

to ensure those he helped got on the right path, stayed out of trouble, and reached for new transformative opportunities like employment, military service, and education. He could often be seen handing a Bible and a belt to the young men he encountered—a Bible to read the word of God and a belt to add to their wardrobe.

Over the next few years, Reverend Bivins worked with local organizations, as well as the Decatur County Board of Commissioners, to expand the ministry's services. With the support of the community, the Ministry began to offer a full range of services to at-risk youth, including bible studies, one-on-one counseling, recreational sports, school supplies, and food baskets. Over the course of its lifetime, The Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Ministry has provided guidance and assistance to countless individuals in the community, predominantly young Black men, who otherwise would have had nowhere to turn for help or counsel.

Reverend Bivins received many awards and recognitions throughout his life, including being named the Decatur County Kiwanis Man of the Year (2002), Secretary of State Outstanding Georgia Citizen (2004), NAACP Man of the Year (2007), as well as countless certificates of recognition and appreciation from numerous Georgia and local officials, recognizing his work helping his neighbors in need. In 2018, he was honored with induction into the NWA, WCCW, and ICW Wrestling Halls of Fame. And in October 2025, just a month before his passing, Reverend Bivins was surprised with his induction into the Georgia Old School Championship Wrestling Wall of Fame, an honor that celebrated his mentorship of many wrestlers and his service in the community to help struggling youths.

Reverend Bivins accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his beloved wife, Sylvia; his 7 children; and a host of family, friends, church members, and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

Sir Winston Churchill often said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." Reverend Bivins spent his life giving himself to others, and thus truly made his life. His decades of ministry to the people of Southwest Georgia have left his community safer, more connected, and more prosperous, and the loss that is felt reflects the legacy he left behind. Truly, the world is a better place because Reverend Adren Bivins, Sr. passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with countless others in saluting and honoring Reverend Adren Bivins, Sr. for his remarkable service to his community. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones and all who mourn his loss. We pray that they all will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in 1875, Samuel Johnson, a Yale University educated agricultural chemist, founded the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the first of its kind in the United States. Agriculture has always been an important economic driver in Connecticut and Dr. Johnson sought to create a space for the purpose of promoting agriculture by scientific investigation and experiments. The Ag Station, as we affectionately call it, began its work in the area of consumer protection with the analysis of agricultural feeds and fertilizers. Today, that work has expanded into a number of fields of study and industry.

Perhaps I am a bit biased, as the Ag Station is a former neighbor of mine, but I have always been fascinated by both the unique architecture of its buildings as well as the research that is conducted throughout its historic halls. In fact, due to its preeminence as the first of its kind in the United States, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964. Should you have the chance to tour the Station, you will find lab facilities filled with all kinds of invasive species—insects like beetles, mosquitoes, and ticks as well as aquatic plants like hydrilla, water fern, and Carolina fanwort. And should you be in Connecticut during the first week of August, you can join the Ag Station's team for their Annual Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm. It is a wonderful showcase of the staffs incredible work.

The Ag Station has made tremendous contributions not only to agriculture but to the fields of health, forestry, and plant science as well. From researching methods to combat tick-borne illnesses like Lyme Disease and the West Nile Virus to identifying invasive plant, animal, and insect species like Hydrilla and the Emerald Ash Borer to providing analytical data in food safety and vector-borne illness, the critical work done at the Ag Experiment Station not only impacts our local communities, but those across the nation. The commitment, dedication, knowledge and expertise of its staff have made a real difference in the lives of millions.

Today, as this unique and important agency marks its 150th Anniversary, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and its team of scientists and researchers for their extraordinary work. Over the course of its one-hundred-fifty-year history, it has changed and expanded its work, but, at its heart, the Ag Station continues its mission to promote agriculture. Over the course of my tenure in Congress, I have been so proud to work with them in leveraging federal resources to improve the quality of life for Americans throughout the country. My heartfelt congratulations to this extraordinary organization and, as we say in Italian, "C'ent Anni!"

HONORING YVETTE WILLIAMS-BARR AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yvette Williams-Barr as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her extraordinary dedication to education, community revitalization, and public service in the City of Richmond. As Senior Administrative Analyst for the City's Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), Yvette brings leadership, innovation, and compassion to one of Richmond's most impactful educational initiatives. Her work empowers adult learners through literacy and lifelong learning, opening doors to opportunity and personal growth for countless community members. A lifelong Richmond resident, Yvette has played a pivotal role in the city's cultural and economic renewal through more than a decade of service as an Executive and Board Member of the Richmond Main Street Initiative. With deep expertise in media and communications, she has shaped the organization's public presence, strengthened outreach efforts, and served as a dynamic spokesperson on behalf of Richmond. Yvette's commitment to advocacy continues through her leadership as President of Local 21 IFPTE, where she represents fellow union members with integrity, fairness, and a spirit of collaboration. In every role, she uplifts others connecting people, mentoring colleagues, and helping build a stronger Richmond. Equally inspiring is Yvette's devotion to her family. As the proud mother of five, including a son currently serving in the United States Coast Guard, she exemplifies resilience, generosity, and balance. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Yvette Williams-Barr for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of service to the Rio Grande Valley.

Valley Baptist first opened its doors in 1925 as Valley Baptist Hospital, a modest 35-bed facility on "F" Street. From those humble beginnings, the hospital quickly became an essential institution for Harlingen and South Texas. Today, as it marks its centennial, Valley Baptist Medical Center houses 586 beds and serves as one of the Valley's most critical healthcare providers.

