

live right at Southern Star, and his album "God is Real" made its way onto digital streaming platforms in the 2000s.

Reverend Kirby was born to sharecroppers who worked for just a dollar a day. He was born in a state and country that did not consider him fully, equally human. He did not let that stop him from changing Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A believer in the promise of a life in paradise after this imperfect life on Earth, Reverend Kirby sang from the pulpit, "come on, and let's go to that land where I am bound." Go on, Reverend Kirby, to your eternal rest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Charles Edward Kirby Sr. His leadership, compassion, and service will continue to inspire, and his memory will live on in the hearts of those who were touched by his work, his voice, and his unwavering commitment to justice.

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HONORING JIMMY TORRES-VÉLEZ  
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS-  
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Torres is the executive director of APM/Iniciativa, Florida, that advocates for the improvements and advances of the Puerto Rican and Latino communities in our communities in Orlando, Kissimmee, and other geographical areas that are part of District Nine.

With the support and collaboration of many, Iniciativa has built opportunities for students, teachers, working people, and new residents of our greater Orlando/Kissimmee community.

As part of his employment responsibilities, Jimmy coordinated the 1199 SEIU Retirees political program in Florida in support of the thousands of healthcare workers represented by the union in the state

He holds a master's from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and has been a professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

Jimmy has been a community activist for the last 40 years and has worked in many Puerto Rican and Latino communities throughout the United States.

As part of his work, he has created communication and educational spaces on radio, TV, and social media, and has published opinion columns in newspapers.

Jimmy has experience in political-legislative work, adult education, and the development of mobilization projects, and he is a founder of the Boricua Vota Movement.

Currently, he is the vice president of the National Puerto Rican Agenda and chair of the Civic Engagement and Action Communities that strategize ways of mobilizing and representing 5.9 million Boricuas in the United States.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW MICHAEL  
HUFFMAN WITH A CONGRES-  
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-  
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**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to present Andrew Michael Huffman, of Centerville, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His servant's life reflects the hard work and dedication that exemplifies the best of our East Texas values.

Andrew Huffman entered active duty at Fort Snelling, Minnesota in June of 2006 at age nineteen. As Operation Enduring Freedom gained momentum, Air Force Security Force deployments to Afghanistan accelerated as the Taliban were driven from power and the Air Force moved in and secured bases in country. He served as protector and defender ensuring Air Force, joint and coalition forces were safe. The duty assignment was intensely dangerous as Andrew was once thrown from the top of an MRAP and out of a HUMVEE on two separate occasions in Afghanistan and later on assignment in Iraq. Andrew suffered two traumatic brain injuries, and his back was broken bringing him stateside for healing.

In 4 years of service, Senior Airman Huffman completed extensive training in law enforcement, criminal justice and combat tactics and was rewarded many times. Huffman earned the Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with one Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Longevity Service, Air Force Training Ribbon and NATO Medal.

After war, Andrew struggled through alcohol and prescription drug addiction treatment programs but found success with the Retrieving Freedom program with his service dog, Wilson. Andrew helped grow a service dog non-profit, Bella's Buddies, while earning his college degree. In a new mission, Andrew began to speak at area schools, helped foster relationships with Cadets at Texas A&M, and regularly met with Veterans groups in the region and visited VA patients on a regular basis.

As Bella's Buddies grew, it developed connections to groups like Zac Brown's Camp Southern Ground, where Andrew served as a facilitator using dogs to guide veterans to better opportunities in life and living forward no matter what.

Andrew found personal love marrying Samantha over a year ago. Andrew now teaches and coaches at Buffalo Elementary while mentoring boys how to fix things around campus. He also coaches High School cross country and just joined the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department. Andrew still volunteers with Bella's Buddies as well as Rebuilding Warriors, a service dog group out of Madisonville.

Senior Airman Huffman has seen how fleeting life is on the battlefield, and in personal matters. Fortunately, for Andrew, he is figuring

out that a key to a successful life is by serving others and celebrating their victories.

I proudly commend Andrew Michael Huffman, of Centerville, Texas to his friends, family, and colleagues, and salute his service to the Air Force, his country and community of Centerville by awarding him the 2024 Congressional Veteran Commendation.

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RECOGNIZING ABRAHAM  
WILLIAMS

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**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Abraham Williams. I am proud to join the Bowling Green community in celebrating his retirement as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green.

Dr. Williams began his career as Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Bowling Green in September of 1995. Since then, he has been an inspiration to the community working to make everyone around him better. Aside from overseeing 600 Units of public housing, 36 Section 202 units, and 20 elderly housing units, Dr. Williams served on the Kentucky Housing Board of Directors and numerous other local boards dedicated to community service. Dr. Williams' career was devoted to empowering people to be self-sufficient and creating six non-profits under the Housing Authority and seeing great success with eighty percent of the Reach Higher's program graduates achieving full-time employment. For his dedication, he and the Bowling Green Housing Authority have been the recipient of many honors including HUD's Housing Authority of the Year and NAHRO's National Award of Excellence. In 2022, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Western Kentucky University.

A proud husband, father, and grandfather, Dr. Abraham Williams is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Mildred, and his family. I thank him for his career of service and dedication to the people of Bowling Green.

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CELEBRATING FLY CREEK CIDER  
MILL & ORCHARD

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**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand before you to recognize the remarkable community destination, Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard. A pillar of upstate New York and a landmark in the Cooperstown area, Fly Creek Cider Mill has been providing incredible, one-of-a-kind touring and tasting experiences since 1856.

