

world emphasizes resilience, responsibility, and the power of moral action. He described this period as the “Third Great Era” in Jewish history—an era marked by Jewish self-determination. This era would be defined by Jews taking full responsibility for their own destiny, from the establishment of the State of Israel to the creation of new Diaspora institutions that would celebrate and sustain the full spectrum of Jewish religious and ethnic identity. Now, at 91, Rabbi Greenberg explores this core principle of *Tzelem Elokim* in “The Triumph of Life: A Narrative Theology of Judaism”, a profound magnum opus that encapsulates the breadth of his teachings. Greenberg’s vision emphasizes justice, compassion, and dignity, with the sanctity of life and the divine image inherent in every human being at its heart.

Throughout his career, Rabbi Greenberg has remained steadfast in his commitment to these values, in partnership with his wife, Blu, a trailblazing writer and founder of the Orthodox feminist movement. Together, Rabbi Yitz and Blu Greenberg’s progressive values have been central to the educational philosophy of SAR Academy, the school they founded in Riverdale, NY. Inspired by the Open Education movement, they envisioned a school with no walls, one that would foster creativity, independence, and collaboration through open spaces and a student-centered approach—a vision in this deep belief in the divine potential inherent in every individual. Today, more than fifty-six years later, SAR continues to embody Rabbi Greenberg’s vision, recognizing the divine spark in each and every individual child. The school challenges students to live Torah values while fostering creativity, empathy, and a commitment to building a better world.

Rabbi Greenberg has remained steadfast in his mission to advance Judaism as dynamic, inclusive, and responsive to the challenges of the modern world. He has consistently advocated for the inclusion of women and LGBTQ individuals in religious life, while also championing interfaith dialogue as essential to fostering compassion and understanding across communities.

In these dark and challenging times, Rabbi Greenberg’s message serves as a beacon of hope. His teachings remind us of the transformative power of goodness and respect for every individual in shaping a brighter future for all.

COMMEMORATING THE INVESTITURE OF DR. HARRISON KELLER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the investiture of Dr. Harrison Keller, Ph.D., as the 17th president of the University of North Texas.

Dr. Keller received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame and earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. in philosophy from Georgetown University. He began his career as a legislative aide in the Texas House of Representatives and Senate before becoming Director of Research and Senior Education Advisor. Dr. Keller also taught courses at the University of Texas at Austin, Georgetown,

and St. Edward’s University. He later served as the Deputy to the President for Strategy and Policy at UT Austin as well as Vice Provost for Higher Education Policy and Research and Executive Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. In this role, Dr. Keller developed several educational initiatives, including OnRamps, to provide high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit to UT Austin at low cost.

Prior to arriving at UNT, Dr. Keller served as Commissioner of Higher Education and chief executive officer of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Under his outstanding leadership, the Board advocated for policies and programs to help low-income and first-generation college students be successful. Moreover, Dr. Keller worked with state legislators to improve access to financial aid and workforce education. His tenure as commissioner allowed Texas to lead nationwide in higher education and university research. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Keller today for his dedication to student success and commitment to strengthening UNT’s status as a Tier One Research University.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation’s Capitol in recognition of this historic occasion. Congratulations to Dr. Keller, and I wish him the very best.

HONORING MINNESOTA HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN PETERSBURG

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Minnesota House Representative John Petersburg. First elected in 2012 to represent District 24A, Representative Petersburg has served the people of Minnesota honorably in the State House for the past twelve years.

John grew up on a farm and has exemplified a profound willingness to serve throughout his career. Many know him to be a dedicated father and husband, as well as a respected leader in his community.

The priorities of the people of Waseca and Steele counties have always been at the forefront of Representative Petersburg’s service in the Legislature, particularly through his continued leadership in the many House committees on which he has served throughout the years.

Representative Petersburg has done an exemplary job of leading on issues—most notably, his instrumental work on the completion of the historic U.S. Highway 14 corridor between New Ulm and Rochester.

All of us across southern Minnesota have been well-served by Representative Petersburg’s time in office, and I wish him the warmest congratulations on his retirement.

