

150th birthday. One hundred fifty years ago in August 1873, Battle Creek was founded. Sitting along the Elkhorn River Valley in Madison County, Battle Creek has grown through the years, welcoming new families, businesses, and visitors.

With a population of a few more than 1,000 people, they exhibit the best of what small town Nebraska has to offer: A great quality of life, family-owned businesses, and great recreation. They're one of the first stops on the Cowboy Trail. And Battle Creek is proud of its community members—both new and old. One outstanding example is Rose O'Neill, the cartoonist who imagined the Kewpie Doll, which has gained fame around the world. As Battle Creek reaches this sesquicentennial birthday, there is much to celebrate.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's First Congressional District, congratulations on 150 years.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BURGESS OWENS
OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this year, the entire state of Utah celebrates a remarkable milestone in our community's history—the 75th anniversary of Salt Lake Community College. As Utah's largest college with more than 45,000 students across 10 campuses, SLCC has played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of countless individuals and has been a cornerstone of education and progress in the Beehive State.

Over the past seven and a half decades, Salt Lake Community College has been a beacon of opportunity, offering a pathway to success for students from all walks of life. It has embraced the values of collaboration, community, inclusivity, learning, innovation, integrity, and trust, providing a welcoming environment for students of varying backgrounds and aspirations.

As we commemorate this milestone, we must recognize the dedication and hard work of the faculty, staff, and administrators who have tirelessly supported and guided our students throughout their educational journeys. The impact of their commitment extends far beyond the walls of the classroom, touching the hearts and minds of our community members.

The successes achieved by Salt Lake Community College alumni are a testament to the institution's commitment to excellence. Graduates have gone on to become leaders, innovators, and contributors to our society in various fields. Their accomplishments reflect the quality of education and opportunities provided here.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the community in nurturing and sustaining this institution. Salt Lake Community College has thrived because of the unwavering support of the people it serves. Your investment in education has paid dividends in the form of a more skilled and empowered workforce, contributing to the prosperity of our region.

As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to support Salt Lake Community College's mission of empowering individuals

through education. Let us rededicate ourselves to the values of learning, growth, and community that have defined this institution for 75 years.

Together, we can ensure that SLCC remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

Congratulations to Salt Lake Community College on this momentous occasion and may the next 75 years be even more fruitful and inspiring. I thank them for their dedication to our community and its future.

CELEBRATING EUGENE "GENE"
FRANCK

HON. ERIC SWALWELL
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eugene "Gene" E. Franck for his service that went above and beyond the call of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Gene was born in Berkeley, California, growing up in Albany with his family. As a child, Gene had always wanted to be a pilot, following in the footsteps of uncles who had flown for the military.

After he graduated high school, Gene enrolled at San Jose State University where he joined the Air Force ROTC on campus and pursued a degree in Aeronautical Operations to become a pilot. During his sophomore year of college, Gene decided to drop a class, becoming a "part-time" student eligible for the draft. Within a month, he received his draft letter. Remaining committed to his dream of becoming a pilot, Gene joined the United States Army, completing basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and graduating from flight school at the top of his class in June 1968.

On January 31, 1969, Gene was sent overseas as part of the first contingent stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam. With the call sign "Spider Man," Gene served with the "Ghost Riders," a Company 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion. By March 1969, Gene regularly flew UH-1H Huey aircrafts to carry out combat assaults and transport supplies to local infantry units, flying approximately 100 hours a month.

On November 18, 1969, Firebase Fuller, located atop Dong Ha Mountain, received enemy fire, critically injuring 3 men. Due to extreme cloud cover and poor visibility, the requested medevac units could not reach Firebase Fuller. After hearing a desperate call for anyone to evacuate the injured, Gene decided to risk his life and rescue the men. With only 40 feet of visibility and verbal radio directions from a Lieutenant on the ground, Gene safely landed and transported the injured to the USS *Repose* and an Army hospital in Quang Tri.