Small family-owned businesses like this make upstate New York the heart of family traditions. The mill creates apple wines and hard ciders from 100 percent New York state grown apples, and visitors can experience the cider making process through the mill's most recent Learning Center. A testament to local cuisine, Mill Store Marketplace is the heart of

activity offering more than 150 specialty food products made on site. As a result of years of hard work and dedication, USA Today recognized Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard as the No. 1 best cidery in the U.S. for 2024. Passed down for three generations in the Michaels family, this honor is well deserved and a testament to the orchard's historic legacy.

Visitors experience the delicious food and drinks, the welcoming hospitality, and the family-oriented culture in every trip. Fly Creek Cider Mill is truly special to the community, and it is important we honor and recognize their legacy and continued growth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard as a pillar of Cooperstown that deserves to continue to be enjoyed and cherished by families and generations to come.

#### TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING ST. LUKE'S OF THE MOUNTAINS EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial milestone of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, a cherished institution in La Crescenta, California.

St. Luke's traces its roots back to the early 1920's when Canon Burson Renison, an Episcopal missionary and founder of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, began visiting the Crescenta Valley area to establish a new church. After meeting with renowned American portrait artist S. Seymour Thomas and his wife, Helen, who had fled their home in Paris, France during World War I to relocate in La Cañada, the Thomases and Canon Renison began planning for the new church. The inaugural service was held in a school auditorium on November 25, 1923, and on the following Easter Sunday, April 20, 1924, 179 people gathered to lay the church's cornerstone on land donated by Pasadena philanthropist Louise Janvier. The church was believed to have been named by S. Seymour Thomas after St. Luke, the biblical saint who was an artist and medical practitioner.

Nestled in the beautiful foothills of La Crescenta, the new church, as a result of Mr. Thomas' artistic vision, was reminiscent of the California missions and chapels of the French countryside. The church's look is distinctive because it was constructed from rocks and stones that Mr. Thomas chose on his hikes in the local mountains and that the new parishioners gathered. On Christmas Day in 1925, the church opened its doors for its first service and in 1931, St. Luke's was admitted as a parish church of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

From its beginning, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church thrived and grew, becoming the center of, and the spiritual home for, the greater La Crescenta community. The church has steadfastly followed its mission of service for one hundred years, meeting the spiritual needs of the community, continuing to positively impact the Crescenta Valley area. Some of St. Luke's programs include a community garden to support its Food Justice pro-

gram, the Fire House youth center which is open to all youth, free breakfasts for middle school children, and participation in local civic organizations that host food drives and programs for foster children.

I am proud to recognize St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church upon its 100th anniversary, and I invite all Members to join me in honoring this remarkable institution.

#### PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ABRAMS MEMORIAL CHURCH OF DENTON, MARYLAND

##### HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 100th year anniversary of Abrams Memorial Church in Denton, Maryland.

Whereas, the Abrams Memorial Church was established in 1924 as the Kings Apostle Holy Temple Holiness Church of Good by Mother Carrie Virginia Curry and;

Whereas, it has served God with passion and commitment throughout its existence and;

Whereas, it has served the local community in Denton and the surrounding area and;

Whereas, on October 19, 2024 the church is commemorating its 100th year anniversary;

Now, Therefore, I, Andy Harris, Member of Congress, do hereby proclaim and celebrate Abrams Memorial Church in Denton, Maryland on its 100th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DAISY BARNES

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 100th birthday of Daisy Barnes.

Daisy was born to Willie Andrew and Sally Ann Hooks Barnes on October 11, 1924, in Lapine, Alabama. On May 16, 1942, she married the love of her life, Charlie W. Sankey. They were married 68 years before his death in 2010 and were blessed with nine children: Theodias Sankey (deceased), Charlie Lee Sankey, Willie Sankey, Daisy Sankey Henderson, Dorothy Sankey Brown, Doris Sankey, Diana Sankey Motley, David Sankey and Danny Sankey.

Daisy attends Rockdale Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Robinson and has served as an usher and deaconess. She is also a founding member of The Sunrising Five gospel group and sang with them for over 50 years.

Daisy is full of laughter and is a fabulous dresser. She loves gardening, cooking and caring for her family. She is also a member of Eastern Star.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Daisy on this milestone and wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

#### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF KAWASAKI MOTORS MANUFACTURING

##### HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate fifty years of one of Nebraska's crucial industrial leaders and centers of innovation: Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing.

Over its five decades of growth in Lincoln, Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing has demonstrated great stability and leadership. Through it all, Kawasaki has remained a key driver of Nebraska's economic growth, furnishing its reputation as a globally competitive manufacturing company.

Starting as a fledgling motorcycle assembly plant in 1974, Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing has expanded to produce ATVs, Utility Vehicles, and even passenger railcars.

To this day, Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing holds to the highest standards, maintaining a commitment to manufacturing innovative products of the highest quality.

With its strong leadership and dedicated workforce, it is clear why Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing has flourished for the past fifty years.

On behalf of the people of the first district, I want to extend our best wishes for Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing's continued success and growth.

May Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing continue to flourish over the next fifty years and serve as a global beacon of Nebraska's innovation.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT KAHLIL "KD" WARNER

##### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I proudly salute Master Sergeant Kahlil "KD" Warner as he retires after 22 years of honorable service in the United States Army. Throughout his extraordinary military career, MSG Warner embodied the duty, honor, and loyalty that makes the U.S. Army the world's premier fighting force.

Kahlil served in various logistics positions during his unique and distinguished career. He held numerous tactical and organizational leadership roles within Brigade Combat Teams and served in the elite 75th Ranger Regiment. In addition to leading our Nation's sons and daughters, Kahlil helped train the next generation of Soldiers as an Advanced Individual Training Instructor and advised leaders at the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Headquarters.

I had the privilege of meeting Kahlil when he was selected to participate in the prestigious Army Congressional Fellowship Program and became my Defense Fellow. After his tenure as my Defense Fellow, MSG Warner went on to serve as the Military Construction Legislative Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management