

health care licensing and later helped launch Phoenix Shanti, a pioneering treatment center for people living with HIV. She worked with Phoenix Children's Hospital and Maricopa County on air quality regulations that helped bring the region into compliance and protect vital federal transportation funding. She later returned to ADHS as part of the First Things First early childhood program.

Hazel never slowed down, even in retirement. She was a key voice for science and climate action with the Union of Concerned Scientists, Moms Clean Air Force, and Elders Climate Action. She helped grow Elders Climate Action into a national network of thousands of older Americans, including many here in Arizona, who refused to stay silent about the climate crisis. Friends and colleagues remember her as a constant presence at the Capitol and in community spaces, recognizable by her red advocacy shirts and the oven mitt she used to grip overheated railings on summer days at rallies and hearings. She even continued her fight for climate justice from hospice, testifying virtually at an EPA hearing to defend federal climate protections and reminding decision-makers that their choices would define the world her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will inherit.

Hazel believed deeply that everyone deserves clean air, access to nature, and a livable planet. She helped advise on Phoenix's tree and shade planning and worked to bring more trees and cooling to neighborhoods that lacked them. She championed practical steps that ordinary people could take to confront climate change, from planting native shade trees to speaking up for strong public health protections. Her leadership earned recognition from leaders across our state, including a proclamation in Phoenix marking "Hazel Chandler Day" and Lifetime Achievement Awards from both the Sierra Club and EDF Action.

Hazel leaves behind more than accomplishments. She leaves behind cleaner skies, stronger community coalitions, and a movement that draws strength from her example. Her insistence that every person deserves a healthy environment will continue to inspire people across Arizona for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering an organizer, mentor, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose commitment to public health and environmental justice never wavered. Hazel Chandler gave her voice, her energy, and her last days to the cause of a safer, healthier planet, and we are all better for it.

#### REMEMBERING MARCUS PLOWDEN

### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mr. Marcus Plowden, a beloved husband, father, and friend whose legacy of love, compassion, and devotion to his family, the Western New York community, and our Nation inspired all who knew him.

Born on August 29, 1950, in Buffalo, New York to Mr. Robert Fortson and Mrs. Dorothy Plowden, Mr. Plowden was surrounded by love from the very beginning. He married the love of his life Brenda, and shortly after their

union, the couple became parents to Anthony Plowden. He is survived by numerous loved ones, including a host of relatives and friends. His love for his family and his desire to be there for his Nation and local community, left a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Before beginning his career at General Motors, Mr. Plowden graduated from Emerson High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His service was marked by extraordinary dedication, earning him the National Defense Service Medal. The discipline, leadership, and resilience he developed during his time in the military, would go on to shape his professional approach and contribute significantly to his success in the automotive industry.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marcus Plowden lived a life of devotion to his family, community, and Nation. His unwavering commitment to those he loved and his compassion for others made a profound impact on all who knew him. Mr. Plowden was a man who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around him. His kindness, loyalty, and the warmth in his heart will forever be remembered and deeply missed. Let us continue to honor his legacy by carrying forward the values he lived by: integrity, respect, and above all, love.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EMILY RANDALL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, on December 1, 2025, due to flight delays, I was unable to vote on H.R. 5348 and H.R. 4423. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 306, and YEA on Roll Call No. 307.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DAVID ROSS HOOKS, JR.

### HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of David Ross Hooks, Jr., lovingly known as "Pop Pop," who was not only a devoted community leader but also a dedicated former staff member in my office.

Born in Jacksonville Florida on May 3, 1945, David was the oldest of three children. In his early years, his family moved to Far Rockaway in Queens, New York, where he graduated from Far Rockaway High School.

David was a veteran and served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War as a sharpshooter and a tunnel rat. He served with courage and precision. Though he was honorably discharged in 1969, he remained faithful to the Marine Corps' motto *Semper Fidelis*—Always Faithful—throughout his life. In recognition of his dedication and sacrifice, David was later inducted into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame.

