

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REYNOLDS FARM EQUIPMENT

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reynolds Farm Equipment of Indiana as it celebrates 70 years of service to Hoosier agriculture. For seven decades, the Reynolds family has supported Indiana farmers—advancing technology, strengthening rural communities, and helping sustain one of our state's most vital industries.

Since 1955, Reynolds has provided dependable machinery, service, and innovation. By 1959, they had already grown into the largest John Deere dealer in Indiana, later expanding into lawn and garden equipment and earning Farm Equipment Magazine's 2018 North American Dealer of the Year award. Founded by A.W. "Mac" and Arline Reynolds in Fishers, the business has grown from a family dealership into a respected multi-location operation.

Gary Reynolds, who joined in 1969, helped guide that growth and was inducted last year into the Indiana Historical Society. The company has also supported Conner Prairie and other living history organizations, ensuring Indiana's agricultural heritage is preserved and shared.

Today, Reynolds Farm Equipment remains a leading John Deere dealer while maintaining strong family values and a commitment to community philanthropy. Their work continues to strengthen Indiana agriculture now and for the future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reynolds Farm Equipment and the Reynolds family on 70 years of excellence.

CELEBRATING THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBANY SOUTHWEST GEORGIAN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Albany Southwest Georgian on its 87th year of continuous publication and dedicated service to the people of Southwest Georgia. An event to celebrate this singular milestone will be held on December 5, 2025, at Albany Technical College in Albany, Georgia. The Keynote Speaker for this event will be the publisher of the Westside Gazette, Mr. Bobby Henry. The theme for this event is "Old enough to know, but young enough to grow."

Founded on August 8, 1938, by Virgil Hodges and A.C. Searles, The Albany Southwest Georgian has long served as a vital voice for the African American community in Albany and the surrounding region. For nearly

nine decades the paper has reported with integrity and independence, chronicling local life, preserving community memory, and advocating for civic engagement and public service.

Throughout its storied history, The Albany Southwest Georgian has been led by committed stewards who sustained its mission across generations. Under the leadership of the late Commissioner Arthur Searles and later Giselle Searles, the newspaper navigated social, cultural, and political changes while remaining rooted in accuracy and community uplift. In May 2019, stewardship of this proud institution passed to former State Representative Winfred Dukes and his mother, Mrs. Willie Beatrice Dukes, who continue to preserve its legacy and ensure its service to future generations.

The Albany Southwest Georgian played a vital role during the Albany Civil Rights Movement, documenting mass meetings, demonstrations, and the tireless grassroots organizing that helped shape the national struggle for justice and equality. In times of crisis, such as the catastrophic floods of 1994 and 1998, and the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the newspaper served as a trusted source of information and a stabilizing presence for local families and civic leaders. Our former colleague, Civil Rights Icon John Lewis once said that "We need the press now more than ever before to be a headlight and not a taillight." The Albany Southwest Georgian has and will continue to be a headlight that will shine a light on truth, justice and equality for all of God's children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian in congratulating The Albany Southwest Georgian on 87 years of distinguished service to Southwest Georgia. We commend its record of faithful journalism, community advocacy, and historical preservation.

May The Albany Southwest Georgian continue to inform, inspire, and strengthen the communities it serves for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE SOUTH TAMPA CHAMBER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the South Tampa Chamber on its 100th anniversary. The South Tampa Chamber is a leader and positive force for the entire Tampa Bay area particularly small business owners and the military families who serve at MacDill Air Force Base. President Kelly Flannery, in particular, has helped lift the organization to one of the stellar "go to" business organizations in Florida. The Chamber has devoted a century of commitment to community involvement, connection, and growth, and we plan to cherish the lasting partnerships created for generations to come.

The history of the South Tampa Chamber began as the Port Tampa Assembly of Businessmen in 1926 with a goal to strengthen the rapidly expanding relationship between commerce in the Port Tampa area and the community. The South Tampa Chamber called on local leaders to support efforts to expand transportation, improve infrastructure and economic prosperity. These efforts led to the development of the Port Tampa Chamber of Commerce and allowed for the expansion of the South Tampa Chamber.

Throughout the years, the Chamber evolved from the South Gandy Chamber of Commerce to what it is known as today, the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce. In 2017, the South Tampa Chamber became one of twenty chambers in the State of Florida designated as a Certified PLUS Chamber by the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals. This achievement is due to the dedication to work in the membership areas of programming, advocacy, and leadership and administration. These membership areas serve as a framework to guide a prospering community that may continue to contribute to the Tampa Bay area.

The South Tampa Chamber membership association comprises over 600 businesses, organizations, elected officials, and community leaders. Through collaboration with partnerships such as the MacDill Air Force Base for over 75 years, the South Tampa Chamber has been able to support our Military with special programs and initiatives. In 2018, the South Tampa Chamber was recognized as a Three-Star Chamber of Valor by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This award is recognized as the highest honor for local and state chambers for a demonstration of support to Military personnel and their family members.

Mr. Speaker, I am incredibly proud to support the network of individuals who foster a connection to community and success. On behalf of my neighbors of Tampa Bay, I am proud to congratulate the South Tampa Chamber on 100 years of exhibiting a forum for members to thrive through business partnerships and opportunities. It is dedicated business members, like those at the South Tampa Chamber, that make our Tampa Bay community a driving city for economic and local commerce growth. Our community is proud to have the South Tampa Chamber, and I applaud them on this incredible milestone of a century of members networking, conducting business, and enriching the South Tampa Community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JIM GILLIS

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Jim Gillis of Niles as

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the Veteran of the Month for December and honor him for his distinguished service to our great Nation.

