

extend our sincere gratitude for his service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION  
OF SUNY ERIE'S 13TH PRESIDENT  
DR. ADIAM TSEGAI

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Adiam Tsegai, SUNY Erie's 13th President.

Dr. Adiam Tsegai is an alumnus of SUNY Erie Community College where she earned her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and Social Science. Continuing her education at the University of Buffalo, Dr. Tsegai earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and African American Studies. She also received a Master's degree in Education and received her Ph. D. in Education, Leadership Policy, and Social Foundations.

Dr. Tsegai joined SUNY Erie as the Dean of Engineering and Technologies in 2018 and then served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Health Sciences, Engineering, and Technologies. In 2021, she was appointed as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for the College. Dr. Tsegai served as the College's Officer-in-Charge, and on December 5, 2023, was appointed the President of SUNY Erie.

Today, we thank Dr. Adiam Tsegai for her commitment to higher education and serving the community. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Adiam Tsegai on this momentous occasion and for her continued leadership and passion for education.

HONORING ROBERT PEASE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert "Bobby" Pease, from Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Pease is an exemplary teacher at Fleming County High School.

Mr. Pease earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education and a Master of Arts degree in Career and Technical Education. He began his teaching career at Fleming County High School in 2003 and is a national board-certified teacher. He is a welding instructor at Fleming County High School and Director of Education at the Kentucky Welding Institute. In 2023 and again in 2024, Mr. Pease coached welding teams from Fleming County High School who were named the Kentucky FFA State Fair Welding Champions. Mr. Pease was appointed as a Curriculum Specialist by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. He is an AWS Certified Welding Inspector and is certified with OSHA, an NCCER Master Trainer, and an NCCCO Practical Examiner.

Mr. Pease was recently honored as one of 25 instructors nationwide to win the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. This very prestigious and well-deserved award includes a \$50,000 prize, to be

shared with his school's skilled trades program. The award was created to recognize excellence among high school skilled trades teachers. More than 900 applications from all fifty states were submitted for the 2024 prize.

In addition to all his professional honors, Mr. Pease serves as a mentor to his students and encourages them as he prepares them for good careers and a bright future. He is well-respected both at school and in the Flemingsburg community. I am honored to recognize him before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE CITRUS SOUTH  
TULE SCHOOL

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Citrus South Tule School on their 150-year anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Porterville community. Citrus South Tule School, an elementary school located by Lake Success, opened its doors in 1874 as a one-room schoolhouse. For the first 140 years of its history, Citrus South Tule served the students in the immediate area of Lake Success. In 2015, the school became part of the Porterville Unified School District. Since its founding, Citrus South Tule has been committed to the academic success of all students. Today, the Citrus South Tule School offers a range of programs at the forefront of educational innovation. In 2017, the school opened its Future Ready and Qualcomm Thinkabit Labs, providing students with the opportunity to explore their interests in engineering, technology, and robotics. Through their range of STEM opportunities, the Citrus South Tule School helps students become innovative, collaborative, and hardworking members of the Porterville community. The Citrus South Tule School is a leader of educational innovation and attracts more than 2,500 visitors annually who come to explore their unique educational programs and scenic campus. Over the past century, Citrus South Tule has remained committed to their mission of ensuring all students have the education they need to thrive. It is because of the faculty and staff at Citrus South Tule School that students in the Central Valley community flourish, and I want to thank them all for creating a learning environment that helps our youth become the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Citrus South Tule School on their 150-year anniversary. Their work to enrich the lives of students in the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

HONORING MR. PETER JENKS

**HON. BLAKE D. MOORE**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the exceptional accomplishments of Mr. Peter Jenks,

who has recently been selected for the Top of Utah Military Affairs Committee's Western Big Hat Award. This award—first given to Admiral Chester Nimitz—recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to their community. Anyone who knows Peter knows that there is no one more deserving of this award than he.

I know Peter best for his dedicated service to my constituents in Northern Utah, but his influence extends far beyond this narrow snapshot of his career. Peter has served Utah's First Congressional District for three decades, working as district director for three consecutive Members of Congress. In this role, he has been critical to the success of this office and Congressional District, especially in serving the needs of our servicemen and women at Hill Air Force Base.

Beyond work, Peter is consistently generous with his time. He is a current board member and former president of the Utah Defense Alliance where he leads efforts to engage state and local government and military and business leaders on defense and aerospace issues. He also serves Wolf Creek Foundation board, serving and supporting the families of deployed military members.

Peter has twice served as Honorary Commander at Hill Air Force Base, first with the 388th Fighter Wing and later with the 419th Fighter Wing and is universally loved by all who have worked with him. Those lucky enough to know him know there is no more loyal a friend nor selfless a mentor than Peter Jenks.

It is my honor to recognize Peter's accomplishment and service for Utah's First Congressional District and our Nation's service members. Utah and the United States are better because of his work and example. I thank Peter for his service and sacrifice throughout the years. He is a model of courage, selfless service, and altruism from whom we can all learn.

CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF  
DOLORES LORRAINE CLEMONS

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2024*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mrs. Dolores L. Clemons on her 100th birthday. As she celebrates her 100th birthday, her life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love and resilience.

Born on October 8, 1924, in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Clemons is a devoted mother of nine and embodies the spirit of caring within her family and to everyone she meets.

After 21 years of service, Mrs. Clemons retired from Buffalo General Hospital, where she dedicated her career as a nursery technician caring for newborn and infant children and later as a nurse in the emergency room, touching the lives of countless patients with her compassionate care.

Over the years, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength. Known as the best baker in the family, she has created countless sweet memories, sharing her delicious treats with loved ones.

As an avid traveler, she cherished journeys to visit her siblings across the country, celebrating the bonds of family. Married for over 60 years to Morris Clemons, Mrs. Clemons' life is a testament to enduring love. As she

looks to the future, her goals remain simple yet profound: to stay healthy and continue sharing her warmth and wisdom with those around her.

Today, we thank Mrs. Dolores L. Clemons for being a truly remarkable woman, and her legacy of care and kindness will surely live on for generations to come.