

raids by Native Americans at the time. As the prior elected sheriff of nearby Miller County, Arkansas, Mr. Inglish was familiar with these attacks and determined to protect families who sought refuge at Fort Inglish. The fort and its settlement quickly grew, and in 1840, Mr. Inglish was appointed to lead its newly established post office. Initially known as Bois D'Arc, the settlement was renamed in 1844 in honor of James Butler Bonham, who died in 1836 as a messenger and one of the final defenders during the Battle of the Alamo. On February 2, 1848, Bonham officially became incorporated as a city.

From its early beginnings, Bonham has been enriched with deep history. The city rapidly grew as a trading post and key point for settlers heading west. Throughout the late 1800's, Bonham became a center for agriculture, especially cotton, and later developed a strong industrial base. The city saw the rise of various industries, including manufacturing, and Bonham became a regional hub for trade and commerce. Moreover, the concurrent evolution of the railroad further connected Bonham to other regions in Texas and beyond, opening the gate to new economic opportunities and westward expansion that built the Nation we know today.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to commemorate this historic occasion. We should always look to the past every now and then to protect and preserve our Nation's history for future generations to admire.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHANNY RODRIGUEZ

**HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the distinguished service and extraordinary life of Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Rodriguez, a dedicated and decorated military officer who served our Nation with valor and integrity.

Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez, a native of Manhattan, New York City, embarked on his distinguished military career by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1998. Following his honorable service in the Marine Corps, he transitioned to the U.S. Army, receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps in 2004.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez held numerous critical positions, demonstrating unparalleled leadership and expertise. His assignments included roles such as Platoon Leader, Operations Officer, Mobility Officer in Iraq, and various leadership positions at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served with distinction as the Executive Officer for the 354th Movement Control Battalion during Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait. Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez pursued extensive education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Science in Health Services Administration.

His dedication and service were recognized by numerous awards and decorations, includ-

ing the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal, among many others. His service record reflects not only his valor and dedication but also his unwavering commitment to the principles of duty, honor, and country.

Beyond his professional achievements, Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez was a devoted family man, deeply cherished by his wife and four children. His legacy of service and leadership will continue to inspire future generations of service members and citizens alike.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect and gratitude that we remember and honor Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Rodriguez for his extraordinary contributions to our Nation.

HONORING MARYALICE CROFTON

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Congressman JARED GOLDEN to recognize the leadership of Maryalice Crofton as the Executive Director of Volunteer Maine. During her 30 years of dedicated public service, Maryalice has engaged thousands of volunteers across the state to tackle local challenges and strengthen their communities.

Under her leadership and innovation, Volunteer Maine has helped bridge the gap between persistent areas of need and state resources. Initiatives include the Maine Service Fellows program which connects passionate college graduates with service opportunities in rural, underserved communities, and the Maine Service Exchange, which matches nonprofits with skilled consultants via an online platform. During her tenure, she has also supervised 4,265 AmeriCorps members in over 3.9 million hours of service supporting and improving housing, education, environmental conservation, healthcare, childcare, and emergency preparedness initiatives in Maine.

Her tireless efforts have contributed to Maine's ranking as one of the top five states in the Nation for organized volunteerism. By facilitating government, nonprofit, and private sector collaboration and promoting the development and training of Maine's volunteer force, Maryalice has laid the foundation for Mainers to serve their communities for years to come.

I commend Maryalice for an outstanding career dedicated to promoting civic engagement and volunteerism. I wish her the best of luck in her next chapter.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on keeping our government funded, a grant for the Town of Canton, and hurricane recovery efforts.

DEAR FRIEND, Being accessible, listening, and answering questions for the people of

WNC are among my favorite activities, even if we might not always agree.

That is why in my first term as a congressman, I held eight in-person town halls, and recently I was eager to host my ninth one in Asheville.

It's always valuable to engage in discussions with the folks in our mountains about concerns or questions you have.

If you were unable to attend my town hall, stay tuned for my upcoming tele-town hall by following me on social media and subscribing to my newsletter.