IN MEMORY OF OMER NEUTRA

HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my sadness at the devastating news

that Long Island native Omer Neutra, 21, was among the 47 Americans slaughtered by Hamas during the brutal October 7th massacre. Growing up on Long Island, Omer was a cherished and active member of his community at the Schechter School of Long Island, Midway Jewish Center, and as a participant in Jewish youth summer programs. Those who knew Omer will miss his magnetic, fun-loving personality and joyful spirit. My heart is with Omer’s parents, Ronen and Orna, and his brother, Daniel, who have fought tirelessly to bring Omer home. May Omer’s memory be a blessing.

HONORING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REO MOTOR CAR COMPANY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 120th anniversary of the founding of the REO Motor Car Company, a pioneer in American automotive history founded by Ransom E. Olds. Established in 1904 in Lansing, Michigan, REO played a foundational role in shaping both the automotive industry and the city of Lansing. Throughout its years in operation, REO Motor Car Company stood as a symbol of innovation, producing vehicles that helped define an era in American transportation.

REO Motor Car Company had a profound effect on Lansing. By the 1920s, REO employed 10 percent of the city’s population, underscoring the company’s importance not only as a major employer but as a pillar of the community. The REO Clubhouse, built in 1917, served as a social center for employees and their families, hosting weddings, patriotic events during World War I and II, and even Lansing’s first radio station. Through its commitment to its workforce and the community, REO helped shape Lansing’s identity as a manufacturing hub.

Among REO Motor Car Company’s most celebrated vehicles were the REO Speed Wagon, the Flying Cloud, and the Royale. Introduced in 1915, the REO Speed Wagon set a new standard for trucks with its speed and durability, paving the way for the modern pickup truck. The Flying Cloud, launched in 1927, was known for its advanced hydraulic brakes, which set a new benchmark in automotive safety. The 1931 REO Royale featured a streamlined design that made it a true trendsetter in American car design.

Although REO ceased car production in 1936 to focus exclusively on truck manufacturing, the company remained a force in the industry. During World War II, REO Motor Car Company contributed to the war effort, supplying trucks to U.S. allies in a time of great need. REO continued to produce trucks until 1975, ending more than 70 years of innovation and service in the automotive industry.

Today, the legacy of REO Motor Car Company is preserved by the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing. The museum stands as a tribute to both the company and its visionary founder, Ransom E. Olds, displaying a collection of rare and historic vehicles that allow visitors to appreciate the craftsmanship and ingenuity that defined REO.

Through these exhibits, the museum ensures that the company's contributions to the auto industry are remembered and celebrated.

As we recognize the 120th anniversary of the REO Motor Car Company's founding, let us acknowledge not only the vehicles it produced but also its impact on the city of Lansing and generations of residents. It is with great respect that I honor the REO Motor Car Company here in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING
FELLOW MISSISSIPPIAN JAMES
"JIM" WILLIAM ELLIOTT, JR.

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember a Mississippian whose infectious personality and energetic spirit will always be remembered by those who knew him. James "Jim" William Elliott, Jr. from Brookhaven, Mississippi, lived the embodiment of the American Dream. He loved God, family, and cheering for his favorite sports teams: the Ole Miss Rebels, New Orleans Saints, and Atlanta Braves. Jim was generous with his time and found his greatest joy in connecting with others. No matter how busy life was, Jim was there to lend a listening ear and take time to enjoy family.

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1931, Jim graduated from Central High School in 1949. After graduation, he attended the University of Mississippi where he excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, president of the Cardinal Club, president of the School of Liberal Arts, and a Cadet Colonel of the Air R.O.T.C.

Jim served his country for two years in the United States Air Force as 1st Lieutenant and a legal officer. His time in the Air Force taught him the value of serving his country and what it means to uphold life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Jim attended law school at the University of Mississippi and obtained his LLB degree. His academic achievements earned him president of his senior class while in law school, and his job as assistant to the Business Manager of Athletics encouraged his love of sports.

As an outdoorsman, Jim took his love for sports to the field. From hunting and fishing to playing tennis, Jim enjoyed all sorts of sports. Of all the sports, Jim loved tennis best. He was known across Brookhaven for his willingness to teach young students how to play tennis. His children and grandchildren also received hands-on instruction from Jim on the sport. As a hunter, Jim received the Ducks Unlimited Award in 1987 for his contributions to waterfowl conservation.

