

whose impact has touched countless lives through his generosity, leadership, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Mr. Salvatore is the proud owner of the renowned Russell's Steaks, Chops, & More, as well as Salvatore's Grand Hotel in Williamsville, New York. He is widely respected not only for his success in the restaurant and hospitality industries but also for his immense philanthropy. Over the years, Mr. Salvatore has donated millions to various worthy causes, making him a leading philanthropist in the Western New York region.

Mr. Salvatore's career in the restaurant industry began at a young age, working alongside his father, Joseph. After nearly four decades in the business, he took his passion to new heights by opening Russell's Steaks, Chops, & More at the age of 75, proving that his dedication to the industry remains as strong as ever.

Throughout his career, Mr. Salvatore has made significant investments within Western New York, including funding transportation vans for veterans, contributing to the rebuilding of a Boys and Girls Club after a devastating fire, supporting Shea's Performing Arts Center, and assisting with the construction of the Niagara University Russell J. Salvatore Student Commons. His impact is also felt at the Miracle League of Grand Island's special needs baseball diamond, and he has supported countless educational and healthcare organizations across the region.

In addition to his remarkable contributions, Mr. Salvatore's commitment to giving back has been further recognized through numerous accolades, including being named Humanitarian of the Year in 2018. His foundation continues to support organizations like ECOMC, Kaleida Health, Oishei Children's Hospital, Catholic Health, and other organizations throughout Western New York.

Mr. Speaker, Russell J. Salvatore's legacy is one of profound generosity and civic responsibility. He is an integral part of our "City of Good Neighbors" and has enriched the Western New York community through years of hard work and selflessness. On this special occasion of his 92nd birthday, please join me in wishing Russell J. Salvatore the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RETIRED BRIGADIER GENERAL EDEN MURRIE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and service of Retired Brigadier General Eden Murrie. Throughout a distinguished twenty-nine-year career in the United States Air Force, Eden was awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Aerial Achievement Medal, among many others. She also earned the title of "master navigator" after logging over 2,400 flying hours as well as serving as a flight instructor for three different aircraft. After achieving the rank of General Officer in 2009, Eden served as special assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff at the United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., be-

fore transitioning to the Director of Legislative Affairs on the National Security Staff for the White House. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the Director of Air Force Services and Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services at the U.S. Air Force Headquarters. Soon after retiring from military service, Eden became the Chief Operations Officer of Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN) in 2017 and became its Chief Executive Officer in 2020. OSDTN is the only comprehensive veteran-serving agency in Middle Tennessee, connecting veterans with careers, community, and crisis services.

Under her leadership, OSDTN has served thousands of veterans by delivering food boxes, providing financial assistance, helping veterans find housing, and assisting veterans in their transition from military to civilian life. In her final full year as CEO, Operation Stand Down Tennessee served 7,991 veterans while receiving over 16,000 visits to OSDTN centers. Her dedication to serving our nation and its veterans has left an indelible mark on our Armed Forces and Middle Tennessee.

Eden is also a prominent leader in my community. She has served on the boards for The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Tennessee State Veterans' Homes, Centerstone Military Services, and the Davidson County Veterans Court Foundation, as well as an adviser for the Nashville YWCA Dress for Success program.

As Eden steps down from her role as CEO of Operation Stand Down Tennessee. I want to wish her the best and thank her for her decades of public and private service. I know she will tackle her next chapter with the same passion and tenacity as her other outstanding achievements.

HONORING BETHEL AME CHURCH OF BUFFALO AND REVEREND PAUL J. THOMAS

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a foundational institution in Western New York's spiritual and civil life, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Buffalo, NY and its dedicated pastor, Reverend Paul J. Thomas.

Founded in 1831, Bethel AME Church stands as the oldest African-American congregation in Western New York. For nearly two centuries, Bethel has been a cornerstone of strength, faith, and leadership in Buffalo, nurturing generations, advancing social justice, and offering an unwavering commitment to the community it serves. It is a place where history and hope walk hand in hand, where the spirit of unity and progress has never wavered.