KEEPING OUR GOVERNMENT OPEN AND SERVING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The U.S. House voted on a clean, long-term continuing resolution (CR) to keep our government open and providing critical services to the American people.

A CR is not the preferred method to keep our government funded. However, with a looming shutdown, the House was able to collaborate with President Trump on a bill that funds our federal government and reduces non-defense spending.

It's disappointing that 212 Democrat House Members chose a government shutdown instead when just in December, not one voted "no" on the CR.

This CR funds core government services; protects Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid recipients from payment disruptions, and strengthens veteran health care and housing programs as well as our defense. The long-term CR will also enable the House to keep our momentum to continue delivering an America First agenda and go after the waste, fraud, and abuse of your hard-earned tax dollars.

I will continue to fight for lower costs, safer communities, and common-sense legislation that will ensure a better future for folks in our mountains.

TOWN OF CANTON TO RECEIVE OVER \$40 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT

Canton Mayor Zeb Smathers and I announced that the Town of Canton will be receiving a \$40,780,000 grant as a result of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 and the American Relief Act.

This grant will revolutionize the town's water and wastewater systems by funding the design and construction of stormwater improvements, water tank and waterlines, and a new wastewater treatment facility to serve the residents of Canton for decades to come.

WNC MAKES STRIDES IN RECOVERY AFTER HELENE

Western North Carolina has a long way to recovery, but we've certainly made great strides.

As we're nearing the six-month mark since Helene hit our mountains, I wanted to share some of the milestones we've achieved.

FEMA has approved applications for more than 157,000 households in WNC and more than \$400 million has been awarded for disaster-caused needs. Additionally, more than 6,000 families have received nearly \$19 million for repair or replacement of private-access roads and bridges.

One of our greatest challenges has been debris removal, especially from waterways, but as of this week, nearly 5 million cubic yards of debris have been cleared from public right of ways and another 600,000 cubic yards of debris were removed from waterways.

While there's more work to be done, we've achieved more than most communities in this period of time. Our mountain folk have shown resilience throughout the response and recovery process, and I'm proud of the way everyone continues to show up for one another during these difficult times. I'm optimistic that together, we will rebuild our

communities even stronger and better than before.

**BRINGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FOLKS  
ACROSS WNC**

In keeping with my office's motto of being "First in Constituent Services" and helping folks post-Hurricane Helene, my office has brought the Carolina Cruiser all across our mountains for mobile office hours.

In February alone, the Carolina Cruiser made 15 stops where members of my team heard about the issues that matter to WNC communities, answered questions about disaster recovery, and assisted with federal agencies. During these office hours, my team heard from nearly 400 individuals.

It is my goal as your congressman to remain accessible to you. In addition to mobile office hours, I hold Chat With Chuck meetings to hear from constituents one-on-one. Most recently, I was glad to discuss with 10 constituents their concerns and answer their questions individually. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with me, please fill out the form on my website at [edwards.house.gov/chatwithchuck](https://edwards.house.gov/chatwithchuck).

If you want to stop by mobile office hours for assistance navigating a federal agency or to just provide feedback, stay updated on the office hours schedule by following the Carolina Cruiser on X and Facebook, and visiting my website at [edwards.house.gov/carolinacruiser](https://edwards.house.gov/carolinacruiser).

**SBA EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR PHYSICAL DAMAGE  
LOANS**

If your business suffered damage from Hurricane Helene, the Small Business Administration has extended the physical damage loan application deadline to April 27, 2025.

For the application and additional information, visit the SBA website linked here.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,  
*Member of Congress.*

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
KRISTA WYNNE MOORE**

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an extraordinary constituent and community member, Krista Wynne Moore, of Oaks, Pennsylvania, who passed away peacefully on March 13, 2025, at the age of 48. Krista was a woman whose warmth, leadership, and unwavering compassion profoundly impacted all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

Krista's academic and professional journey was marked by dedication and excellence. She graduated with honors from Temple University and was selected for the prestigious Johnson & Johnson Financial Leadership Development Program. Her commitment to helping colleagues reach their fullest potential earned her the respect and admiration of her peers, and many of these professional relationships evolved into lifelong friendships that will endure in her memory.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Krista was known for her kindness, generosity, and deep love for all living creatures. She was an avid animal lover, and her compassion extended far beyond her own pets. Krista carried an emergency kit in her car, always prepared to offer care to any animal in need. Her deep

empathy for animals was matched only by her unwavering dedication to helping others. Krista's compassion reflected her core values: to always act with care and humanity, to always lift others up.

