

has served as Board President since Nimbus Arts' founding, bringing business, marketing, and fundraising expertise to the organization. She plays an active role in its ongoing success, participating in NIMBASH and serving on the Finance, Fundraising, and Vision Committees. Beyond Nimbus Arts, Ms. Johnson has also served as a Board Commissioner for the St. Helena Public Library and held positions with The Alex Fund, The Alpheios Project, and The Cantus Fund.

Supporting local artists through meaningful employment and exhibition opportunities remains central to Nimbus Arts' mission. Ms. Graff is currently leading expansion efforts in south Napa, including the establishment of a new studio and a partnership with the Napa Valley Education Foundation to bring arts programming to the Foundation's new Discovery Campus. In recognition of its contributions to community life, Nimbus Arts was named St. Helena's Non-Profit of the Year in 2020.

Mr. Speaker, for 20 years, Nimbus Arts has served as a vibrant hub for community members of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their lives through art. The Nimbus Arts team's commitment to making art accessible to everyone has transformed countless lives and I am so grateful for their dedication to our community. I look forward to watching this creative community continue to grow for the next 20 years and beyond. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them today.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LUCILLE HOBACK BOGGESS

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Bedford County icon Lucille Hoback Boggess, who passed away on November 19, 2025, at the age of 96.

On June 8, 1929, Ms. Hoback Boggess was born into the Hoback family. The Bedford County family would eventually consist of 7 children.

While Ms. Hoback Boggess was attending Bedford High School, some of the Hobacks were serving the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

Unbeknownst to her, as Ms. Hoback Boggess was preparing to celebrate her 15th birthday in Bedford, Virginia, her brothers Bedford and Raymond were preparing for a heroic mission to break Fortress Europe and push back against Nazi tyranny.

Two days before her birthday, Bedford and Raymond stormed Omaha Beach as part of Company A, 116th Regiment, 29th Division. They were at the point of the spear of the Allied D-Day landings in Normandy.

While Allied forces would prevail over their enemies, Bedford and Raymond would lose their lives that day on Omaha Beach. Her brothers were two of the 20 lives lost from Bedford, Virginia.

The Bedford community suffered the most deaths per capita than any other American community on June 6, 1944. Today, these patriots are better remembered as the Bedford Boys.

Ms. Hoback Boggess and their family would not learn of their brothers' deaths for weeks.

While enduring this family hardship, Ms. Hoback Boggess sustained her educational progress. She graduated from Bedford High School and later attended Lynchburg's Phillips Business College.

Following these experiences, Ms. Hoback Boggess pursued a lengthy career with the Bedford County Commissioner of Revenue's office. She developed great institutional knowledge from working for the Commissioner of Revenue, helping prepare state and federal tax returns and eventually running much of the daily office activities.

Thanks to this work, Ms. Hoback Boggess believed she could serve the County in an enhanced role. And the people of Bedford County believed in her.

In 1967, Bedford County residents elected Ms. Hoback Boggess as Commissioner of Revenue. She was the first-ever woman elected to countywide office in Bedford County.

As a popular official, Ms. Hoback Boggess continued to earn the trust of Bedford County residents. Her leadership as Commissioner of Revenue continued for decades.

In 1991, Bedford County entrusted Ms. Hoback Boggess with a new office. She was elected to the Board of Supervisors with a resounding 3-to-1 margin. Ms. Hoback Boggess once again made history, becoming the first female to serve the Bedford County Board of Supervisors, eventually becoming Chairman.

A 1997 Roanoke Times article credits Ms. Hoback Boggess as Bedford County's most popular and skilled elected official with reputations as a compassionate listener, moderator and peacemaker.

Ms. Hoback Boggess' service to Bedford County spanned over 60 years. While her public service alone would be worthy of commendation, one of her most cherished and celebrated roles was her help in remembering the sacrifices of her brothers.

Ms. Hoback Boggess dedicated significant attention, time, and effort to engage, memorialize, and pay respects to those who served on D-Day, including her two brothers. Her help along with Bob Slaughter culminated in the founding and creation of the National D-Day Memorial, located in Bedford, Virginia.

It was during this time that I had the honor of meeting Ms. Hoback Boggess when my friend Delegate Lacey Putney introduced me to her while she was lobbying Virginia's General Assembly to support state funding for the National D-Day Memorial.