Under the leadership of Reverend Paul J. Thomas, Bethel AME continues to thrive. Reverend Thomas brings a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and a vision to his ministry. A graduate of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania and Turner Theological Seminary, he combines his training with a heart for education and outreach, holding a master's degree in Special Education as well. His leadership has deepened the church's mission, strengthened

its outreach, and reaffirmed its role as a spiritual and cultural anchor in Buffalo.

As we welcome visitors from across New York State and the greater First Episcopal District, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New England, and Bermuda, to the 29th Session of the Western New York Conference, hosted by Bethel AME, we are reminded of the power of faith to bring people together and to move communities forward.

Reverend Thomas and the entire Bethel AME family represent the very best of the City of Good Neighbors. Their work uplifts lives, unites neighborhoods, and strengthens the bonds that hold our community together.

HONORING MIKE COLE

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor someone who's spent his life making sure the rest of us stay informed—not by standing in front of a camera, but by quietly, tirelessly, and professionally working behind it for over four decades.

Even though you don't see his face on TV, Mike Cole is a cornerstone of Boston journalism and one of the most trusted names in the business. He got his start at WHDH before moving to FOX 25—eventually landing at WCVB in 2003. But the values he's carried from newsroom to newsroom haven't changed: Fairness, transparency, accountability, and truth.

For the past 28 years, Mike has been a force of nature at WCVB, producing NewsCenter 5 and the Sunday morning political program On the Record. It's the most-watched political talk show in New England—and for good reason. It's thoughtful, fair, and tough. And Mike is one of the main reasons why: Chasing down stories, booking guests, double-checking facts, and putting together a show that keeps viewers informed and engaged. He has an uncanny ability to know which questions will break news and get people talking. I've had the privilege of going On the Record many times over the years, and I can tell you that Mike is the real deal. He cares deeply about getting clear, concise, accurate information on the air. And that kind of public service is beyond invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I also think it's important to recognize that this kind of journalism is under attack.

Here in the United States, we've seen political leaders demonize reporters just for doing their jobs. We've heard phrases like "fake news" used to discredit hard truths. We've seen threats against journalists trying to tell the public what's going on. And around the world, autocrats and strongmen are increasingly throwing reporters in jail, shutting down news outlets, and targeting those they don't like with censorship and violence.

In moments like this, we need to uplift people who are fighting for the truth. Because at the end of the day, freedom of the press is about more than just the ability of a journalist to write or say whatever they want. It's about our ability, as a society, to make decisions based on the facts—put in context, and delivered fairly and impartially. Mr. Speaker, it is

not an exaggeration to say that our democracy depends on people like Mike Cole—working behind the scenes to get the story right, to ask hard questions, and to speak truth to power.

So, on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts and the United States Congress—I thank Mike for his dedication, his professionalism, his integrity, and his decades of service to the people of New England. We're all better off because of his work to shine the light of truth on the stories that matter—and to hold accountable those we entrust to lead our communities, our commonwealth, and our country.

CELEBRATING CANDACE JOHNSON
AS A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
PRESENTED BY THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Candace Johnson, President and CEO of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, for being recognized by the Boy Scouts of America with their prestigious Distinguished Citizen Award. This recognition is a reflection of her exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to the values of citizenship, community service, and integrity—values that are central to the Boy Scouts of America and that Dr. Johnson embodies every day.

As the leader of Roswell Park, Dr. Johnson has dedicated her career to advancing cancer care, promoting research, and improving the lives of countless individuals. Under her leadership, Roswell Park has become a world-renowned institution, offering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and conducting groundbreaking research that continues to transform the landscape of cancer care. Her ability to lead with compassion, vision, and determination has inspired a culture of excellence within her organization, one that values both scientific progress and the human dignity of every patient.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Johnson has been an advocate for the Western New York community, fostering partnerships and working tirelessly to improve healthcare access and equity. She exemplifies the Scouting values by being a leader who not only makes a profound impact in her field but also empowers those around her to serve others and contribute to the common good. Through her work, Dr. Johnson has shown that true leadership means uplifting others, creating opportunities for positive change, and making a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Candace Johnson's recognition as the Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Citizen is a well-deserved tribute to her outstanding contributions to both the Western New York community and the world. Her leadership continues to inspire us all to live by the values of citizenship, community service, and integrity, and to make a meaningful impact wherever we can. Her example serves as a beacon of what it means to be a distinguished citizen and a leader who embodies the very best of what we can achieve

for the greater good and we are all the better for it.

