

the group of brave Cuban exiles who fought in the Bay of Pigs invasion. This created a legacy for the Bovo family that Mayor Bovo would carry throughout his life and career. Growing up in a household that ingrained in him the value of sacrifice and of civic duty, Mayor Bovo developed a strong sense of responsibility to serve others and to defend the values that his family and so many others have fought to preserve.

From his time serving in the Florida House of Representatives, to his leadership at the county and municipal levels, Mayor Bovo has successfully championed policies that protect small businesses, improve public safety, and preserve the unique culture that defines South Florida. During his time as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner from 2011 to 2020, Mayor Bovo demonstrated his dedication to fiscal responsibility and government transparency. He has always been a champion for the hardworking families of our community, advocating for lower taxes and ensuring that local government remains accountable to the people it serves.

Since taking office as Mayor of Hialeah in 2021, Mayor Bovo has proven in word and deed his commitment to our community. He has supported local law enforcement, stood with our first responders, and has never wavered in his mission of seeing our community thrive. His hands-on approach to leading the people of Hialeah has solidified his reputation as a trusted, effective, and admired leader in our community.

Beyond his official duties, Mayor Bovo has always remained deeply and personally engaged with the community. Whether supporting local businesses, expanding youth development programs, working with nonprofit organizations, or attending neighborhood events, he has proven his dedication to serving and knowing the people he serves. Above all, Mayor Bovo is a loving husband to Viviana and a proud father to his five children; Oscar, Bianca, Esteban, Sofia, and Alessandro.

I am honored to recognize today my dear friend Mayor Esteban Bovo for his decades of service and his devotion to our community. He is a true public servant, a man of the utmost integrity, and a cherished leader who has earned the respect and gratitude of the people he has served.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Vote No. 88. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 89, and YEA on Roll Call No. 90.

HONORING JOHN GREEN: AUTHOR, PHILANTHROPIST, ADVOCATE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Hoosier, John Michael Green, for his contributions to literature, entertainment, and education, and in recognition of his latest book, *Everything is Tuberculosis*, which debuted on March 18, 2025.

As a globally-recognized New York Times bestselling author, John's works include *Looking for Alaska*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Paper Towns*, and *Turtles All the Way Down*, as well as contributing to vlogs, podcasts, articles, live-action shows, motion pictures, and more. Through their Indianapolis-based *Crash Course* YouTube channel, John and his brother Hank have reached millions of people worldwide with over 65 accessible and engaging educational video series. John has long used his platform to foster philanthropy and advocacy, including as an advocate for Indianapolis, earning him the title "Indy's best hype man."

Since 2019, John's focus has turned to global health and the fight to eradicate tuberculosis. Recognizing the artificial barriers to tuberculosis treatment in developing nations, John's advocacy has lowered the cost of life-saving drugs and testing equipment and directed millions of dollars to underfunded tuberculosis health programs. Recognized as a "TB Elimination Champion" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, John continues to highlight the tuberculosis crisis through his newest release, *Everything is Tuberculosis*.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Green for his meaningful contributions to literature, education, and global health. His work continues to inspire, educate, and make a lasting difference in Indianapolis, across the Nation, and around the world.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF WALTON COUNTY'S SHERIFF DEPUTY WILLIAM "WILL" PAUL THOMAS MAY

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Deputy William "Will" Paul Thomas May, who made the ultimate sacrifice defending his community in the line of duty. Deputy May was a dedicated officer, family man, and lifelong Floridian who demonstrates the best that our state has to offer. Deputy May's courageous actions underscore the dangers that law enforcement faces every day while protecting our communities. I believe I can speak on behalf of the constituents of Florida's second congressional district in saying that we are deeply moved by Deputy May's sacrifice in the name of our safety. We collectively mourn the passing of this outstanding public servant.

Deputy May was born on January 28, 1987, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, to William Alex May and Sandra Dee Hargrave Asher. Deputy

May went above and beyond during his 11-year career in law enforcement. He served in both Walton County's field training program as an instructor and in the breathalyzer program, eventually earning the Life Saving Award Certificate. On top of his impressive law enforcement career, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Crystal, and an exemplary father to his four children: Zane, Clarice, Layla, and Tracker. Outside of work, Deputy May was known for being a pillar of the community, who enjoyed playing cornhole and cheering on Alabama football with his neighbors.

Deputy May was a model officer who never stopped defending his family and the community he loved. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Deputy William "Will" Paul Thomas May and offering prayers and condolences to his family and friends. May his sacrifice serve as a reminder that this body must always support our law enforcement and ensure that they have all the support necessary to safely protect our communities.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF KERRY NYE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Lititz Borough Police Chief Kerry Nye on his retirement after 45 years in law enforcement.

Kerry Nye began his career with the Lititz Borough Police Department in 1980 and has remained there since, becoming a sergeant in 1994 and the Chief of Police in 2016. A staple of Chief Nye's leadership was his geniality and his visibility in the community. He planned emergency services events, such as cancer treatment fundraisers, and was a central figure in special occasions throughout Lititz Borough.

His dedication to serving the community extends beyond the Lititz Borough Police Department, as he served with the Boy Scouts for more than 30 years.

Once again, I want to thank Chief Nye for his selfless efforts serving and protecting Lititz Borough. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVID MCCORMACK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of David McCormack as he retires after 34 years of service to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency. Over the course of his tenure, David has been a tremendous public servant in his role as a district congressional lead.

David has hosted numerous congressional outreach meetings to bring together staffers and federal agency representatives, to keep our government engaged at the local level with trends in immigration cases. Throughout the course of his career, David consistently ensured Granite Staters received the support

they deserved and was able to help with any inquiries that came his way.