The hospital is commemorating this milestone with a centennial history project—a wall installation that will tell the story of Valley Baptist's evolution and its partnership with the city

of Harlingen. The project highlights the hospital's role in guiding the community through defining moments, from the Great Depression to hurricanes, the polio epidemic, and modern medical breakthroughs.

For 100 years, Valley Baptist Medical Center has been more than a hospital. It has been a place where families have welcomed new life, where loved ones have received life-saving care, and where generations of healthcare workers have built meaningful careers in service to others. Its legacy is woven into the history of the city itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Valley Baptist Medical Center and in recognizing the extraordinary contributions it has made to the Rio Grande Valley. May its next century be marked by continued growth, innovation, and service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE NEABSCO BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neabsco Baptist Church located in Woodbridge, Virginia for their extraordinary commitment to serving families in need.

During the height of pandemic, the church created the Food Giveaway Program to help members from the congregation put food on their tables. As the harmful impacts of the pandemic spread throughout the Prince William County, the church expanded its mission—opening its doors to the entire community.

As of today, volunteers come together once a week to package and distribute food boxes to families across the community. What started as a small operation has now grown into a critical lifeline for thousands. The Neabsco Baptist Church has now provided food to over 5 million families, ensuring that no one goes hungry.

I want to personally thank the Neabsco Baptist Church and all the volunteers for their unwavering commitment and generosity. Having had the opportunity to join them alongside my team to pack food boxes, I have witnessed firsthand their compassion and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Neabsco Baptist Church for the lasting impact it has made on the lives of families throughout the Prince William County community.

HONORING JOYCE T. ARCENEUX-MATHIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Joyce T. Arceneux-Mathis.

Joyce Arceneux-Mathis is a cum laude graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she earned a degree

in Music Education. She later received a magna cum laude Master of Music Education degree from Loyola University.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has 38 years of experience in education, including 30 years of dedicated service to students in the Natchez-Adams County School District, four years in the Detroit Public Schools, and four years as President of the Mississippi Association of Educators. She currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Natchez Campus, where she teaches Music Appreciation.

In 1996, Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis became the first Black woman elected to the Natchez Board of Aldermen, representing Ward 1. In that position, she has chaired the Utilities, Public Properties, Fire, and Recreation Committees. In 2008, she was selected by the Board of Aldermen to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, a role she held until 2020. She was inducted into the Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has also been deeply involved in civic and political engagement. She was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for three assemblies—1992, 1996, and 2000—and served as an At-Large Member of the Democratic National Committee from 1993 to 2001. In 1998, she made an historic run for Congress to represent Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District.

Joyce is the daughter of Eddie and Thelma Turner. She is married to Jewell Mathis and is the proud mother of Joycelyn Yvette Hooker. She is a member of St. John United Methodist Church, a retired member of the Retired Education Personnel of Mississippi, and Director of The Mathis School of Music. She currently serves as President of the Natchez NAACP and is a founding member of the Natchez Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Mrs. Arceneux-Mathis has been named Woman of the Year by the Bluff City Post and has received three citations from the Natchez NAACP, including the Medgar Evers Award for "Enhancing the Dream" (2014), Woman of the year (2016), and the Phillip "Bucket" West Public Official Award (2018).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joyce T. Arceneux-Mathis for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and lifelong service to the Natchez, Mississippi community.

CELEBRATING THE MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minneapolis American Indian Center on its 50th anniversary. Since opening its doors on Franklin Avenue in 1975, the Center has been a cornerstone of support, empowerment, and cultural preservation for the more than 35,000 tribally diverse American Indians living in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Guided by strong Native values, the Minneapolis American Indian Center has carried

out its mission through a wide range of programs and services that preserve cultural traditions and create pathways for opportunity. Its youth, elder, and intergenerational programs provide stability, encourage academic achievement, improve health and wellness, and help break the cycle of generational poverty. Importantly, all programs and services are provided at no cost to participants, ensuring equitable access to resources.

Over the past five decades, the Center has developed and expanded initiatives that address the holistic needs of community members. Programs such as Family Services, Youth Services, the Culture Language Arts Network, Native Fitness and Nutrition, and more all reflect the Center's broad impact. The Family Stability Program, for example, provides case management, financial aid, and critical connections to prevent families from entering the child protection system. Meanwhile, the Native Fitness and Nutrition Program successfully promotes physical activity and healthy nutrition among Native families by providing free gym and fitness center space and exercise and sport activities.

The Minneapolis American Indian Center has also made significant contributions to arts and culture. The renovated facility includes expanded gallery and studio spaces, language classes, dance, and film festivals. The Two Rivers Gallery nurtures emerging Native artists by offering exhibition opportunities, creativity support, and professional development. Through the Boys & Girls Club of the Minneapolis American Indian Center, Native youth are empowered with culturally relevant opportunities to grow, lead, dream, and realize their full potential.

I am proud that my office was able to secure \$3 million in federal funding to support the renovation and expansion of the Minneapolis American Indian Center. These investments have created new health and wellness facilities, strengthened youth programming, and ensured that this vital institution will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Minneapolis American Indian Center's 50 years of service. Its tireless work has strengthened families and enriched cultural traditions across Minnesota. The Center stands as a powerful example of resilience, community, and the enduring strength of Native nations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY OLSZEWSKI, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I necessarily missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 284.

CONGRATULATING CALVO ENTERPRISES, INC. ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, the year 2025 marks a major milestone in Guam's history—