Gene returned to the U.S. in February of 1970. Just 1 week later, he married his wife, Noreen. They had 2 children, Chad, and Lisa. Gene returned to civilian life in Pleasanton, working at Pacific Bell Telephone Company for 27 years ascending from non-management personnel up to an executive at the time of his retirement in the late 1990s. He lost Noreen to cancer on October 6, 2008, after 39 years of marriage. He later married his current wife, Kay, and together they enjoy golfing, traveling,

and spending time with his 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Gene exemplifies the Army Aviation motto, "above the best." His bravery and courage went above and beyond, saving the lives of injured soldiers and countless others through the vital supplies he transported overseas. May we continue to honor and thank him for his sacrifice for our country.

CELEBRATING JOYCE GARDNER
BAKER ON HER BIRTHDAY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who embodies the spirit of selfless service, dedication, and commitment. Joyce Gardner Baker will be celebrating a milestone birthday on September 16, 2023, and today, I wish to honor her remarkable journey.

Joyce, originally from the Midwest, relocated to St. Petersburg in 1985. There she married her college sweetheart, Rick, and brought with her a fervor to serve and make a difference. From her professional endeavors at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to her influential role as St. Petersburg's First Lady, Joyce's contributions have been invaluable. Joyce's passion for service is evident in her unwavering dedication to both the community and church. Yet, above all, she holds her roles as a loving wife and dedicated mother to Julann and Jacob closest to her heart.

Mr. Speaker, it's individuals like Joyce Gardner Baker who are the pillars of our communities. I wish to convey our deepest appreciation for her years of service, for her unwavering spirit, and for the countless lives she has touched.

May she continue to inspire, serve, and be a beacon of light for many more years to come.

HONORING KEN AND LIZ NOBIS OF
NOBIS DAIRY FARMS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 8, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Ken and Liz Nobis of St. Johns, Michigan, a couple who have devoted their lives to the betterment of Michigan's agriculture industry, both on and off the farm. Ken and Liz are first and foremost dairy farmers, but they're also trailblazers, leaders, and advocates. I am fortunate to call them friends, and now we can all call them part of our State's rich history, as their names are added to the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

After proudly serving his Nation in the United States Army, Ken returned to the farm where he was raised. For more than 50 years now, he and his wife, Liz, have co-owned Nobis Dairy Farms, the third generation of the Nobis family to do so. The farm includes about 1,000 dairy cows and 2,500 acres on which they grow various crops, including alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and wheat.

As if that wouldn't keep them busy enough, the Nobis' have consistently and actively sought out ways to elevate Michigan agriculture. They have worked hand in glove with Michigan State University, helping hundreds of students complete research projects on the farm, hosting speaking engagements and other events, and creating scholarships for future farmers. Ken has served as the State's unofficial "Milk Man," leading at various times the Michigan Milk Producers Association, the Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee, the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, the National Milk Producers Federation, and the Michigan State University Dairy Stakeholder Committee, to name a few.

But what's always stood out to me is their desire to be the best possible stewards of what they've been given: the land, the animals, and their own time, treasure, and talents. Nobis Dairy Farms has been at the forefront of sustainability efforts in agriculture, and Ken and Liz have constantly sought to shine a light on food security issues with their involvement in supplying milk to food banks statewide. Never was this more apparent than during the Flint water crisis, when Nobis Dairy Farms helped coordinate the effort to provide tens of thousands of gallons of milk to Flint children to help mitigate the effects of lead in the body.

For thousands of years, farmers have been the unsung heroes we look to in times of feast and famine, bringing new life from the soil and stewarding resources to sustain life into the future. Today's farmers carry an extra burden: safeguarding life on this planet for generations to come. Ken and Liz Nobis have lived this quiet heroism on their bucolic St. Johns farm for more than 50 years, and it's only fitting their names now take their rightful place in the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR WALLACE CHAPEL ZION CHURCH

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest congratulations to the Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church on their 100-year anniversary.

For a century, the Wallace Chapel has been a pillar of strength and a source of inspiration within our community. Their unwavering commitment to serving others and being a source of hope has left an indelible mark on our communities.