David's life after the military was again marked for his dedication to service. After receiving a degree in Political Science from the

College of New Rochelle in 1983, he devoted 20 years to the State University of New York-Queens Educational Opportunity center. David also served on the Community School Board No. 27, the Community Educational Council for Queens County as representative for Queens Borough President Helen Marshall and was a member of the Board of Directors for Blanche Daycare.

David was incredibly devoted to helping the Queens community, even running for New York City Council while championing causes like affordable housing, environmental protection, and small business growth.

After Hurricane Sandy in 2012, David was a source of strength for his community, helping to organize religious services for displaced churches in public schools so that community members and neighbors could continue to come together in the face of adversity.

David's impact extended beyond his community leadership. David was a cherished member of my staff. His intelligence and integrity were demonstrated when he interacted with the people of Queens. His charisma shaped our office and touched the lives of everyone around him.

His loved ones will remember for his humor, charm and undeniable presence. His life was filled with the soulful sounds of Al Green and James Brown, an undeniable reflection of crisp, classic, and sharp style.

A proud Marine, loving mentor, dedicated educator, and devoted family man. David's life was and will remain a testament to service, perseverance, and love. His legacy will continue to live on through those who knew him.

#### REMEMBERING MRS. ADRIANE Z. WILLIAMS

### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mrs. Adriane Z. Williams, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, whose love, compassion, and devotion to her family and faith inspired all who knew her. Mrs. Williams passed away at the age of 66, having lived a fulfilling and rewarding life.

Mrs. Williams was born on October 16, 1958, in Buffalo, New York to Mr. David Ross and Mrs. Geraldine Ross. Mrs. Williams cherished every moment spent with her family—a life filled with love and partnership until her passing. Her greatest joy was spent as a devoted wife to her husband, Mr. Harold Williams, and mother to Corey Ross, Chandler Williams, Christopher Williams, Collin Williams, and Ashley Oweazim; later she was blessed to become a grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren, nurturing them with the same kindness and care she gave to everyone in her life.

As a proud Western New York native, Mrs. Williams was raised with the strong support of her family from the very beginning, helping to shape her into a natural leader in all aspects of her life. She excelled academically, graduating from Daemen University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree with a major in Humanities, and a minor in Philosophy and Religious Studies. She later obtained a Master's degree from SUNY Buffalo State in Student Personnel Administration.

Mrs. Williams had great love and compassion for all people, working nearly three decades at Daemen University, culminating with her role as the Assistant Director of Academic Advisement. She worked closely with students addressing their immediate needs, including helping to establish the Daemen University pantry, which was later named the 'Adriane Z. Williams Campus Care Cupboard' in her honor in 2019. In her time of leisure, Mrs. Williams was a faithful member of CrossNation Church. Perhaps one of the most treasured memories for those who knew her was active participation in Bible Study Academy, and her visits to senior living homes where she ministered and prayed with the residents.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Adriane Z. Williams lived a life of devotion to her family, community, and faith. Her unwavering commitment to those she loved and her compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew her. Mrs. Williams was a woman who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around her. Her kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us continue to honor her legacy by carrying forward the values she lived by: faith, respect, and above all, love.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was not able to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 308, and YEA on Roll Call No. 309.

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HONORING THE LEGACY OF AMBASSADOR AND GOVERNOR TERRY E. BRANSTAD

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Ambassador and Governor Terry E. Branstad, a lifelong Iowan whose leadership has left an enduring mark on our state and our country.

Terry Branstad was born in 1946 in Leland, Iowa, and grew up on his family farm. After earning a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa and before his Juris Doctor from Drake University Law School, he served in the United States Army as a military policeman, earning the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. His commitment to faith, family, and country has been a guiding principle throughout his life.

Branstad began his political career in the Iowa House of Representatives and then served as Lieutenant Governor before being elected Iowa's 39th governor in 1982. During his campaign, Branstad often brought a spark of energy to the podium and ran to the stage, inspiring crowds across the state. At the time, outgoing Governor Robert Ray tried to convince Branstad that running was not gubernatorial—but he did it anyway, and I carry that

same energy every time I take the stage or meet with Iowans.

