

union which represents 200,000 employees and retirees of the United States Postal Service who belong to the clerk, maintenance, motor vehicle, and other services divisions. It was founded July 18, 1971 as a former clerk in the Chicago post office, beginning in 1961, prior to the APWU being organized and accepted. I congratulate the Chicago leadership in the personage of Keith Richardson, President, Diatta Grant, Director, Jackie Chambers, Vice President, and Michelle Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Labor unions function in many ways to generate fair equitable wages, benefits, working conditions, and quality of life enhancements. They are the bridges between employers and employees. Without labor unions I often wonder what life in this country would be? Therefore, I take this opportunity to thank the leadership of the Chicago Local APWU 0001 for leadership well provided and a job well done.

CELEBRATING THAI INVESTMENT
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, AAPICO announced a historic investment in Orangeburg, South Carolina of one hundred and twenty million dollars, which will create three hundred and ninety-two jobs.

AAPICO is a publicly listed tier one automotive parts manufacturer based in the Kingdom of Thailand with more than thirty years of industry experience, that excels in the production of jigs, dies, press parts, chassis frame components, cradles, plastic parts, and forged and machined components. Sodecia Aapico JV's new 400,000-square-foot facility, located in Orangeburg, will manufacture ladder frames predominately for SUV and truck model vehicles and will open in 2027.

The enduring alliance of the United States and Thailand continues to positively support the lives and economies of people in both nations. I am grateful to Ambassador Suriya Chindawongse for his continuing support of Thai relations and the U.S.-Thai Alliance Caucus, which I am grateful to Chair.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH BIRTHDAY
OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY,
GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 200th anniversary of the founding of the city of Blakely, Georgia. This momentous occasion will be celebrated on December 4, 2025, in Blakely on the front lawn of City Hall. Established in 1825, Blakely, the county seat of Early County, is a community with a rich and unique history, reflecting the diverse claims and cultures that have shaped this corner of Southwest Georgia over the centuries, including Native American tribes, Spanish explorers, and English colonizers. Blakely was named in honor of Captain Johnston Blakely,

an Irish immigrant who commanded two vessels, the *Enterprise* and the *Wasp*, during the War of 1812. Captain Blakely's valor, particularly for capturing the British ship, *Feindeer*, earned him a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal, making a fitting namesake for a town that has also exhibited great resilience and determination.

Blakely, famously nicknamed the "Peanut Capital of the World," stands as a testament to the strong agricultural and natural heritage of the region. While cotton was the predominant industry before the Civil War, the area is now the top peanut-producing county in the Nation, feeding the world and contributing millions of dollars in economic impact. The city's enduring history is also preserved in sites like the magnificent Early County Courthouse, built in 1905 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Blakely is also home to significant natural and historical attractions, including the Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park, one of the largest mound complexes in the state, and the Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge, built in 1891, which is the southernmost covered bridge in the United States.

Today, Blakely continues to be a vibrant center of community and commerce in Southwest Georgia, with institutions like the satellite campuses of Bainbridge State College and Albany Technical College serving the area. But ultimately, Blakely, Georgia is so special because of the hardworking families and individuals who call it home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me in recognizing and celebrating the city of Blakely, Georgia on its 200th birthday. I wish the people of Blakely all the best as they commemorate two centuries of history and culture.

HONORING MR. TYRONE NANCE
WITH THE CA-37 CHANGEMAKER
AWARD

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to award Mr. Tyrone Nance with the CA-37 Changemaker Award for his dedication to uplifting underserved and marginalized communities in Los Angeles.

Through unwavering commitment to his community, Mr. Tyrone Nance has become one of South Los Angeles' most trusted crisis-response organizers. Tyrone founded It's Bigger Than Us (IBTU) in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning with a simple act of service: making sure students had backpacks, supplies, and support during a moment of profound uncertainty. What began as a small, urgent response quickly grew into a citywide movement defined by dignity, essential resources, food access, and a deep belief that communities can rebuild when someone shows up for them.

That same spirit guided Tyrone in 2025 when Los Angeles was devastated by the Palisades and Eaton wildfires. Under his leadership, IBTU mobilized one of the largest community-powered disaster relief efforts in the region. Over just three weeks, IBTU delivered meals, emergency supplies, and coordinated

support to thousands of displaced individuals, deploying more than 3,500 volunteers and forging over 180 new partnerships to meet the overwhelming need. Tyrone then launched IBTU Relief, transforming an emergency operation into long-term recovery for families across more than 90 ZIP codes. This work culminated in the opening of The Hub—IBTU's weekly-open, trauma-informed recovery center—providing verified intake, case management, mental-health services, and high-touch distributions to families navigating the long road to stability.