The first congregation was established in 1923 when Adelaide Edney longed for a church of her choice in Summit, New Jersey. That summer, more than 30 people were regularly attending the church services, building the strong community that Wallace Chapel is known for today. From worshipping in the hallways to having their own property, Chapel Wallace remains a historic, cultural and sacred place to celebrate and worship the Lord.

As we celebrate this milestone, may we recognize the importance of this church for our community and the positive impact they have made towards other churches in the area.

Once again, congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone, and may God's grace continue to shine upon them.

CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF TENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the congregation of Tent Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as it celebrates the church's 250th anniversary.

Tent Presbyterian is an important institution in the Uniontown community, where its members bring the service and testimony of God into thousands of lives. Originally formed in 1773, the church was first led by Reverend James Powers, who inspired the congregation to have faith even when faced with the immense difficulties of early colonial life. Reverend Powers originally preached under a tent in the western Pennsylvania woods until the physical building was constructed 18 years after the church's founding.

Two hundred and fifty years later, Tent Presbyterian is currently led by Reverend Jeff Smith, who continues the legacy of service and faith started by Reverend Powers and built upon by many others. Reverend Smith has led his congregation faithfully over the past 4 years, dutifully bringing the Gospel's message into Fayette County. The church's work strengthens and enriches the community, providing spiritual guidance to many searching hearts.

Mr. Speaker, Tent Presbyterian Church is an important part of our region's heritage and history. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate its leadership and congregation on their 250th anniversary and thank them for their service to southwestern Pennsylvania.

WELCOMING HATEM HOSSINO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Republican Study Committee's Senior Policy Counsel, Omar Hossino and his wife Leen, on the birth of their first child, a boy.

Hatem Hossino, named after his paternal grandfather, was born at 8:29 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2023, in Arlington, VA. The name 'Hatem' is Arabic for "decisive," "determined," and "judge." The Hossino family traces its lineage to Syria, through the village of Salamiyeh.

As Chairman of the RSC's National Security Task Force, I have long valued Omar's strategic advice. He has been instrumental in moving forward important policy legislation through the House and continues to be integral to the Committee's congressional staff as it advances policies on behalf of the American people.

Best wishes to Omar, Leen, and all their families on the newest addition to the Hossino family.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. SIDNEY BUTLER

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual, Sidney Butler, whose legacy continues to inspire and uplift our community. Sidney Butler dedicated his life to advocating for justice, community improvement, and school safety, leaving an indelible mark on the citizens of our county.

Mr. Butler's commitment to public service was exemplified by his unwavering presence at council and utilities meetings. He understood the importance of civic engagement and actively participated in the decisionmaking processes that shaped our community.

One of Sidney's most noteworthy contributions was his tireless work on various community projects, including the extensive remodeling of our beloved train station. His dedication to these endeavors demonstrated his deep-rooted commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Despite facing the challenges posed by his epilepsy disability, Mr. Butler never wavered in his pursuit of a more inclusive society. He tirelessly advocated for the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities, serving as a beacon of hope and perseverance. Remarkably, Mr. Butler never owned a vehicle, yet this never deterred him from reaching his destinations. He relied on his own two feet or the kindness of others who gave him rides, demonstrating his determination and resourcefulness.

One cannot speak of Mr. Butler without mentioning his famous saying, which encapsulates his unwavering spirit: "If you cannot run, then walk. If you cannot walk, then crawl, as long as you keep it moving." These words reflect his enduring commitment to progress, no matter the obstacles in his path.

As we remember Sidney Butler today, let us be inspired by his example. Let us continue the work he started, championing justice, community improvement, and school safety. In honoring his memory, we ensure that his legacy lives on, motivating us all to "keep it moving" towards a better future for our county.

Mr. Speaker, this tribute is a testament to the enduring impact of Sidney Butler's life and work on our community. May his legacy continue to guide and inspire us for generations to come.

KELLER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, MAXIMUS WILLIAMSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero of the week, Keller High School student, Maximus Williamson. At 14 years old, Maximus set a new National Age Group record for the boys 13-14 age group at the 2021 Texas Age Group Swimming Championships, becoming the fastest American male in the event's history for his age range.