

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY SPIEGEL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Bobby Spiegel, who is retiring after serving the Corona Chamber of Commerce for the past 24 years. Bobby has been a true leader in Riverside County for decades and served as an effective advocate for small businesses throughout our region. He will be sorely missed.

Bobby has been a Corona resident since 1973. After graduating from Corona High School, he attended Fullerton Junior College and began his career as an entrepreneur with his first business, The Flower Shoppe. Bobby later sold the store before joining the family business. Since May of 2001, Bobby has served as CEO and President of the Corona Chamber of Commerce. As CEO and President, Bobby has been a true champion for the small business job creators in our community. For more than two decades, if there was an event in Corona involving a business or local leader, there's a strong chance Bobby Spiegel was in attendance. Today, the Corona Chamber represents over 720 members and more than 45,000 jobs across western Riverside County, including the cities of Corona, Norco, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, and portions of Riverside.

Over the past 24 years, my hometown of Corona has experienced tremendous growth and change. Bobby has been instrumental in opening lines of communication between Chamber members and city, county, state, and federal policymakers. Corona's success as a place to live and do business bears Bobby's fingerprints. In addition to his role with the Chamber, Bobby has also served on the Board of Directors for several community and professional organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the National Electrical Contractors Association, and the YMCA. Bobby was also the charter president of the Circle City Rotary Club and is a past president of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Bobby clearly possesses a passionate belief in small business advocacy and a dedication to the community he has served so faithfully. I know I speak on behalf of all residents and small business owners in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Bobby's significant contributions to Corona and Riverside County. Personally, I will always value his friendship and collaboration on so many important causes in my hometown of Corona. I wish Bobby and the entire Spiegel family the very best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING MITCHELL SHEA

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank one of the longest-serving members of Team Scalise, a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a native of Louisiana's 1st Congressional District, Mitchell Shea.

Mitchell first joined Team Scalise as an intern and later moved onto my full-time staff as a Staff Assistant. Over the past ten years, he has been promoted multiple times and is currently serving as my Senior Legislative Assistant.

Throughout his tenure in my office, Mitchell has faithfully served the constituents of Louisiana's 1st Congressional District and has become a trusted advisor to me and an invaluable part of our team. Whether giving tours, meeting with constituents, or working on complex policy issues, Mitchell has approached every aspect of his job with a servant's heart, a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude. While we will feel his absence on our team, I am excited for him as he takes on a new challenge in the Senate and am pleased to welcome him to our esteemed Alumni Club.

I know his parents, Scott and Alicia, are so proud of all he has accomplished. I wish Mitchell the best of luck in this next chapter, and I thank him for his nearly 10 years of dedicated service to Louisiana's 1st Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mitchell Shea and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors. He makes Louisiana's 1st District, the United States House of Representatives, and the great state of Louisiana proud.

HONORING REVEREND DR. D. EDWARD CHANEY ON HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and sincere respect that Reverend Dr. D. Edward Chaney is commended and celebrated on his installation as Pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Chaney brings to this historic congregation a distinguished record of service, leadership, and commitment to faith, family, and community.

Dr. Chaney's journey of service began long before his entrance into ministry. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he honorably

served his country for four years. Following his military service, he pursued and achieved academic excellence, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Limestone College, a Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. These accomplishments reflect both his intellectual rigor and his dedication to spiritual and professional growth.

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Chaney has embraced diverse roles from church musician to pastor's assistant, youth pastor, and ultimately senior pastoral leadership. Each experience molded his ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds. His broad experience has equipped him with a unique pastoral vision and a profound understanding of how to nurture, develop, and expand thriving congregations.

Beyond the walls of the church, Dr. Chaney has demonstrated exemplary civic engagement. He has served on the Nevada State Board of Funeral & Cemetery Services and on the Board of Directors for the Nevada Health Center. Nationally, he has given his time and talents to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., where he served as an Executive Board Member and Assistant Parliamentarian.

Dr. Chaney's commitment to service is further reflected in his active membership in several distinguished organizations. He is a Life Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, a Silver Life Member of the NAACP, and an engaged member of the Las Vegas Urban League. His affiliations speak to his lifelong dedication to leadership, equity, and community empowerment. As Dr. Chaney assumes the pastorship of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, he does so with the support and partnership of his wife, Dr. Avis C. O'Bryant-Chaney, and their three children. Together, they bring to Baton Rouge a spirit of warmth, commitment, and faith that will surely enrich the congregation and the community at large.

Therefore, it is with great pride that Reverend Dr. D. Edward Chaney is honored on his installation as Pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church for his outstanding record of service to his country, his community, and the ministry.

A warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to him and his family as they join the Baton Rouge community. May his leadership be marked by continued growth, inspiration, and lasting impact.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 175th anniversary of St. James Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

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Since 1851, the St. James Catholic Church community has served the residents of Elizabethtown and the surrounding area. In 1852, the first church was constructed, and twenty years later, St. Mary's Academy was established to educate the parish children by the Sisters of Loretto. Eventually being renamed after the church's patron saint, St. James School continues to serve parish families, providing a religious-based education. Seeing continued growth, the parish eventually constructed a high school, which still operates today as Elizabethtown Catholic High School.

In 1969, the parish broke ground on a new church, which was completed in 1971. Since then, the parish has continued to expand its missionary work in the surrounding community. Saint James Catholic Church has proven to be a place where families can flourish in faith and fellowship. I am proud to recognize their incredible 175 years of commitment to faith, education, and service in their community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 2025, a flight delay caused me to miss Roll Call votes No. 286 and No. 287. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 286, and YEA on Roll Call No. 287.

HONORING KILGORE'S DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kilgore's Daughters of the American Revolution.

250 years ago, brave warriors fought for a republic founded on freedom and liberty. How remarkable is it that each of them came from individuals and families who fought for the country we call home today.

The mission their ancestors started is not over. For 135 years, Daughters of the American Revolution have played a vital role in preserving history and encouraging patriotism across the country.

In Kilgore, they have gone above and beyond to continue the legacy of our Nation through educational initiatives and supporting our veterans.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of America, their work is more pertinent now than ever before. Leading up to the founding of America, their ancestors stood their ground, wrestled with the weight of liberty, and lit the spark that would give birth to the greatest Nation the world has ever known. Our Nation is grateful for those brave men and women, their sacrifices, and the unwavering commitment to the founding of our Nation.

Now, through their impact, East Texans and Americans will be reminded of this service and patriotism.

I look forward to their participation in America 250—a nationwide event, with real com-

munity impact. I am grateful for their service to our community and our country. God Bless Kilgore, and God Bless the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 303; and YEA on Roll Call No. 304.

HONORING ANNIE CLARKSON

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Annie Clarkson for her work as an intern, serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she has made to the office this fall.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th congressional district. Annie was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with her positive attitude and impressive work ethic. It was a pleasure to work with Annie, and I am so proud to have had such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office.

Annie resides in Washington, D.C. and is a recent graduate of the University of Richmond. Annie is entering a position with a market research firm, where she will be working as a Business Development Representative.

Annie exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Annie on the successful completion of her internship and thank her on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina.

CELEBRATING THE PRESIDENT
AND C.E.O. OF THE GREATER
OWENSBORO CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE, CANDANCE CASTLEN
BRAKE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Candance Castlen Brake on her retirement as President and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce.

For decades, Candance has been a staple in the community, working to bring new investments and opportunities to the City of Owensboro and Daviess County. Before serving as President and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, she served our community as the Deputy Judge Executive for Daviess County, a government professor at Western Kentucky University, and on various boards and commissions. She also

served three terms as an Owensboro City Commissioner from 2004 to 2010.

Since taking charge of the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce as President and CEO in 2015, Candance has played a pivotal role in the growth and success. Under her leadership, the city has seen tremendous growth, the transformation of the Owensboro Riverfront, and so much more. Her efforts have, without a doubt, contributed to the success we see in Owensboro today.

Since first coming to Congress, I have had the honor of getting to know and work with Candance on many occasions. She has been an incredible partner to support the residents of Daviess County and Owensboro. Again, I thank Candance for her dedicated service to our community, and I wish her well in her well-earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen circumstance, I missed a vote on H.R. 3109, the REFINER Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 303.

RECOGNIZING DR. JON COZEAN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Jon Cozean of Farmington, Missouri. Dr. Cozean, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, died November 11, 2025, at the age of 87.

Jon was a lifelong learner. He started a radio station. He studied journalism at the University of Missouri, earned a master's degree from George Washington University and a doctorate in international relations from the American University. He worked for the New York Times at its Washington D.C. bureau. It was the sudden death of his father in 1985 that brought Jon back to Farmington to lead the family business. He was a fourth-generation owner of Cozean Memorial Chapel and was inducted into the National Funeral Directors Association Hall of Excellence.

He was a man of quiet dignity, sincere kindness, and genuine interest in people. Jon was a fixture at community events. He invested in his hometown in a variety of ways from taking photos of the high school football games to teaching at Mineral Area College to serving as Mr. Country Days in 2018. Jon was best known for his passion for local history. He loved to share details about the Farmington community with audiences who came to appreciate their heritage more because of the way Jon brought their hometown story to life.

Dr. Jon Cozean is part of the fabric of Farmington. He leaves a legacy of caring that's exemplified by the many lives he touched. I join with the Farmington community in mourning his loss but celebrating his life of service today before the United States House of Representatives.