The National D-Day Memorial is a significant symbol for Virginia. It represents service, grit, honor, sacrifice and much more.

Not only did Ms. Hoback Boggess cherish her brothers, but she dutifully tended to and cared for her family. Her loving marriage to Ralph Boggess lasted nearly 60 years, cut short by his death in 2007. Ms. Hoback Boggess is survived by her children: Carl (Lynn), Ann (Dwayne), John (Ryan), and David (Robin). She is also survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, former tax customers, and fans around the world.

Today, we celebrate the inspirational legacy of Ms. Lucille Hoback Boggess. Her remarkable tenure as an elected official and National D-Day Memorial advocate are to be commended. I join Bedford County and Virginia in mourning the loss of this beloved figure.

HONORING KIONNE L. MCGHEE

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor Commissioner Kionne McGhee for his philanthropy and commitment to at-risk youth. On behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, I am proud to present a Congressional Award in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to Miami-Dade County.

Each year, we have the privilege of acknowledging distinguished Role Model Mentors, and it is with great pleasure that I congratulate him on joining this esteemed group. His status as a graduate of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project underscores the ideals we uphold. His leadership as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission has been crucial in advancing equitable policies that empower our youth. His efforts to create opportunities for education and mentorship demonstrate a deep understanding of the challenges faced by many in our community.

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project shares his vision of uplifting future leaders. His collaboration with local organizations and schools has created essential pathways for success, instilling hope in our youth. His commitment serves as an inspiration not only to those he mentors but also to his colleagues and constituents. We recognize his achievements and extend our gratitude for his tireless work to enhance the quality of life in Miami-Dade County. I congratulate him on this well-deserved honor. I look forward to our continued partnership in developing the next generation of leaders.

I now recognize Role Model Miami-Dade Commissioner Mr. Kionne McGhee as a distinguished role model. As a proud alumnus of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program, Mr. McGhee has successfully transformed from a past characterized by challenges to becoming one of the program's most accomplished and dedicated mentors. In his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission, his leadership has been pivotal in advancing policies that foster equity, education, and empowerment for all community members.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO INSTALL THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SEAL

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce of a bill that would require the Library of Congress (LOC) to install the District of Columbia seal in the Main Reading Room of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the LOC. Specifically, the bill would require the LOC to install a stained glass panel depicting the D.C. seal among the panels depicting the seals of all the states and territories that existed when the Thomas Jefferson Building was constructed. The seals of Hawaii and Alaska are

the only state seals not included in the display because they were not states or territories when the building was constructed. The fact that these two states were not part of the Union at the time argues for the inclusion of D.C., which, after all, was the Nation's capital at the time. This omission was brought to my attention by a D.C. resident, Luis Landau, a former docent at the LOC.

D.C. residents have always had all the obligations of American citizenship, including paying federal taxes and serving in all the Nation's wars, including the War of 1812, during which the Capitol building, which then housed the LOC, was burned, prompting construction of the Thomas Jefferson Building. It is, therefore, without question that D.C. and its residents should receive equal treatment among the stained glass panels that portray the history of the United States. D.C. residents deserve to have their history and American citizenship recognized.

There is existing evidence that the D.C. seal should have been depicted. The Members of Congress room in the Thomas Jefferson Building, which is not open to the public, depicts the D.C. seal with the depiction of state seals on its ceiling. This precedent reinforces D.C.'s request to be represented among the stained glass panels in the Main Reading Room, which is open to the public.

Congress already includes D.C., or has corrected D.C.'s omission, when honoring the states. For example, each state is entitled to two statues in the Capitol, and D.C. has two statues in the Capitol. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 requires the armed services to display the D.C. flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. Legislation gave D.C. a coin after D.C. was omitted from legislation creating coins for the states. It is long overdue to display the D.C. seal with the seals of the states in the Main Reading Room.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING SEAN MAHER

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sean Maher for his more than 25 years of service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga. Mr. Maher is being recognized for his leadership and philanthropy that have helped shape the growth and sustainability of the Club.

Mr. Maher was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and moved to our Napa Valley in 1975 when his father, Dick Maher, assumed the role of President of Beringer Winery. He attended Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School in St. Helena and Justin-Siena High School in Napa. Mr. Maher earned his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from UCLA and received his MBA from St. Mary's College. He is the second of five children born to Dick and the late Marcia Maher, and is the father of two children. Kellen and Loren.