In her personal life, Krista was a loving and assertive individual whose vibrant spirit and infectious laughter brought joy to every room she entered. Whether through her mentorship or her personal relationships, Krista taught all those around her how to live with purpose, to approach challenges with resilience and compassion, and to uplift others in the process. She was a dedicated wife, daughter, sister, stepmother, and friend, and her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

As we reflect on Krista's life, we recognize the profound impact she had on her community. From her work with colleagues to her commitment to helping animals and the countless friendships she fostered, Krista's influence will continue to resonate. Her leadership, compassion, and generosity have left an indelible mark, and it is a legacy we will carry forward with pride.

Krista's life was a testament to what it means to live with purpose, passion, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of others. Her spirit of kindness and leadership will live on through the many lives she touched, and today, we honor her memory and celebrate the remarkable legacy she leaves behind.

May we all strive to embody the same compassion and commitment to lifting others up that Krista demonstrated throughout her life. She will be dearly missed.

**RECOGNIZING BLACK MATERNAL  
HEALTH WEEK IN SANTA CLARA  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**HON. RO KHANNA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Black Maternal Health Week from April 11 to April 17 in Santa Clara County. This annual observance highlights the urgent need to address disparities in maternal health outcomes for Black women, ensuring that all mothers receive equitable, respectful, and high-quality healthcare.

The United States continues to face a maternal health crisis, with Black women experiencing significantly higher rates of pregnancy-related complications and maternal mortality compared to their white counterparts. These tragic and preventable outcomes stem from systemic inequities, implicit bias in healthcare, and social determinants that disproportionately impact Black mothers.

Santa Clara County has taken meaningful steps to acknowledge and address these disparities and commit to initiatives that improve maternal health access, education, and outcomes. Community-based organizations, healthcare advocates, and local leaders are working tirelessly to ensure that Black mothers receive the culturally competent care and support they deserve.

I commend the leadership in Santa Clara County for prioritizing this critical issue and uplifting Black maternal health as a matter of

public health and racial justice. However, we must do more at the federal level to address these inequities. I call upon my colleagues in Congress to support legislation such as the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act, which aims to expand access to healthcare, invest in community-driven solutions, and promote policies that will save lives.

Black Maternal Health Week is not just a time for awareness but a call to action. We must listen to the voices of Black mothers, amplify their experiences, and enact meaningful change to ensure that maternal health equity becomes a reality.

**CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF LIONSHEAD SPECIALTY TIRE AND WHEEL'S PARIS, TEXAS FACILITY**

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of Lionshead Specialty Tire and Wheel's newest facility in Paris, Texas.

Since 1993, Lionshead has specialized in state-of-the-art contract manufacturing to produce and distribute a wide range of options for tires, wheels, and vehicle components for the trailer and recreational vehicle market nationwide. It is a family-owned business based in Goshen, Indiana, with facilities throughout Texas, North Carolina, Idaho, Georgia, and Minnesota.

This new 120,000 square foot facility is a notable milestone for Lionshead and Paris, as it represents the culmination of years of dedication and \$20 million dollars of investments in North Texas. Most importantly, it will create over 40 new jobs in the region within the next five years. I'm proud to recognize Lionshead for its continued commitment to uphold customer satisfaction and strengthen the economic success of Lamar County.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to commemorate this historic occasion and critical investment for the people of the 4th District of Texas. I congratulate Lionshead, and I wish them the best.

**CELEBRATING ST. MICHAEL'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY**

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 24, 2025*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cuero, Texas—a beacon of faith, education, and community. Since 1875, St. Michael's has stood as a cornerstone for Cuero, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fostering fellowship among believers, and serving as a pillar of the community.

Founded on land donated by the Cuero Land and Immigration Company, St. Michael's was established to provide local Roman