He went on to become the longest-serving governor in U.S. history, with over 22 years in office across two tenures. Branstad led Iowa through remarkable economic growth, fiscal responsibility, and educational reform, leaving a lasting legacy of service to Iowa families. But his contributions did not end there. In 2017, Branstad strengthened Iowa's role on the international stage upon being appointed as U.S. Ambassador to China, continuing a lifetime of public service.

Terry has also been a mentor, a friend, and a boss to me personally. I had the privilege of interning in his office in 1995, where I learned firsthand the values of servant leadership and integrity. We share a connection through Drake University, our Catholic faith, and military service. I was proud to support his continued leadership when he served as President of the World Food Prize Foundation from 2023 to 2025.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Branstad's life is a testament to the power of service, leadership, and friendship. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Governor Branstad, a remarkable Iowan, mentor to so many, and a true friend of mine, for his decades of service to Iowa and to our country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE HARIDOPOLOS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, due to the death of Deputy Sheriff Terri Sweeting-Mashkow and my attendance at her funeral, I had to miss votes on December 1 and 2, 2025, for Roll Call Nos. 306, 307, 308, and 309.

Deputy Sheriff Sweeting-Mashkow died in the line of duty while serving an eviction notice when she was shot and killed. This is the second death of an active-duty Indian River County police officer in the department's nearly 100-year history. This horrific incident highlights the importance of supporting local law enforcement officers.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 306; YEA on Roll Call No. 307; YEA on Roll Call No. 308; and YEA on Roll Call No. 309.

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY MISSIONS OF NIAGARA FRONTIER

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, a beacon of light and service in Niagara Falls, New York. As we honor this momentous occasion, may we reflect on its incredible history, its unwavering commitment to supportive community services, and the transformative impact it has had on the lives of countless individuals.

Founded a century ago, Community Missions of Niagara Frontier has lived up to its mission to provide "integrated human services that meet people where they are and help them find and elevate their place in the world." Community Missions of Niagara Frontier has continuously shown its unwavering commitment to community members throughout Niagara County, providing a unique blend of services to address their needs; including faith, family, youth, mental health, and community services.

To date, Community Missions of Niagara Frontier serves as the largest private provider of mental health and human services. It has offered nearly two hundred thousand meals, more than eight thousand care days of youth services, and twelve thousand nights of shelter for those in need.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, let us acknowledge its ongoing success and advocacy for community members throughout Western New York. The organization's leadership is a shining example of service that will be seen, felt, and heard for generations to come.

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HONORING THE DEUTSCHER CLUB IN CLARK, NEW JERSEY

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 3, 2025*

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of The Deutscher Club in Clark, New Jersey.

On September 30, 1935, a group of dedicated men came together with a singular purpose: to preserve the rich heritage and powerful cultural tradition of the German people. From this commitment on, this club has grown to be the largest German club in New Jersey. The club's first gathering took place in the welcoming walls of Nick Grunwald's delicatessen in Rahway, New Jersey. Shortly after this, the first official meeting was held at the Grevens Hotel. At this meeting Karl Krumer was elected as the organization's first president and the name "Deutscher Club of Rahway" was formally adopted. During the early 1940s, the club was such an outstanding success it moved into Eagle's Hall in Rahway to keep up with its increase in members. By the 1950s this growth showed no signs of slowing down. In response, the Deutscher Club purchased a farmhouse sitting on acres of beautiful land. With their dedication and outstanding effort by the members, the humble "Ole House" was turned into a beautiful and expansive Club House, reflecting the club's impressive progression and commitment to the German heritage. In 1955, The Ladies Division was established and reactivated again in 1979. Throughout the years, the ladies of this division have played a vital role in emphasizing the club's culture by organizing card parties, fashion shows and other cultural events. The club has maintained a bi-annual blood bank named "The Deutscher Club Blood Bank", which ensures the blood donations are reserved and ready for its members and families. To advance the German Culture and education, the club provides financial support to multiple organizations, schools, and other cultural institutions. The Deutscher Club will continue to be