The great outdoors gave Jim a deep love for the Lord and his creation. Jim was an active member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven. While a member, he jumped at opportunities to serve and give back to the Lord. He served as a deacon, chairman of the deaconate, Sunday school teacher, president of the Men of the church, and served as an advisor to the Senior High Fellowship. The time he spent both outside and in service to

the church was with deep purpose and conviction.

Jim was a devoted family man who loved God above all. His legacy of service will live on throughout the communities that he impacted. He never shied away from meeting with people and setting an example of how to love others well. Jim was always generous with his time and presence to those who knew him. I know that he is missed by his family and community. I am honored for a chance to remember a lifelong Mississippian who loved his community and invested in those around him. I hope people across the Third District of Mississippi will see the value in serving the community around them as Jim did. I am thankful to serve a district that is home to people like James "Jim" William Elliott, Jr.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, ABIGAIL FUCHS FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK ON BEHALF OF MINNESOTA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Deputy Communications Director, Abigail Fuchs, for her work on behalf of every constituent in Minnesota's Third Congressional District. I could not be more proud or grateful for her service.

Abbey grew up in Minnesota's Third Congressional District in the suburbs of Minneapolis (Maple Grove and Edina, Minnesota). After graduating from Edina High School, she went on to attend the University of St. Thomas where she played on the Women's Soccer Team, ran track, and graduated with a degree in marketing. Abbey worked in campaign finance right out of college and then transitioned to my office in 2021 where she began as a Legislative Correspondent, was promoted to Constituent Communications Specialist, and finally held the title of Deputy Communications Director. Abbey is a team player at work and in her personal life, where she uses her athletic and leadership skills to inspire the next generation as a youth soccer coach.

Like my grandmother, the legendary advice columnist Dear Abby, I believe in the transformative power of listening. I often say that representation itself begins with listening, which is why I am so grateful that our own "Dear Abby" has lent her considerable talents to me—and our entire community—for the past three years. Abbey upholds the very foundation of our democracy by ensuring every Minnesotan who has an idea, question, or criticism to share is treated with compassion, receives a response, and is invited to continue a thoughtful dialogue with my office—no matter their politics.

Abbey embodies the spirit of radical hospitality, is quick to internalize and act upon strategy, and has capably forged a new path in congressional communications. Abbey creatively transformed our email and mass communications program into a branding superpower and is the only communications professional we know to have received unprovoked

thanks from constituents on the receiving end of mass emails—high praise in the age of digital spam. Her innovative approach to congressional communications has been identified by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House as best-in-class and helped propel me to a leadership position on the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee in 2022.

In addition to her outstanding work products, Abbey is a thoughtful and supportive teammate—always willing to lend a hand when needs arise. She is bright, energetic, and always looking outside the box to accomplish the goals of the office. Abbey brings optimism and a can-do attitude to whatever projects she is a part of.

The people of Minnesota's Third Congressional District were lucky to have her dedication and leadership, and she will be dearly missed. I wish Abbey all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for almost four years of faithful service to this Nation in my office.

CONGRATULATING MICHELLE
BAKER

HON. GREG LOPEZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, Colorado high school women's volleyball coach Michelle Baker was recently awarded the Horizon Award from the Colorado High School Athletics Association. This award is presented to Michelle for the significant improvements to Wiggins High School's volleyball program she has brought about over the past few years. Her dedication to her team and the women's volleyball program at Wiggins High is an inspiration to all.

Every student deserves the opportunity to compete in sports. Coaches like Michelle make that possible by coaching their players towards success on and off the court, teaching them skills like discipline, teamwork, and work ethic that will benefit them for years to come.

It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado, to congratulate Michelle for her hard work in achieving this award, and for improving Wiggins High School's women's volleyball team. Her dedication to the development of Colorado athletics cannot be understated, and I encourage Michelle to continue cultivating the best women's volleyball program at Wiggins High for the betterment of her players and the school at large.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DAVE
HUDSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Dave Hudson as he retires from the City of San Ramon.

Throughout his career, Dave has been dedicated to his community and to improving the lives of Bay Area residents. Dave began his career with the City of San Ramon on the