

Please join me in congratulating Ron Tilley on his outstanding career and life as he begins a new chapter.

RECOGNIZING ASHLEY PORTER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Ashley Porter has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Porter was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Ashley Porter has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING REENTRY FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS IN THE BUREAU OF PRISONS ACT OF 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Improving Reentry for District of Columbia Residents in the Bureau of Prisons Act of 2025. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to place D.C. residents serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies in BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, individuals serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies are in BOP custody.

Currently, more than 2,000 D.C. residents are serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies, and they are in BOP facilities across the United States. While Congress will not provide funding to BOP to build a new facility for these D.C. residents, there are more than enough existing BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. to house all these D.C. residents. Under this bill, BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles upon the request or consent of a resident, and BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles without consent in extraordinary circumstances.

This bill would help D.C. residents in BOP maintain relationships with family and support networks and reenter the community after prison.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOKIA BELL LABS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nokia Bell Labs as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, marking a century of transformative innovation and scientific achievement.

Since its founding in 1925, Bell Labs has been a leader in cutting-edge research, delivering innovative solutions to some of the most complex challenges in communications and computing. The technologies pioneered within their laboratories have fundamentally shaped the modern world, enabling the networks and digital tools we rely on every day.

Following World War II, researchers at Bell Labs invented the transistor, a discovery that revolutionized electronics and launched the era of modern computing. Bell Labs also played a pivotal role in the creation of Information Theory, which remains the foundation for virtually all modern communications systems. In the 1960s, Bell Labs introduced Telstar 1, the world's first communications satellite, making live global television broadcasts possible and ushering in a new era of global connectivity.

In addition to their achievements in hardware and communications, Bell Labs was responsible for developing the C programming language and the Unix operating system, both of which laid the groundwork for the digital age and the internet as we know it today.

As part of Nokia, Bell Labs continues to serve as a beacon of scientific excellence and future-focused research. Today, their work in 6G technology promises to revolutionize how we interact with both the digital and physical worlds. Their advancements in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and other emerging technologies are poised to dramatically enhance our capabilities in sectors such as healthcare, transportation, energy, and science.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Nokia Bell Labs' accomplishments as one of our Nation's leading research laboratories, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their 100 years of pioneering research and continued commitment to driving humanity forward.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE PENNY WOLFGANG

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of the Honorable Judge Penny Wolfgang. Judge Wolfgang has built her life on the foundations of purpose, passion, and principle, setting a standard of excellence that will continue to guide the future of the legal profession.

Judge Wolfgang's dedication to justice was evident from the very start of her career, with her first decade of service as a public defender with a deep commitment to advocating for those in need. She has served in numer-

ous roles, spanning from a public defender, Director of the Prisoners Legal Aid Assistance Project, and later serving as the President of Legal Aid of Buffalo, always using her platform to advocate for the rights of those who are often unheard. After three decades of service on the Erie County Supreme Court, Judge Wolfgang retired, leaving an indelible mark on the legal system.

Judge Wolfgang has shaped generations of law students through her role as an instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law. She made an impact on all who stepped foot in her classroom—sharing her wisdom and experience while maintaining her steadfast commitment of upholding the law. Her dedication helped countless individuals, regardless of their background to better understand their rights and navigate the complexities of the legal system.

As a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Judge Wolfgang's legacy extends beyond the prestigious positions she held and the countless individuals she impacted throughout her career; a recipient of numerous honors, including the Outstanding Women of the Law Award in 2011, she continues to inform and inspire through her influential work in radio and television.

Today we recognize Judge Wolfgang for her remarkable career—a testament to a life dedicated to public service. Her contributions to the Western New York community have broken barriers and continues to inspire all who had the privilege of working with her, and her legacy is certain to live on for generations.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA SPRAGUE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Barbara Sprague has made to our community through her work with the Community Food Bank, leading the charge in our fight against food insecurity. Since Barbara joined the organization, her leadership, tenacity, and compassion for those in need have led the Community Food Bank to grow from supplying 1–2 million meals each year to over 5 million nutritious meals and critical supplies to fill the meal gap and basic needs for over 70,000 of our neighbors in need. She has taught the entire team to “BELIEVE that they will end hunger because they are BETTER TOGETHER!” With Barbara's continued vision and drive to end hunger, the Community Food Bank is embarking on an expansion that will not only double its impact capacity but will add a tremendous outreach opportunity for all service organizations and providers to meet our most at-risk clients right where they are with their programs and critical support as we work together to dismantle the pillars of poverty.

The RISE Empowerment Center and Food Bank targets the specific needs of residents with the collaborative power of our most effective resources. Barbara's vision, outstanding leadership, and unyielding drive to make a true difference not only make her a hero in her organization's mission, but she is also a community treasure.