Tyrone's commitment to community extends far beyond crisis. As a proud Crenshaw High School alumnus, he led the full renovation of the school's outdoor basketball courts—an investment in youth and community pride. In 2025, he joined students, families, and local leaders at the Crenshaw Court Dedication. What began as a pandemic-era backpack drive came full circle: a symbol of renewal, built at the very school that shaped him.

Across disaster relief, youth programming, and community empowerment, Tyrone has remained a national voice for equity and service. His work, which is rooted in lived experience, research, and collaboration, demonstrates what is possible when leadership meets compassion. Tyrone Nance embodies the spirit of collective care, and his impact continues to strengthen families, schools, and neighborhoods throughout California's 37th District and beyond.

It is my honor to recognize Tyrone with the CA-37 Changemaker Award. He demonstrates a high standard of commitment to service and I thank him for his impactful work.

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING
GRATITUDE TO FORMER DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS KATHY
ZHU

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my sincere gratitude to my former Director of Operations, Kathy Zhu of Kissimmee, Florida, for her exceptional service, tireless dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District. Over the years, Kathy proved to be an invaluable asset to my office, where her attention to detail was crucial in my ability to represent and serve my constituents.

Kathy discovered her passion for public service in High School and was extensively involved in the Florida Federation of Teenage Republicans and the Republican Party of Florida. This passion eventually led Kathy to study Political Science at the University of Michigan, where she served as the Vice Chair for the College Republicans at the university. After graduation, Kathy moved to the Washington, D.C. area and began her career in politics, working for various organizations in event coordination and digital analysis.

In February of 2022, Kathy joined my staff as Scheduler and quickly became my Director of Operations the following year. During her time in my office, Kathy worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth and effective operation of my office. From travel,

events, and meeting coordination to office administration, she consistently demonstrated precision and professionalism. She also greatly contributed to the culture and environment of my office by bringing her dog, Moose, in on out-of-session days. While working in my office, Kathy continued her education at the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and received a Master of Arts in Global Security Studies in May of 2025.

Kathy has returned to Michigan to continue her career in public service and is currently the Digital Strategy Director for Speaker Matt Hall in the Michigan House of Representatives, where I have no doubt that she will continue to lead and serve with purpose in this new role.

Although Kathy has moved on to new challenges, her impact on my office and on the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District continues to be felt in the work we do every day. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the constituents I proudly serve, I want to thank Kathy Zhu for her years of loyal service, her commitment to excellence, and her patriotic spirit. I wish her the very best as she continues her journey in public service.

COMMENDING THE MU MU LAMDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation commending the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on its 50th Anniversary.

Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, stands as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, committed to developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, and providing service and advocacy for communities nationwide; and

Whereas, the mission of the fraternity is to stimulate the ambition of its members and prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity through scholarships, leadership, service and advocacy; and

Whereas, for fifty years, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter has lived this mission with distinction—strengthening communities, mentoring youth, awarding scholarships, advancing civic engagement, shaping leaders, and uplifting humanity through service, advocacy, and brotherhood; and

Whereas, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter was chartered on April 14, 1976 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, by twenty-two visionary brothers whose leadership established a lasting legacy of excellence and impact; and

Whereas, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter has demonstrated the fraternity's motto "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All," and it aims—Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind—through five decades of transformative programming, community partnerships, youth initiatives, and leadership development activities; and

Whereas, the chapter's Golden Anniversary in April 2026 marks a momentous milestone for the Chicagoland community and the broader fraternity; and

