation, as a United States Air Force Officer.

As Second Lieutenant Rivera embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Rivera my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

Semper Fidelis.

TRIBUTE TO THE MONTROSE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Montrose Search and Rescue Team, in Montrose, California upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Over its 75-year history, the Montrose Search and Rescue Team has come to the aid of citizens lost or injured in the mountains locally and statewide, and through their consistent efforts, these brave men and women have saved countless lives.

Originally called the Montrose Mountaineers, this organization was formed in 1947 by a group of Civilian Air Defense members to assist people who became lost or injured in the local mountains. The team has since extended its aid outside the Los Angeles area, traveling throughout California to help in rescue or recovery efforts.

As one of eight non-profit, volunteer rescue teams affiliated with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, the team is on call 24 hours a day to rescue stranded hikers, natural disaster victims, and other individuals in need of help. Receiving many calls each year, the group is one of the most active search and rescue teams in Los Angeles County. As part of their service, team members also conduct searches for downed aircraft, rescue people stuck in tunnels, mines, and underground utility vaults, and evacuate citizens from cars which have fallen off mountain roads.