It is clear that Barbara Sprague has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we

all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate St. Joseph Catholic Church on its 150th anniversary of devout service to the Fort Stockton community. This milestone serves as a testament to St. Joseph's long-term dedication to faith in Pecos County.

A century and a half ago, the foundation of what later would become the church was formed, and in 1914 St. Joseph became part of the new Diocese of El Paso. On March 19, 1975, the first centennial of the parish was celebrated, marking a major event for church and the surrounding region. Finally, in 2014, Saint Joseph was consolidated with Saint Agnes to form the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Year after year, this institution of faith has contributed greatly to the spiritual life of Fort Stockton, and I am grateful for the many acts of service that it has carried out on behalf of our neighbors and friends in the community.

As St. Joseph continues to inspire those it serves, I wish the church many blessings and pray for many more years of impact. I congratulate them on their legacy of 150 years.

HONORING THE 2025 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on Friday, May 2, to mark the induction of its 2025 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to just over 500 Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic action in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 19 inductees:

Technical Sergeant Forrest E. Everhalt, Senior (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Private Philip G. Shadrach (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Private George D. Wilson (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Captain Richard Morgan Rees (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain William J. Barthelmas (posthumously), Air Force, recipient of the Silver Star.

Staff Sergeant Roger LeRoy Coffman (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Captain Kenneth W. Cordier (posthumously), Air Force, recipient of the Silver Star.

Corporal Joseph D. Karam (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Private First Class Harrison J. Meyer (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Private First Class Elbert Ray Rawlins (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Lieutenant Commander Owen W. Huff (posthumously), Navy, recipient of the Legion of Merit with "V" Device.

Lieutenant Commander Matthew S. McGraw, Navy, recipient of the Legion of Merit with "V" Device.

Specialist Donald E. Austin, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Corporal Michael R. Cowles, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist Donald L. Justice, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Corporal Russell G. Little, Junior (posthumously), Marine Corps, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist James E. Moses, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist William L. Vasil, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Sergeant Alex J. Rozanski, Marine Corps, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with "V" Device.

HONORING KAY ROSS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Kay Ross, a proud veteran of the Marines, a military branch known for its demand of physical and mental excellence.

I established the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award to highlight the extraordinary women whose service to our nation and communities is unparalleled. I am honored to recognize Kay for the month of April.

Kay's decision to join the military was motivated by her desire to be part of something greater than herself. Having proudly served as an Avionics Technician from 1990 to 1995, Kay not only amplified the voices of current women in the Marines, but also helped open doors for future generations of women Marines. She is a beacon of purpose, honor, and sacrifice, qualities exemplified through her military service and in her ongoing dedication to fellow veterans and active-duty personnel.

As the Sr. Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League Department of Indiana and a Veterans Service Officer, Kay has worked tirelessly to help veterans transition back to civilian life, providing essential resources to ensure their livelihood and security. As a Homeless Veteran Outreach Coordinator with the Veterans Benefit Administration, Kay provides essential housing resources to Indianapolis-area veterans, ensuring they receive the care, recognition, and resources they rightfully deserve. Kay's humility and dedication to the veteran community have and will continue to leave a lasting impact.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kay Ross for her outstanding service to our country and her unwavering dedication to her fellow veterans. I thank her for making Indianapolis a haven for her diligent service.

RECOGNIZING BRODY VEROSIC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Brody Verosic has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, he helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Mr. Verosic was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process. It is clear Brody Verosic has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

OPPOSING THE CHAOTIC AND HARMFUL TRADE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned by President Trump's chaotic, contradictory, and harmful trade policy that affect American families and my state of Illinois. His emergency powers to impose tariffs have disrupted business and commerce to operate successfully during a time of inconsistent policy initiatives with major trading partners like Canada, China, and Mexico.

What is more alarming is that this trade policy also undermines the Republican Party's historic commitment to free markets and open trade. It is not based on a clear, comprehensive, well-balanced and measured policy vision, but rather on arbitrary decisions that seem to reflect the preferences of a single individual—or a small group—more than the American people. We've now reached a point where this "America First" trade policy is now delivering real economic damage across the country.

I want to emphasize that this is not an isolated concern. My constituents, as well as economists, academicians, and policy experts across the country have echoed the same worries. The Administration's recent approach to tariffs has created serious uncertainty for U.S. businesses, workers, and consumers. This is not just a matter of opinion, it is supported by data and economic analysis.

Economic experts estimate that the 2025 tariffs will raise overall prices by 2.3 percent, costing the average household \$3,800 annually, with even greater burdens on working-class families. Clothing prices are expected to jump by 33 percent, and food prices by 4.5 percent. These are not abstract numbers, they represent real consequences for real people: higher grocery bills and more expensive everyday essentials.

For instance, Canada, Illinois's top export market for oil, vehicles parts, and agricultural products, has already signaled retaliation,