

World War II Army combat veteran and cherished member of our Bedford community, who recently passed away at the age of 98.

Like so many others, Edward answered the call to serve our Nation during one of the most pivotal times in history. He was part of the Greatest Generation—a generation of patriotic Americans who put service above self every day. Through bravery, resilience, and unwavering dedication, Edward contributed to the defense of democracy and fought for the freedoms we continue to enjoy today.

For one year, three months, and sixteen days Edward operated in the European Theater of Operations during WWII. During his service to this country, Edward earned the World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal and Germany Clasp, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. In January 2025, I had the distinct honor to present Edward with the Battle Participation Star also known as the Bronze Battle Star, which was awarded to him in May 1945 but never received.

Following his military service, Edward continued a life of service to his family, community, and country. Through a blind date, he met his wife, Mildred, who blessed him with six children. Edward lived and worked on the family farm where he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren riding in the Case tractor and building fences, served as a founding member of the Gravity Legion where he helped build the Legion Hall, and volunteered with the Gravity Community Fire Department.

We owe a profound debt of gratitude to Edward and all those of the Greatest Generation who sacrificed so much to secure the freedoms we cherish today. Let us ensure that their legacy endures, and their contributions are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Edward's family and loved ones. May we forever honor Edward's service and memory.

HONORING JULIA DUBOIS AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, for over two decades, the halls of several Florida elementary schools have echoed with the enthusiasm of exceptional educator Julie DuBois. Two Orlando schools in particular—Hillcrest and Hunter's Creek. She was twice honored as Teacher of the Year. This dedicated professional has spent her career nurturing the minds and hearts of Florida's young learners. Her passion for early childhood education is evident in every lesson plan and classroom activity they design.

At the heart of Julie's teaching philosophy is a commitment to developing young readers. Believing that literacy is the cornerstone of all learning, she has implemented innovative strategies to engage students with books from an early age. Through storytelling, phonics play, and interactive reading sessions, she has created a classroom environment where

reading is not just a skill to be learned but a joy to be experienced.

The influence of this talented teacher extends well beyond her classroom walls. Colleagues frequently seek her advice on best practices for fostering literacy and creating inclusive learning spaces. Her dedication to continuous professional development ensures that they are always at the forefront of educational trends, ready to inspire both students and peers alike.

In an era when educators' roles are more critical than ever, this Orlando-based teacher stands out as a beacon of dedication and passion. Her two decades of service to Florida's elementary students have left an indelible mark on countless young lives, cultivating a love for learning that will last a lifetime. As she continues to shape the future of education, she remains a testament to the profound impact one teacher can have in the world.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DR. NELLIE B. KING

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and lasting legacy of Dr. Nellie B. King, a trailblazer in education, a steadfast advocate for youth, and a devoted public servant to Western New York. Dr. King's remarkable contributions, both in and out of the classroom, have left an enduring impact on generations and continue to serve as a powerful source of inspiration for those dedicated to empowering others.

With more than thirty-five years of service in education, Dr. King made history as the first African American Superintendent of the Lackawanna City School District. During her nine-year tenure, she spearheaded innovative programs such as the Kids in Spotlight Program, the Lackawanna Center for Family Achievement, and the District Model Aids Program, all of which brought meaningful and lasting change to the community.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. King was a passionate community leader, guided by her strong faith and commitment to service. She was an active member of Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Women's Missionary Council of the CME Church, and the World Federation of Methodist Women. Through her involvement in these organizations, Dr. King became a staunch advocate for social justice, equality, and empowerment, particularly for women and underrepresented groups.

Dr. King's exceptional contributions to education and community service were recognized with several prestigious awards. She received the National Association of Counties Achievement Award, the Buffalo Ambassador Award, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Education, reflecting her impact in both local and national spheres. In 2019, it was my privilege to name her a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction, a well-deserved honor that celebrated her decades of commitment to education, leadership, and community empowerment.

Today, we celebrate Dr. Nellie B. King—a pioneering educator, mentor, and visionary whose tireless efforts transformed not only the lives of her students but also the entire community. Her legacy is a testament to the profound influence one individual can have in creating hope, opportunity, and innovation for future generations.

