

National Defense Authorization Act. After concluding her current assignment in August, Major Summers Lowe will take on another challenging role as the deputy director of the National Guard History Office.

She embodies the qualities that our country expects from our officer corps. It's clear she has a promising career ahead in continued service to our Nation. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Major Summers Lowe for her work with my office and her steadfast dedication to National Guard missions. I want to thank her for the work she's done for me, my office, and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 365, and YEA on Roll Call No. 366.

#### HONORING WORLD HARVEST UNITED CHURCHES

### HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of World Harvest United Churches during their 2023 National Holy Gathering in Dumfries, Virginia.

An annual event, the National Holy Gathering brings people together in the spirit of service. This year's theme is "Ignite 2023," and it is guided by Matthew 5:14–16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Guided by Presiding Prelate Bishop Calvin B. Davis, Sr., and hosted by Virginia State Bishop Kenneth W. Jones, Sr., this gathering provides attendees with activities, classes, and worship events. It culminates with a day of volunteerism and outreach in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Women of Worth, and Project-Mend-A-House.

Finally, "Ignite 2023" would not be possible without the hard work of community leaders like Bishop George W. Thigpen, III, Bishop of Outreach, Pastor Kathleen Deane, National Director of Outreach, Elder Daniel M. Deane, Sr., Adjutant General, Bishop Rick Boykin, Co-Adjutor to the State Bishop, and Lady Michelle Thigpen, Director of Women of Worth Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating World Harvest Churches on 11 years of service to the community through their annual National Holy Gathering. Their outreach and community-oriented mindset is invaluable to Virginia.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on July 26, 2023, I missed one roll call vote. Had I been present I would have voted:

YES on Roll Call No. 369—On Passage of the Ryan of New York Amendment No. 1.

#### MARC FOGEL

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart on Marc Fogel's 62nd birthday. Marc, a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania, isn't celebrating with his family today because he's wrongfully detained in Russia.

On August 14, 2021, Marc was returning to Russia for the start of the school year at the Anglo-American School in Moscow, where he teaches. But instead, he was arrested at the airport.

Since his arrest, Marc was sentenced and is currently serving an exorbitant 14-year hard labor sentence. His situation qualifies for a "wrongly detained" status from the U.S. Department of State, yet this determination has not been made despite repeated requests from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, including me.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly support a resolution calling for Marc's immediate release and I urge my colleagues to do the same, today, on his birthday.

I also encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 4388, the Marc Fogel Act, to ensure transparency and accountability at the State Department when wrongful determinations are considered.

Mr. Speaker, we have not forgotten Marc. It is time to bring him home and I implore the President and Secretary of State to do everything they can so he may rejoin his family—his wife, Jane, and sons Sam and Ethan—as soon as possible.

#### HONORING PRIVATE FIRST-CLASS RICHARD BARANCİK

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Private First-Class Richard Barancik who passed away on July 14, 2023. He was the final surviving member of the "Monuments Men", the World War II heroes who were responsible for finding and safeguarding the artistic and cultural achievements of western civilization stolen by the Nazis.

Private First-Class Barancik enlisted in the Army and joined the 42nd Division, 232 Infantry in Austria, where he learned of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program, and,

applied for duty. For several weeks, Private First-Class Barancik and his unit assisted in the movement of stolen art treasures to the central repository of Property Control Branch and served as its guards. From his arrival in Salzburg, he was enamored with the dedication of the citizenry to art. After his service, he would go on to attend Cambridge University in London, finish his architecture degree at the University of Illinois, and found an eponymous architecture firm that designed numerous buildings, campuses, and dwellings throughout Illinois. Private First-Class Barancik is remembered as a man of sharp mind and strong conviction, a lover of art, and a devoted father and grandfather.

When I first learned about the Monuments Men and Women, I was struck by their story and wanted to recognize the brave men and women of this unit for their contributions during World War II. In 2014, I had the opportunity to sponsor the Monuments Men Recognition Act which awarded their unit with the Congressional Gold Medal, and I was thrilled when it was signed into law. I was lucky to have the opportunity to meet Richard Barancik, and 4 of the other Monuments Men and Women in 2015 at the presentation ceremony of their Congressional Gold Medal. They fought tirelessly against an unwavering evil to preserve the greater parts of our history and I am immensely proud to say that I have been a supporter of the Monuments Men and Women Foundation from its inception.

The closing of Richard Barancik's final chapter again underscores the reality that our Nation's veterans of World War II have already begun to recede from our present, and into the endless window of our memories. His work, viewed through this lens, has bestowed to younger generations the highest legacy to which any man could aspire. Without the service of his unit, great treasures of history and art would have been irrevocably lost.

Our country, and our world, owes Mr. Barancik the greatest honor, both in memory and in practice. Rest in peace Private First-Class Barancik, an irreplaceable part of our Nation's greatest triumph, and an American hero in his own right.

#### RECOGNIZING GOODFELLOWS

### HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Goodfellows, a charitable organization, based in the city of Dearborn in Michigan's 12th District Strong, as they celebrate 100 years of giving.

Founded in 1923 as the Good Cheer Club, Goodfellows is Dearborn's oldest charitable organization. Local business owners came together to raise money by selling newspapers to ensure "no child without Christmas." That became the organization's motto. Over the years, Goodfellows has grown in its reach and capacity, partnering with local fire and police departments to serve families in need from far beyond its beginnings in Dearborn. Countless families can count on their holiday gift distribution program, an event I happily volunteer my time to each year. And even more families are served by their school supply drives, scholarships and even emergency funding. Dearborn

Goodfellows relies heavily on committed volunteers every year who bring heart to everything they do.

Please join me in recognizing Goodfellows of Dearborn for its outstanding work and commitment to serving families in need.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE JOHNSON**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, on July 26, 2023, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 372.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
WOOD COUNTY FAIR UPON THE  
CELEBRATION OF ITS 150TH AN-  
NIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2023*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wood County Agricultural So-

ciety on the 150th Anniversary of the Wood County Fair. Since 1873, the Wood County Fair has been a proud tradition of Northwest Ohio and has served as an outlet for county residents to showcase their talents, skills, and benevolence. Over the course of 150 years, the Fair has continued to promote the county's heritage, bring the community together, and encourage friendly competition with the junior fair.

The first Wood County Fair was held near the corner of today's W. Wooster and N. Grove Streets in Bowling Green, Ohio. Between 1851 to 1885, it was held in various locations around Wood County including Bowling Green, Perrysburg, Portage, and Tontogany. From 1882 to 1927, the fair was held in what is now the Bowling Green City Park. Although there was not an official fair between 1928 to 1950, events that highlighted and celebrated the county's agriculture base included Tomato Festivals, Harvest Festivals, and Fall Festivals. The fair has been held at the current location since 1951.

Although the first fair wasn't held until 1873, Wood County's beginnings set the foundation for the agricultural spirit that is still felt today during the fair. Wood County was once home to the Great Black Swamp. This made settlement of the area extremely difficult, but the pioneering spirit of early residents produced an extensive system of ditches, which drained

the swamp and revealed the rich farmland beneath. There are still more than 3,000 miles of drainage ditches keeping the county dry to this day, and agriculture continues to power Wood County's economy.

Even after the population spiked due to the discovery of oil and natural gas in the late 1800s, agriculture continued to dominate Wood County's economy. The county supports the rural traditions and history of the area that fosters agricultural ingenuity, manufacturing developments, and educational success. All of these factors have contributed to a successful fair that highlights all aspects of the county.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Wood County Agricultural Society on this significant milestone. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish the Wood County Agricultural Society continued success on this 150th Wood County Fair.