

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

an “Oasis for German-Americans in New Jersey.” We take great pride and are deeply proud of what this club and its members have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, as The Deutscher Club celebrates their 90th anniversary of German-American cultural and communal excellence, I am pleased to commend all members of The Deutscher Club for being an integral part of the Clark area. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring this community truly dedicated to faith, culture and education.

HONORING ABIGAIL PROVOST

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Abigail Provost, who was awarded the National Bronze Cross Lifesaving Award from the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Lifesaving Awards are national awards given to registered Girl Scouts in recognition of independent acts of extraordinary bravery that were essential to a lifesaving rescue. These awards acknowledge Girl Scouts who have saved or attempted to save a human life, with or without risk to their own lives, and under circumstances that most people of their age and life experience may not be able to function.

Health and safety training is an essential part of the Girl Scout program. In accordance with the Girl Scout Promise, Law, motto, and slogan to which she has subscribed, a Girl Scout is expected to be resourceful, skilled, and competent. She is also expected to have a presence of mind and to be of service to others. Each lifesaving situation is unique and there are many considerations determining if the Girl Scout led actions that were essential to the rescue.

On November 11, the Provost family indulged in a typical evening together immersed in their favorite television program. As the evening progressed, Abigail's father excused himself to bed, and Abigail eventually decided it was time for her to do the same while her mom and siblings stayed comfortably in front of the TV. Abigail's rest was soon interrupted when she began to smell smoke. In a panic, she began screaming to get her family's attention and followed the pungent smell down to the basement where Abigail's father met her. Fire extinguisher in hand, Abigail bravely took on the breaker box, which she had correctly assumed to be the source of the fire. The Provosts had recently installed solar panels, so Abigail suggested that she and her father cut that power source too. It turned out these new panels were the source of the sparks and smoke.

Abigail's quick-thinking, sharp instincts, and clear mind in this high stress situation saved not only her family home, but also her entire family's lives. This is Abigail's second Lifesaving Award in six months after her and her Girl Scout troop saved a man having a heart attack using the skills they had learned through their Girl Scout training.

I thank Abigail Provost for going above and beyond to make a difference in our community. I congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved honor.

HONORING MR. RENALDO SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Renaldo Scott, a distinguished citizen and veteran whose life reflects exceptional service to his community, his State, and the United States of America.

Mr. Scott, a native of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, has devoted his career to military service, aviation maintenance, community engagement, and public safety. A 2014 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Mound Bayou, he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard soon after completing his studies. Trained as a helicopter mechanic, Mr. Scott served his State and Nation for years through deployments and specialized technical assignments, including a deployment to Afghanistan. While deployed, he was a UH medevac/combat search and rescue chief.

Seeking to deepen his knowledge and advance professionally, Mr. Scott pursued and completed a degree in Aviation/Aerospace Management with a minor in Business Administration. Over the course of his military and technical career, he served in multiple states and capacities, supporting aviation operations in Mississippi, Louisiana, California, and Texas. His duties included working for the Army Aviation Support Facility in Jackson and supporting aircraft maintenance operations in San Antonio.

Despite building a respected career away from home, Mr. Scott ultimately returned to Mound Bayou in 2022 to support his family and re-establish roots in the community he cherishes. He subsequently completed a deployment to Sinai, Egypt, in 2023.

Mr. Scott path reflects the best of American values: service, sacrifice, and leadership. He has balanced demanding careers in the military, aircraft maintenance, and public safety—joining the Lincoln-Parker Fire Protection District as a volunteer firefighter and continuing his long-term goal of enhancing safety and opportunity in his hometown.

Mr. Scott has expressed that helping others is a deeply personal calling. He states that while he grew up in Mound Bayou, his life experiences have strengthened his commitment to serve the community that raised him. Whether through emergency response, local engagement, or mentorship, Mr. Scott exemplifies the spirit of duty and the enduring value of public service.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Renaldo Scott—a son of Mississippi, a dedicated servicemember, and a community leader, whose contributions bring honor to his family, his State, and this Nation.

RECOGNIZING MRS. EMILY MONDSCHNEIN

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 recognize Mrs. Emily Mondschein, the

Executive Director of Gigi's Playhouse. Emily is a woman whose compassion and advocacy can be seen throughout Western New York, through parents and children of all ages, and far beyond the walls of GiGi's Playhouse.

As the proud mother of two sons, Samuel and Paul, Mrs. Mondschein, alongside her husband, Mr. Will Mondschein, set out on a mission to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome are treated with equality and respect in all areas of society. Inspired by her son, Paul, Mrs. Mondschein wanted to establish an organization for families and community members throughout Western New York to empower individuals with Down syndrome and increase positive awareness through educational programs.

After visiting GiGi's Playhouse in Syracuse, Mrs. Mondschein was more inspired than ever and determined to open her own location in Western New York. Through GiGi's Playhouse, community members are offered one-on-one literacy tutoring, discovery arts and science, and group music therapy. Each program is dedicated to helping community members with Down Syndrome reach their full potential.

As we recognize the incredible service of Mrs. Emily Mondschein, let us not only acknowledge her dedicated career as an educational leader and her steadfast commitment to children in need, but also her unwavering advocacy for accessible and inclusive community programming where every individual is celebrated for who they are, providing a safe space for all to be heard. Mrs. Mondschein's service is a blessing, and we look forward to many more years of her inspired leadership.

HONORING THE NORTHERN MACOMB REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to proudly recognize the Northern Macomb Regional Chamber as it marks a significant milestone, its fiftieth anniversary. This stands as a testament to five decades of dedicated service, principled leadership, and an enduring devotion to the residents, businesses, and communities of Northern Macomb County.

Originally established as the Greater Romeo-Washington Chamber of Commerce in 1975, the organization later expanded and rebranded as the Northern Macomb Regional Chamber of Commerce to better reflect its broader service area. Over the decades, it has adapted to changing economic and community needs while helping to connect businesses and stakeholders across Northern Macomb County.

For fifty years, the Northern Macomb Regional Chamber of Commerce has supported local engagement through practical business programs and community events, including ribbon cuttings, business networking opportunities, and its annual EMMA Awards. These activities reflect the Chamber's ongoing role in convening businesses and community leaders across Northern Macomb County.

Mr. Speaker, today's recognition marks an important anniversary for an organization that