Jim Gillis dedicated over two decades of his life to defending our freedoms as a member of the United States Army. He achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class and deployed repeatedly with some of America's finest Brigade Combat Teams and Divisions, consistently proving himself a leader of uncommon grit and character.

For his 21 years of active service to our Nation, Jim was awarded over 40 U.S. Army and Department of Defense medals, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters. He has been named Division Iron Man, MP War Fighter, MP of the Quarter, Sergeant of the Year, and Distinguished Soldier of the Month for both Fort Bragg and the XVIII Airborne Corps.

After his lengthy service to our Nation, Jim spent an additional 18 years as a U.S. Army civilian, where he eventually became a contracting representative/specialist and the Deputy Housing Chief before his retirement.

Jim has also demonstrated great physical strength throughout his career, allowing him to secure a place on the U.S. Army track team and set a Southern European record for the 3K run at the SETAF Championship.

Beyond the accolades, what sets Jim apart is the spirit with which he served. Whether as an MP or as a Troops to Teachers participant, Jim uses both physical and emotional resilience to uplift others. He cares deeply for his soldiers, his colleagues, and his community, continuing to mentor, teach, and support others. He has also been working to establish a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Edwardsburg High School to ensure the next generation is prepared to lead.

Jim's dedication to his country did not end when he took off the uniform. Instead, he has carried it forward as a civilian. I am honored to share his story, and I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the significant accomplishments of this remarkable veteran.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF
PATROL AGENT JESSE D. MUÑOZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of Chief Patrol Agent Jesse D. Muñoz, a dedicated law enforcement leader and a proud representative of the U.S. Border Patrol Laredo Sector.

For over twenty-five years, Chief Muñoz has served our Nation with honor. A member of the 448th session of the Border Patrol Academy, he began his career at the Laredo North Station and quickly demonstrated the skill, discipline, and commitment that would define his service.

In 2004, he graduated from Class 7 of the BORSTAR Selection Course, joining an elite

cadre of agents trained in rescue, trauma response, and high-risk operations. His career has taken him across the country and around the world.

From his early leadership roles in the Tucson Sector and the Special Operations Group in El Paso, to his service as Assistant Chief at CBP Headquarters, Chief Muñoz has consistently answered the call to duty.

He has deployed on missions throughout Mexico, Central America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, bringing his expertise to some of the most complex security challenges facing our Nation and our partners.

Before joining the Border Patrol, Chief Muñoz served eight years in the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic and Vocational Nurse, including deployment to Turkey and Iraq with the Third Infantry Division in 1991. That foundation of service, rooted in courage, care, and leadership, has guided him throughout his USBP career.

Today, as Chief Patrol Agent of the Laredo Sector, he leads with the same steadfast dedication he has displayed since his first day in uniform.

His work has strengthened border security, enhanced emergency response operations, and safeguarded communities across South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Patrol Agent Jesse D. Muñoz embodies the highest values of service and duty.

On behalf of the 28th District of Texas, I commend him for his exemplary career and thank him for his continued commitment to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MR. STANLEY R.
LAWSON, SR.

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled and honored to recognize the life and legacy of Stanley R. Lawson, Sr., a veteran and trailblazer in Pennsylvania.

Born and raised in Harrisburg, Stan was a loving father, son, community leader, and public servant whose life's work was defined by service to others. He was a proud combat veteran of the United States Navy, serving in Vietnam from 1960 to 1964. After returning home, he began his 50-year career in politics and public service.

Stan made history in 1969 by becoming the first African American to be elected to the Harrisburg City Council, eventually serving as the Vice President in the early 1970's. His journey in public service continued as the first African American President of AFSCME Council No. 13, the first African American President of the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners, and the first African American Chairman of the Dauphin County Republican Committee. In 1986, Stan stood alongside Governor Dick Thornburgh for the signing of House Bill 1855, which conveyed funding and

property designated for Susquehanna Township, while he was the President of the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners. Those funds were used to create the Susquehanna Township parks, an example of how Stan's leadership directly improved Citizens' quality of life.

In addition to his public service, Stan was deeply committed to the local community, civil rights, and his faith in God. Throughout the 1990's, he established and managed Lawson's Grocery, Stan Lawson's Palace, and multiple residential and commercial real estate enterprises. In 2006, he became the President of the Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP, where he served for over 10 years. In 2009, he was ordained as a Deacon at the First Spirit Filled Missionary Baptist Church.

Over the course of his life, Stan earned several meaningful honors that meant a great deal to him, including the Man of the Year Award from the Dauphin County Teenage Republicans in 1971, a Resolution of Recognition from the Black Republican Council of Pennsylvania in 1982, and a Presidential Award from the IMC of Greater Harrisburg in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Mr. Stanley R. Lawson, Sr. for his tireless, dedicated, and faithful service to God, family, friends, the Harrisburg community, our Commonwealth, and the United States of America. His lifetime of public service, his pioneering contributions to civil rights, and his enduring commitment to community leadership will endure into eternity. Stan's life example of "service above self" set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF A NEW LIBYA

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 5, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity late last month to spend some time with a delegation of high-level officials from the leadership of Libya.

Sent to Washington by the Libyan Prime Minister, the group presented solid evidence that a new Libya is in the making.

The new Libya is focused on creating circumstances that will make free and fair elections a reality. The new Libya is taking concrete steps to lessen long-standing tribal animosities that have divided the country. The new Libya is committed to a unified country without the internationally recognized transitional government in Tripoli being held hostage to a would-be regime in the east.

These profound changes and commitments were well-reflected in an article from Newsweek published during the delegation's visit. I asked unanimous consent that the article be included in the RECORD: Libya Has a Deal for Trump That Could Reshape Africa and Europe: <https://www.newsweek.com/libya-deal-trump-could-reshape-africa-europe-11063123>.