

Americans and America is still one country," Bob added. "We all still love our country without a doubt." Sanders is now preparing to submit all the necessary evidence to the Guinness Book of World Records, including GPS data, photos, and witness accounts, in hopes of officially claiming the title as the oldest man to bike across America. "He has determination. He has grit," said Kathryn. "And I think he could show a lot of people what you can do with that." Still, when asked if he'd do it again? "I'm glad I did it," Sanders said "But I'll tell you one thing without hesitation—I wouldn't do it again."

RECOGNIZING THE HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Korean and Vietnam War veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who, are visiting their memorials and the WWII Memorial, because of the efforts of the Honor Flight of Southern Oregon. Whenever I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of the words of President Abraham Lincoln: "The struggle of today, is not altogether for today, it is for a vast future also." Our veterans embody this spirit, having fought valiantly in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Their courage and dedication remind us that the price of liberty is high. It is my privilege to include their names in the RECORD.

Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are: Russell Bronson, Joyce Button, JoAnn Compton Taplin, James Dahl, Chad Davenport, Thomas Davis, David Ford, Jerry Fraley, Thomas Garland, Larry Grow, Eldon Hendrix, Orville Houston, John James, William Kendrick, William Koreger, Walter Lindner, James Little, Kenneth Montgomery, Dennis Paul, Richard Seehawer, Patrick Smith, Gelacio Valdez, Walter Vaughan, Robert Verlezza, and Allen Ayers. We especially honor the memory of Danyl H. Christianer, whose legacy of service will live on through this tribute.

These heroes join over 250,000 Veterans who have been honored through the nationwide Honor Flight Network of volunteers, since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, President George W. Bush once said, "We have been the recipients of the greatest blessings of liberty ever known to man. We live in freedom because others have made the ultimate sacrifice. As a Nation, we must never take for granted, the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and every citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of our brave Veterans who voluntarily faced danger and adversity to preserve our country and our way of life. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Southern Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

CONGRATULATING DUCADY ON BECOMING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a truly remarkable Journey—the dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment that has brought Oslene Ducady to this moment becoming a citizen of the United States of America.

Born in Haiti, the fifth of nine children, Oslene came to this country chasing a dream, not for herself, but for her future children. She moved to Green Cove Springs in the great state of Florida, where she met her husband, Alix.

For 35 years, she built a life, raised six incredible children, and poured her heart into her community. Yet through it all, she nurtured the quiet fire within—a flame fueled by ambition, determination, and the unwavering pursuit of a place to call home.

And this week, that pursuit reaches its pinnacle On Friday, May 16, 2025. Oslene will raise her hand and take the Oath of Allegiance, becoming a proud citizen of the United States of America.

My office was honored to play a small part in helping her navigate the final steps of that journey. Her story is a reminder that the American Dream is not always fast or easy, but it is real, and it is still worth fighting for.

I congratulate Oslene and her family. Today, we celebrate not just a new citizen, but a dream realized.

CELEBRATING VANESSA QUINN

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ms. Vanessa Quinn, R.N., a distinguished nurse, union leader, advocate, and trailblazer from Niagara Falls, New York. Her life's work is a testament to service, compassion and commitment to Justice and community advancement.

Ms. Quinn's contributions to healthcare and labor advocacy are profound. A proud graduate of SUNY Erie, Ms Quinn was part of its first graduating class of Registered Nurses—a landmark moment in the college's history. For nearly four decades, she has served with excellence at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, where her clinical expertise, care and professionalism have earned the respect of colleagues and recognition from countless patients. Her influence extends well beyond the hospital, as vice president of Communications Workers of America Local 1199 and a dedicated member of the New York State Safe Staffing Committee; she has been a tireless advocate for safe patient care, equitable working conditions, and the rights of healthcare workers across the state.

Her leadership was essential during the CWA strike at Mercy Hospital, where she fought for union members' rights and engaged directly with local, state, and federal elected

officials. Thanks to her leadership, the hard-working employees at Mercy earned a hard-won contract with improved compensation and safer working conditions, benefiting patients and workers alike.