David is not only a diligent public servant, but a man of outstanding character. For instance, when congressional liaison tragically passed in 2023, it was David who compassionately stepped in to coordinate communications to congressional staff and provide details regarding funeral arrangements.

In all, David McCormack represents the very best of America's public servants—dedicated, thoughtful, and unwavering in his commitment in service to others. On behalf of a grateful district, I want to congratulate David on a well deserved and restful retirement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF NATHANIEL LAMPMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of Mr. Nathaniel (Nate) Lampman, Director of Bands at Saline Community Schools, on the occasion of his retirement. For nearly three decades, Mr. Lampman has proudly served the Saline School District in this position and his efforts are worthy of commendation.

During his career as Director of Bands, Mr. Lampman directly touched the lives of over 3,000 students and impacted the lives of many others. Under his encouragement and care, Mr. Lampman led many of Saline's student musicians to great personal successes, including prestigious membership in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's "All State Bands." Due in no small part to Mr. Lampman's leadership, the Saline Bands have achieved consistent musical excellence, as evidenced by the 1st division ratings that the Saline High School Marching Band routinely receives at marching band competitions.

Mr. Lampman has been recognized on multiple occasions for his demonstrated talent as an educator. In 2017, he received the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators' Teacher of the Year Award for the State of Michigan. In association with Mr. Lampman's consistent leadership in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, he was voted as District Teacher of the Year in both 2007 and 2015.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Nate Lampman for his decades of dedication to this school district. I sincerely thank Nate for his many years of service to his community, and join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Jamestown High School Band and Cho-

rus, we honor a century of musical excellence and dedication that has profoundly enriched both the school and broader community.

Established in 1924 by siblings Arthur and Ebba Goranson, these ensembles have become pillars of artistic achievement. Under Arthur's leadership, the band gained national recognition, performing in prestigious events such as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Tournament of Roses Parade. Ebba's pioneering efforts led the formation of the A Cappella Choir, renowned for its annual Vespers services and international performances, earning the moniker "Choir of the Cathedrals."

Over the decades, these programs have fostered generations of talented musicians, instilling values of discipline, collaboration and cultural appreciation. As we celebrate this milestone, we commend and express deep gratitude to the past, present and future directors, instructors and students whose passion and dedication continue to inspire the Jamestown community and uphold this remarkable legacy for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING JAKE TYNER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jake Tyner for his career in the United States Congress.

A Towson, Maryland native, Jake began his career in Washington, D.C. in 2016 as Director and Associate Policy Counsel of the Global Energy Institute for the United States Chamber of Commerce after receiving his bachelor's degree from Elon University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law. In 2020, Jake came to the United States of House of Representatives as Policy Advisor and Counsel to Congressman David McKinley (WV-01) before becoming General Counsel to Senator DAN SULLIVAN of Alaska. Through these roles, Jake proved his expertise in energy and environmental policy. As Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I was pleased to have him as a member of my team as Chief Counsel for the Environment Subcommittee to help develop and implement the committee's legislative agenda.

Recently, Jake accepted a role in President Trump's administration to serve under Secretary of Interior Doug Burgum, as Deputy Solicitor for Energy and Mineral Resources. I know Jake will be a valuable asset to Secretary Burgum, President Trump, and the American people, the same way he was for me and the members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. I thank him, congratulate him on his new role, and wish him the best in his future.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SARCOIDOSIS AWARE- NESS MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month.

Sarcoidosis is a rare inflammatory disease characterized by the formation of granulomas—tiny clumps of inflammatory cells—in one or more organs of the body. When the immune system goes into overdrive and too many of these clumps form, they can interfere with an organ's structure and function. When left unchecked, chronic inflammation can lead to fibrosis, which is the permanent scarring of organ tissue. This disorder affects the lungs in approximately 90 percent of cases, but it can affect almost any organ in the body.

Despite increasing advances in research, sarcoidosis remains difficult to diagnose with limited treatment options and no known cure. Sarcoidosis is considered chronic in people whose disease remains active for more than 2 to 5 years; in this population sarcoidosis can be debilitating and life-threatening. It's estimated that the prevalence of sarcoidosis in the U.S. ranges between 150,000 and 200,000 with an estimated 1.2 million individuals with sarcoidosis worldwide.

I am proud to have the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR) based in my district, in the city of Chicago. I've had the chance to meet wonderful patient advocates and hear their stories. FSR is committed to advancing pivotal research and improving the lives of all impacted by sarcoidosis and has funded over 7 million dollars to support academic research to better understand the cause, mechanisms of progression, and the effective and efficient path to better patient outcomes.

Most recently, I worked with FSR to address a lack of clarity from the Department of Labor regarding whether or not clinical trial participation was a permissible use of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Like other chronic and rare disease patient populations, clinical trial access is critically important for patients with sarcoidosis, as there is no cure and there is a lack of treatment options. When requesting time off to participate in clinical trials, some patients have been denied as HR departments have not interpreted clinical trial participation as a permissible use of leave under FMLA. I, along with other Congress members and leading stakeholder organizations such as FSR, reached out to the DOL to get this clarification. Fortunately, the DOL responded confirming that they interpret clinical trial participation, when medically necessary, is a permissible use of leave under FMLA. It further clarified that both patients and caregivers are guaranteed job protection under FMLA, when meeting the necessary requirements and choosing to participate in clinical trials. This effort extends beyond sarcoidosis and extends to all those seeking to participate in clinical trials. I am now working to spread awareness of this finding, so employers, employees, HR departments and patients are aware of proper use of leave under FMLA.