REMEMBERING FIREFIGHTER
ANTHONY GANZLER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Congressman RO KHANNA to recognize Fremont Firefighter Anthony Ganzler, on the occasion of his passing on March 17, 2025, at the age of 42.

Anthony joined the Fremont Fire Department in 2019, serving on the Department's Special Operations Task Force. Prior to joining the Fremont Fire Department, Anthony worked at the El Dorado County Fire Protection District as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician from 2015 to 2019.

Predating his time as a firefighter, Anthony served in the United States Army's 173rd Airborne Division for more than eight years. Throughout his service he was stationed in Hawaii, Alaska, and a number of other locations throughout the country.

Anthony was one of many firefighters in the department who raised awareness about men's health issues during the month of November each year. His enthusiastic support for the campaign titled "Movember" is apparent in his most recent fire department photo, which now memorializes his notorious sense of humor.

Anthony was known as a lion of a man with a big heart and warm personality. He will always be remembered as a kind and selfless individual who dedicated his life to serving others.

Our communities will miss his presence deeply. He had a deep devotion to public service and his passing is an immeasurable loss for everyone around him, including his colleagues at the Fremont Fire Department.

We send our deepest condolences to Anthony's wife, Erin, and his two daughters, Savannah and Abigail, as well as his other surviving family, friends, and fellow firefighters who were lucky to have Anthony in their lives.

CELEBRATING DESTINI HOUSTON
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HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an extraordinary young leader from Western New York—Miss Destini Houston. At just 16 years old, Miss Houston is showing us all that leadership, kindness, and advocacy can go hand in hand.

Miss Houston was recently crowned Miss Western New York's Teen, a title she has embraced not for the spotlight but to shine a light on causes close to her heart. She is now receiving national recognition for her inspiring efforts, and she will be honored as New York's recipient of the Kindest Kid in America award.

To celebrate her achievement, the award organization has created a children's book in-

spired by Miss Houston's journey. She will read it to students throughout Western New York in hopes of inspiring a new generation to lead with compassion and purpose. Miss Houston has said, "Being kind isn't just about being nice to people—it's about taking action to help others." She lives by those words. From volunteering and mentoring to working with the Buffalo Urban League to organize an informational event for prospective foster and adoptive families, she is a true changemaker in her community.

In addition to her advocacy, Miss Houston is also a competitive dancer training in multiple styles and performing at high-level competitions. Her dedication to dance has helped build the discipline and confidence that now serve her well as she prepares to compete in the Miss New York pageant.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Destini Houston—not only as Miss Western New York's Teen or the Kindest Kid in America but as a role model, a community leader, and a beacon of hope for the future. Her impact reaches far beyond titles and trophies. Miss Houston reminds us all that even the smallest acts of kindness can lead to something truly extraordinary. Destini's leadership has left an indelible mark on our city, and we are all the better for it.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF THOMAS FRISBIE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 21, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Thomas Frisbie on his retirement, after an extraordinary career as an award-winning writer and editor. Since 1976 Mr. Frisbie has, as he likes to say "held almost every job at the Chicago Sun-Times besides editor".

His commitment to bringing Chicago the news has earned many accolades over the years, including the Jacob Scher Award for Excellence in Investigative Reporting for his series covering insurance fraud at Illinois' largest driving school. He was a finalist for the Peter Lisagor Award twice for his work on judicial conflicts of interest and the open sale of illegal drugs in Cook County Forest Preserves. He was also a finalist the Lisagor Award for Editorial Cartoons.

He was the news editor for the Sun-Times' afternoon edition, the Chicago Sun-Times Final Markets and the Chicago Sun-Times PM edition.

He also co-authored "Victims of Justice" and contributed, and edited "20th Century Chicago: 100 Years, 100 Voices," a chronological history of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Mr. Frisbie for his immense contribution of keeping Chicagoans informed.