In addition to her advocacy, Ms. Quinn is a beloved member of her local community and Episcopal church where she is spiritually guided by Father Curry and Bishop Michael Curly. Her unwavering dedication to helping others is reflected in her generous support providing food, housing, clothing, and transportation to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, Vanessa Quinn's legacy is defined by courage, advocacy, service, and compassion. I ask that I be joined in honoring the remarkable life and enduring contributions of Ms. Vanessa Quinn, RN., a proud daughter of Niagara Falls, New York, a devoted servant to her community, and an inspiring leader whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the James Madison High School Robotics Team, Team 620, known proudly as the Warbots.

The Warbots participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition, an international high school robotics competition. This year, Team 620 qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championship held in Houston, Texas, marking only the fourth time in the team's 25-year history that they have achieved this honor.

At the Championship, the Warbots and their robot, "Dory," delivered a remarkable performance, finishing 11th in the Galileo Division's qualification rounds. The team went on to serve as captain of a three-team alliance, selecting partners from India, Canada, and Michigan. They then went against the 5th seeded alliance and won with a score of 228–227.

In addition to their success in Houston, the Warbots had an extremely successful regional competition season. In January, FIRST released this year's challenge, "Reefscape," prompting teams to design, build, and automate their robots in under two months. During District Competitions in March and District Championships in early April, Team 620 captured the Excellence in Engineering Award and the Autonomous Award. Their alliance won the Alexandria event and earned the highest score of the year in the FIRST Chesapeake District.

I include in the RECORD, the eighteen students who represented James Madison High School at the World Championship:

Josh Lauro; Graduating Senior
Annabelle Hallworth; Graduating Senior
Nick Abbott; Graduating Senior
Daphne Jaillon; Graduating Senior
Davin Meggers; Graduating Senior
Noah Weintraub; Graduating Senior
Zach Sinclair
Michelle Cerga
Isaac Gantsoudes
Theo Tatro
Thomas Santonicola

Ishaan Pandya
Julia Blinde
Liam McLaughlin
Zihe Chen
Zihou Chen
Riya Datta
Tristan Moss

These talented students were supported on their journey by lead mentor Jeff Ressin, school sponsor AJ Benker, and a dedicated team of mentors and parent volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Warbots for their innovation and teamwork. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these students and wishing Team 620 continued success in future seasons.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Votes No. 123 through Roll Call No. 124. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123, and YEA on Roll Call No. 124.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
CURTIS PARHAM “CP” REDDING,
SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving husband, dedicated grandfather, doting grandfather, astute entrepreneur, committed public servant and dear friend of longstanding, the Honorable Curtis Parham “CP” Redding. Sadly, “CP” passed away on May 9, 2025. A service to commemorate his remarkable life was held on May 15, 2025, in Eufaula, Alabama.

Born on September 8, 1932, in Hatcher Station, Quitman County, Georgia, “CP” was the son of Curtis Lowe Redding and Ora Inez (Green) Redding. He was a man of unwavering character, known for his commanding presence, generous spirit, and fierce devotion to his family and friends. His kindness, strength, and integrity inspired everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

A passionate outdoorsman, “CP” enjoyed hunting, traveling cross-country with his beloved wife Annie Ruth, and creating lasting memories through his woodworking. He was a true entrepreneur, operating a successful logging company for over 25 years while also owning and managing a country store, bait shop, grocery store, and restaurant. His diverse ventures showcased his dedication to serving the community.

It has been said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” “CP” paid his rent and he paid it well. His commitment to improving lives in the Chattahoochee Valley/Quitman County was evident through his service on more than 13 boards and commissions, often as Chairman. He tirelessly advocated for better education, healthcare, and public services, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives.

On a personal note, “CP” was my friend and supporter for many years. He always advocated for all things Quitman County. He never told me what I wanted to hear, he always told me what he felt I needed to hear. I will be forever grateful for the timbre of his character and the fidelity of his friendship.