Whereas, the chapter's presidents from 1976 to 2026 are recognized for their dedication and leadership in advancing the mission and sustaining the chapter's legacy: Ernest Gibson (1976), Mickey S. Brown (1977), Arthur Thompson (1978), James H. Ivory (1979–1981), Walter R. Bauldrick, Sr. (1981), Clarence R. Lewis (1982–1984), Robert L. McMillian (1984–1986), Harold W. Kelly (1986–1988), Fred L. Miller (1988–1990), Roland E. Wesley (1990–1992), George A. McCrowey (1992–1994), Isiah P. Ward (1994–1996), Austin V. Harton (1996–1998), Kenneth R. Watkins, Sr. (1998–2000), Warren G. Smith (2000–2002), Norman P. Fleming (2002–2004), Michael J. Bates (2004–2005), Undray Wilks (2005–2007), David A. Lewis (2007–2009), Rahmad D. Bauldrick, Sr. (2009–2011), Seth L. Wilson (2011–2013), Leonard C. McKinnis, Jr. (2013–2016), Eddie H. Reynolds (2016–2018), Decature Tounsel (2018–2019), David A. Lewis (2019–2020), Ashton L. Clark (2020–2022), Rahmad D. Bauldrick, Sr. (2022–2024), L. Bernard Jakes (2024–2025), and Robert O. Harris Jr. (2025–2026);

As a proud member who share brotherhood with this outstanding group of distinguished men, some of whom I met as a freshmen in college (Kenneth R. Watkins and Ernest Gibson) and one (Isiah P. Ward) who was my line brother when we joined Mu Mu Lambda.

As a member of the chapter, and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I take great pride in congratulating the officers and members past and present of the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. The chapter is commended for its steadfast commitment to the fraternity's mission and its unwavering dedication to leadership development, community upliftment, youth empowerment and social advocacy. Best wishes to all of them for their continued success, brotherhood, and impactful service for decades to come.

HONORING OFFICER JAMES "XY" BROWN

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Officer James "XY" Brown of the Jacksonville Police Department. A well-recognized icon in Onslow County, Mr. Brown, after 68 years of selfless service and dedication to the City of Jacksonville, is retiring this December.

Prior to his service to Jacksonville, he served our country in the Army during WWII. Following that, he began volunteering in 1957 with the Jacksonville Police and officially joined the force in 1971. In his devoted and generous fashion, he currently serves as a crossing guard and public service officer, helping ensure the safety of the residents and children of Onslow County. He is well known for his positive demeanor and professionalism.

Mr. Brown is currently the oldest serving police officer in the Jacksonville Police Department at a resounding 98 years old. In 2022, he was recognized by the NC Lead Project, a statewide organization whose mission is to bridge socioeconomic gaps and strengthen the community through leadership and education with a lifetime achievement award, highlighting his leadership and service to his community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and congratulating Mr. Brown and his service to Jacksonville and the country. I thank Mr. Brown for his commitment, and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL CANFIELD

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael Canfield, the President and CEO of IPMI, Inc. and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Over the last 30 years, Mike's leadership built the businesses and operations of this cultural landmark owned by the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. The Cultural Center and tribal businesses are on land that was once a boarding school, with the historical complexities that the boarding school era represents. The transformation of the land into a thriving business center, a world renowned cultural center, and a world class Native American charter school, exemplifies the possibilities when Native Americans exercise self-determination and control over their own destiny and resources. He oversaw a restructuring of the museum so that the voice that told the history of the Pueblos was Puebloan, he professionalized the historical archival work, and education department and the restaurant at the cultural center is not only a place for delicious post contact food, but also itself a teaching kitchen. The Cultural center is the most visited site in Albuquerque. The former Albuquerque Indian School campus is a place of spirited community and family.

The distinguished Legacy Circle also honors the name of Michael G. Canfield because of his work elevating IPCC to a place of national recognition. This honor exists now as he has helped create endless opportunities for Pueblo people. These visionaries to receive this honor through new IPCC estate plans ensure the strength of the culture and economic stability for generations to come.

His leadership focused on his people, the preservation and celebration of Pueblo culture. Visitors steam into the dance circle at the cultural center to watch Puebloan and other indigenous dancers from around the world share both culture heritage and creativity, where the drums reverberate under our turquoise skies. But the Indian Pueblo Marketing, Inc., which is the economic arm of the 19 Pueblos stewardship of their land now boasts two hotels, two major office buildings, restaurants and business centers. The financial return helps fund not just the cultural center activities but also the 19 Pueblos themselves, who in turn use the funds to meet their governmental needs.

I had the benefit of working with Mr. Canfield as the attorney for IPMI and can attest to the wisdom and diplomacy he brought to every board meeting, every finance discussion, and every entrepreneurial expansion he proposed. He always balanced the cultural heritage that needed to be preserved and honored and the economic opportunities that beckoned.

His impact on the IPCC and the Native American community will be remembered forever. The Pueblo people have always lived on