Mr. Maher has been a Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga since 1999. He has served as Board President and Vice President multiple times over the past 26

years, providing consistent leadership through critical periods of growth. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Maher served as St. Helena Capital Campaign Chair, helping raise millions of dollars to build two Boys & Girls Club Clubhouses in the Upper Napa Valley and expand Club sites throughout the area. During his tenure, he has been instrumental in expanding the Club from modest after-school programs into a multi-site organization serving thousands of children across our St. Helena, Calistoga, and Howell Mountain communities.

Beyond his work with the Boys & Girls Clubs, in the late 1990's, Mr. Maher co-founded Maher Advisors with his father, a consulting firm specializing in the appraisal, sale, and strategic management of wineries. In 2016, Mr. Maher co-founded Aspect Consumer Partners with partner Rodney Clark. The firm focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate strategy, and financial advisory services for companies in the wine and spirits, health and beauty, and apparel industries. Mr. Maher has over 24 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions. Reflecting his commitment to social responsibility, Aspect Consumer Partners donates 20 percent of its net earnings annually to charitable causes. Mr. Maher also serves on the St. Helena School Board from 2010 to 2014 and served as School Board President, and his leadership and dedication to educational excellence contributed to strengthening public education in our town of St. Helena.

Mr. Speaker, through more than 25 years of dedicated service, leadership, and generosity, Sean Maher has made lasting contributions to youth and families throughout St. Helena, Calistoga, and the broader Napa Valley community. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### HONORING GARY MOSES OF VICTORIA, TEXAS

#### HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor one of the most beloved sons of Texas's 27th Congressional District, Brother Gary Moses of Victoria, Texas.

For more than fifty years, Brother Gary has been the heartbeat of Victoria and the entire Crossroads region. As a longtime educator at Patti Welder Middle School, a legendary radio voice on Majic 95.9, and Victoria's undisputed ambassador of joy, he has touched countless lives with his infectious smile and his genuine love for every person he meets.

Whether he's emceeing the "Gorgeous Grandmas" pageant, television commercials supporting the Marines Toys for Tots, firing up the crowd at Riverside Stadium for the Victoria Generals, or leading the Christmas parade, Brother Gary shows up with enthusiasm that lifts an entire community.

At 73 years young, he is always reminding us that in Victoria, we are all family. His nickname "Brother Gary" is not just a radio handle; it is the truest description of how he treats everyone he encounters. Local businesses surprise him with appreciation breakfasts, and residents make sure he's invited to every celebration because they know an event simply

isn't complete without Brother Gary's presence.

Mr. Speaker, Brother Gary Moses embodies the very best of the Texas spirit: faith, family, and hard work. On behalf of the people of the 27th District and the countless lives he has brightened, I am proud to recognize him today and thank him for reminding us all how one person truly can make a community feel like home.

#### HONORING LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 25, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor and recognize Congressman HAKEEM SEKOU JEFFRIES for his historic leadership, dedication to public service, and commitment to empowering the next generation.

It is my privilege to deliver this message on behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, presenting Congressman JEFFRIES with this Congressional Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to our Nation and his unwavering support of mentorship programs that uplift young men of color. Congressman JEFFRIES embodies the ideals of excellence, leadership, and purpose-driven service that we strive to instill in the thousands of young men we mentor through the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

As the first Black leader of the House Democratic Caucus, Congressman JEFFRIES has shattered barriers and exemplified what it means to lead with integrity, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to justice. His advocacy for equity, economic empowerment, and meaningful criminal justice reform has positively impacted countless lives and inspired young men to reach for their highest potential.

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project values Congressman JEFFRIES' vision and partnership in creating opportunities for our youth. His leadership has paved the way for young men of color to thrive, demonstrating that perseverance and dedication can lead to extraordinary accomplishments. His remarkable ability to build coalitions and foster collaboration reflects the principles of mentorship and unity that lie at the core of our mission.

Congressman JEFFRIES' life and legacy serve as a powerful example to the next generation, showcasing the impact of purpose-driven leadership and a commitment to improving lives. On behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his efforts to inspire, empower, and uplift communities across the Nation.

I congratulate Leader JEFFRIES on this well-deserved recognition. We celebrate his historic achievements and look forward to continuing our shared mission of mentoring and empowering young men to strive for excellence.