“CP” accomplished much in life but none of it would have been possible without the love and support of his beloved wife of nearly 74 years, Annie Ruth Redding; his children, Vickie Turner (David Gatch) of Prattville, Alabama, Curtis Parham “Bubba” Redding (Dawn) of Cuthbert, Georgia, and John Melton Redding (Amanda) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and his sister, Gail Redding Corlee (Leonard) of Georgetown, Georgia. “CP” also leaves behind seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 765,00 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District, salute and honor life of Honorable Curtis Parham “CP” Redding, Sr., a man of purpose and heart, whose enduring love for his family and community will never be forgotten. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to his family and all those who mourn his loss during this difficult time of bereavement. I pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING MONSIGNOR ROBERT
TUCKER ON HIS 55TH PASTORAL
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to rise today to join family, friends, and parishioners in paying tribute to Monsignor Robert Tucker, as he celebrates his 55th pastoral anniversary with a special Mass at the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut.

Born in Torrington, Monsignor Tucker attended St. Francis School and Torrington High School before pursuing the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary and St. Bonaventure University. Following his ordainment by Archbishop Whelan in 1970, he served parishes in Meriden, Simsbury, and New Britain where he served in various youth ministries as well as archdiocesan vocation director. However, it was at St. Anthony of Padua in Litchfield where he found his pastoral home and where he spent a majority of his pastoral career. In addition to his duties at St. Anthony of Padua, Monsignor Tucker became pastor of both St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Goshen and Our Lady of Grace Church in Bantam. In 2017 his steadfast faith and deep commitment to his congregants led all three parishes through a restructuring, bringing them under the umbrella of St. Louis de Montfort Parish Corporation. Over his more than fifty years of ministry, he has earned the respect and admiration of his parishioners and the community which is why it was so fitting that in 2020, Pope Francis approved his nomination by Archbishop Blair’s for the honorary title of monsignor.

Over the course of his ministry, Monsignor Tucker did so much more than preside over Masses at the churches he led. He visited the sick at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital where he was chaplain, fortifying the spiritual centers of patients and their loved ones. He spent many summers working at Camp Workcoeman, one of the oldest continuously operated Scout camps in the country. And his weekly column in the Register Citizen, strengthened his deep connections to the community as well as parishioners and friends. Though he stepped down from his leadership role at St. Louis de Montfort Parish in 2022, today, he continues his ministry by serving as chaplain for the cloistered order of nuns at the Abbey of Regina Laudis.

As a religious leader, advocate, mentor and friend, Monsignor Tucker has touched the lives of thousands. Through all of his good work he has instilled hope and promise in all of those who have had the good fortune to work with him. His spiritual guidance has nourished the souls of many and his compassion has encouraged others to give more of themselves. He has embodied some of the many mottos he has lived by including “Success is in the effort, not the outcome” and “Joy, pass it along.”

Today, as he celebrates his 55th year as a priest, he continues to make a difference in the lives of others—his work a reflection of the heart of Catholic teachings. I am proud to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation as well as my heart-felt congratulations to Monsignor Robert Tucker as he celebrates this very special milestone. Happy 55th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOHNNIE MAE STREATER

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Johnnie Mae Streater, a woman who graced this world for 81 years. While her passing marks the end of an era, her legacy of selfless service to others and her unwavering faith will continue to live on through the family she leaves behind, her beloved daughter, Tamond, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Born on October 28, 1942, in Leesburg, Florida, Johnnie Mae was the daughter of Annie Lee Davis, a homemaker, and Samuel Streater, a steelworker. She grew up with a strong foundation of love, faith, and hard work that would guide her throughout her life.

“Momma-Streater,” as she was known by her family, graduated from Fifth Avenue High School in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1962. Soon after, she relocated to Illinois, where she began her dedicated career as a Caseworker with the Illinois Department of Public Aid. For 30 years, she served the community with compassion and integrity, touching countless lives before retiring with grace.

In the 1970’s, Johnnie Mae embraced the Lord Jesus Christ into her life, a decision that would profoundly shape the rest of her life. She Joined Chicago Miracle Temple, formerly known as the Regal Theatre, founded by the