IMPACT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DISASTEROUS TARIFFS ON CANADA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, in the last election, then-candidate Trump ran on lowering costs for American families. He owned the issue on the campaign trail, and he won. I had hoped that he would follow through on his promise to "lower costs on day one." But instead of working to lower costs, the President has waged an unprompted trade war with Canada that will cost Americans when they heat their homes, feed their families, run their small businesses, or tend to their farm.

It's been one week since President Trump imposed twenty-five percent tariffs on Canada. In retaliation, Ontario imposed a twenty-five percent surcharge on electricity exported to Minnesota, Michigan, and New York. This will directly impact Minnesotans' energy bills. Minnesotans and consumers across this country will feel the impact of Trump's tariffs at the grocery stores when they buy products like pork, produce, or eggs.

With the uncertainty of Trump's tariffs, small business owners aren't able to plan ahead for their businesses. Trump has small business owners on a rollercoaster, trying to predict the extra costs they will pay in this escalating trade war. Last week, my office met with Traci Tapani, a Co-President of Wyoming Machine, a small family-owned sheet metal fabricator in Stacy, MN who relies on Canadian aluminum for their operations. The past few weeks have been filled with uncertainty for their business, not knowing if Trump would roll back or increase the tariffs. And just today, Trump imposed additional tariffs imported aluminum, bringing the total tariffs on Canadian aluminum up to fifty percent. This will force small businesses like Wyoming Machine to adjust their operations once again. Trump isn't hurting Canada or Ontario with this trade war He is hurting small business owners.

Trump's tariffs are also hurting farmers across this country who will incur greater costs when purchasing potash, a soil fertilizer often imported from Canada. And by inciting these trade wars, Trump is cutting off essential export markets for our farmers.

Americans know these tariffs are going to hit us hard. Our financial markets are in free fall because Americans fear this trade war will push us into a recession. Dr. John Spry, an economist at the University of St Thomas, has estimated that as long as the Trump tariffs are in place, Americans will spend one-hundred dollars more on everyday goods each month. In my district, I'm hearing that working families and seniors on fixed incomes need relief from the high cost of living. They can't afford to add money for tariffs to their already tight monthly budgets.

Not only are the President's tariffs hurting my constituents, but he is also damaging our relationship with Canada: an ally, a partner, and for many—a good neighbor. Other than oil and electricity, Canada imports more goods from the United States than we import from Canada. They are our best customer, and we should not alienate our best customer. I'm a former social studies teacher. I know that tariffs can be a useful tool. But these tariffs on Canada are unprompted, unnecessary, and make no sense at all.

As a Minnesotan, the only thing I want to fight with Canadians about is who has the better hockey team and who can catch the most fish in the others' waters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 71, H.J. Res 25, during the Legislative Day of March 11, 2025. Had I been present for the Roll Call Vote on the Passage of H.J. Res. 25, I would have cast the following vote: Roll Call No. 71: YEA.

HONORING DR. CAROLINA CRUZ-NEIRA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Carolina Cruz-Neira, a University of Central Florida faculty member and member of the National Academy of Engineering, is a pioneer in the areas of virtual reality (VR), interactive visualization, and digital twins. Her innovations have been instrumental in facilitating data analysis, decision-making, design reviews, and training and education. Her work evolved into standard tools used in industry, government, and academia. She is known worldwide for being the creator of the CAVE VR system, for transferring research into practice by spearheading Open-Source initiatives, and for supporting entrepreneurial initiatives to commercialize research. She is recognized for founding successful applied research centers: the Virtual Reality Applications Center at Iowa State University, the Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, and the Emerging Analytics Center at the University of Arkansas. Her research leadership has received recognition from major companies for increasing product safety and improving design and production processes that have saved time, lives, and millions of dollars. She enjoys intersecting her research with the arts and the humanities through dance performances and museum installations. She has been named among the top innovators in virtual reality and one of the top three greatest women visionaries in VR. She is the first person inducted into the National Academy of Engineering for immersive technologies and virtual reality, she is a member of the IEEE VR Academy, an IEEE Fellow,

an ACM Computer Pioneer, an AWE XR Hall of Fame member, and a Modeling and Simulation Hall of Famer. She received the IEEE VR Achievement Award and the International Digital Media & Arts Society Distinguished Career Award, among many national and international recognitions. She serves on national and international technology boards as well as government technology advisory committees. Her life's work addressing large problems through interdisciplinary teams has become a key to innovation and is considered standard practice in driving American competitiveness in the global economy.

CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY FOR ALL AND PARADE GRAND MARSHALL JUDY COLLINS

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Judy Collins, whose artistry and social activism have long inspired audiences worldwide. In the 1960s, she evoked both the idealism and steely determination of a generation united against social and environmental injustices. Five decades later, her luminescent presence shines brightly as new generations enjoy her iconic 55-album body of work, drawing inspiration from her spiritual discipline and her ability to thrive in the music industry for half a century.

Judy Collins has long been esteemed for her imaginative interpretations of traditional and contemporary folk standards, as well as her own poetically poignant original compositions. Throughout her career, she has garnered several top-ten hits and gold- and platinum-selling albums. Judy has long used her platform to advocate for the marginalized and the underserved, making her the ideal choice to lead as the Grand Marshal for the St. Pat's for All Parade, which celebrates the beauty of our shared humanity.

Established on March 5, 2000, the parade takes place in Queens' Sunnyside and Woodside neighborhoods, historically home to Irish Americans in New York. The St. Pat's for All Parade offers a welcoming space for all and highlights Irish American heritage while promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion, bringing together people of all backgrounds in a shared celebration of love and unity.

Mr. Speaker, Judy Collins' appointment as Grand Marshal for the St. Pat's for All Parade is a fitting tribute to her lifelong commitment to inclusivity, justice, and the celebration of diverse voices. Her presence as Grand Marshal not only honors the rich Irish heritage of the parade, but also reinforces the values of unity and equality that she has championed throughout her career. By leading this remarkable event, Judy continues to inspire us all to embrace our differences, stand up for what is right, and celebrate the strength found in our shared humanity.

RECOGNIZING RANDY GORBMAN'S RETIREMENT

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the distinguished career of Randy Gorbman, the News Director of WXXI, who will retire at the end of March. With over 45 years in journalism, he is leaving an indelible mark on the industry and our community as one of the longest-serving news directors in all of New York State.

Randy oversees WXXI's daily news operations across radio and digital platforms, all while reporting on local issues himself. Over his career, his work has covered historic moments including Y2K, the tragedy of 9/11, the changes in Rochester's economy and iconic businesses such as Kodak and Bausch + Lomb, and the local jazz festival every year. A steadfast leader in journalism, he has continually upheld the principle that every story matters.

I have had the privilege of knowing Randy since my time in the New York State Assembly, and I have always admired his keen ability to delve into complex legislative issues with both thoughtfulness and precision. Those who know him often describe him as insightful, sharp-witted, and deeply dedicated to his craft. His contributions to journalism and our community have been invaluable, leaving behind a remarkable legacy that will be difficult to replicate.

As he embarks on this well-earned retirement, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for his many years of service. On behalf of the WXXI community and all those who have benefited from his journalism, I wish Randy Gorbman all the best in his next chapter.

HONORING THE EDUARDO PEDREGON VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS

HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eduardo Pedregon Veterans Memorial Museum, an extraordinary museum in my district that embodies the highest ideals of patriotism, sacrifice, and service to our Nation.

Located in San Elizario, Texas—a historic border community founded in 1598—the Eduardo Pedregon Veterans Memorial Museum stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women from El Paso's Mission Valley who answered the call to serve in the United States Armed Forces. The museum commemorates the sacrifices of veterans from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror, ensuring that their service and valor are never forgotten. It houses memorials dedicated to 20 fallen heroes and displays over 373 photographs of local veterans who have served with distinction.