

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ALMA ALLEN**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Alma Allen, a pillar of our Fort Worth community and a woman whose presence touched the lives of so many.

Alma was born on December 5, 1932, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Leroy Tucker and Luvane Edwards. After graduating from I.M. Terrell High School in 1949, Alma began her career as an interior decorator, using her eye for design and creativity to bring warmth and beauty into the homes of others. Later in life, she turned her attention toward advocacy, becoming a passionate activist and respected historian of the Stop Six neighborhood in Fort Worth—a role in which she preserved and uplifted the stories of our community.

Throughout her life, Alma enjoyed a wide range of interests that reflected her creativity and love for simple joys. She found fulfillment in sewing, cooking, working in her garden, and relaxing with adult coloring books. In quieter moments, she looked forward to her favorite television programs, especially westerns, soap operas, and episodes of Judge Judy, which never failed to bring a smile to her face.

Her family remembers her not only for her many talents but for her deep well of love. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, affectionately known to those closest to her by many names, but most lovingly as “Ma’Maw.”

Alma was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Rosaline Dory; her son, Zachary; and her sisters, Doris and Vera. She is survived by her children: Regina, Raymond, Megal, and Jessica, her sister Barbara, and a large extended family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who carry forward her legacy.

While our community mourns the loss of this extraordinary woman, we should also take this moment to celebrate a life defined by compassion, strength, and service. She will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MILLIE GRIEVE,
GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT**HON. MARK E. AMODEI**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Millie Grieve. Millie is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 188, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue

they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change.

Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Millie Grieve’s project “Breast Vests” aimed to reduce the fear around touching women to perform life-saving CPR by increasing exposure and answering uncomfortable questions. Millie has been a lifeguard for the City of Reno for two years and noticed lifeguards were uncomfortable with the concept of performing CPR on the female anatomy because they lacked training. She created vests to zip over the mannequins that the City of Reno already had, using neoprene to make the vests more effective on the pool deck. Millie then personally presented her project to more than 100 lifeguards and surveyed them afterward, showing a 20 percent increase in overall comfort in performing CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on women.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Millie Grieve for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Millie for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING CAMILLE
CINTOFANTI’S 100TH BIRTHDAY**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Camille Cintofanti, an outstanding constituent from my district who will celebrate a remarkable milestone—her 100th birthday—on May 31, 2025. Born on May 31, 1925, to Joseph and Concetta Tommillo, Camille was raised in a loving Italian household rooted in strong cultural traditions. Her parents immigrated from Bari, Italy, bringing with them the rich heritage, values, and customs that would shape Camille’s upbringing and lifelong sense of family and community. Camille was the second born of four children, and from an early age, she embraced her role with warmth, responsibility, and love. Her life stands as a testament to enduring love, strength, and devotion.

On October 1, 1949, Camille married the love of her life, Joseph A. Cintofanti. A proud and decorated veteran, Joseph served in World War II, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal for his bravery and service to his country. Their marriage was filled with love, mutual respect, and shared values that built a strong and supportive home. Together, they raised two children: their son Joseph, Jr., who married Barbara Sibila, and their daughter Nancy, who married Gary Marchunsky. Camille has always been a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her warmth and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of her family’s strength and unity.

Camille’s many passions brought joy to those around her. She found great pleasure in

gardening, where she created beauty with her hands and found peace in nature. Her love of baking, inspired by her Italian roots, filled her home with the comforting aromas of fresh bread, cookies, and traditional family recipes. Camille also had a vibrant social spirit—she found a love for dancing and never missed an opportunity to get on the dance floor. Bingo was another favorite pastime, where she combined her sharp mind with her love for fun and community.

In addition to her deep dedication to her loved ones, Camille generously gave her time to the community. She was an active and beloved volunteer at both the Penridge Senior Center in Perkasio and the Central Bucks Senior Center in Doylestown, where her compassion, energy, and cheerful spirit made a lasting impact. Her two granddaughters, Ashley and Alyssa, continue to be inspired by her example of kindness, strength, and resilience. As Camille turns 100, she is celebrated not only for her longevity, but for a life filled with joy, service, and unwavering devotion to family and community.

CONGRATULATING JIMMY
EMMONS ON HIS SWEARING IN
TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Oklahoman, Jimmy Emmons has spent years working around the state and across the country promoting innovative and voluntary conservation practices.

Having someone like Jimmy in a position to lead farm policy isn’t just beneficial for Oklahoma, but the entire country and the world.

I am proud of my longtime friend and fellow Oklahoman for his willingness to serve the Nation at the Natural Resources Conservation Service and his commitment to the American farmer.

CELEBRATING THE ASIAN
AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Asian American Heritage Festival. A cultural event that is dedicated and celebrated for the cultural traditions and contributions of Asian Americans throughout the United States.

The Asian American Heritage Festival is committed to enriching the cultural fabric of our community, fostering understanding, appreciation, and shared experiences among people of all backgrounds. It stands as a vital bridge to connect culture, diversity and unity through storytelling, exciting performances, and delicious food.

Beyond all of the exciting attractions that the Asian American Heritage Festival offers, there is a strong focus on community and education. Generations-long recounting of resilience, and

cultural history are provided for those who listen.

The Asian American Heritage Festival is a dynamic hub for community engagement and cross-cultural connection. It represents a bold vision: one where multiculturalism is not only celebrated but woven into the daily life and economic vitality of our region.

Mr. Speaker, as we acknowledge this celebration, let us recognize the essential role that the Asian American Heritage Festival plays—not just as an event, but as a beacon of cultural exchange, generational growth, and community spirit. Please join me in celebrating and honoring the achievements of the Asian American Heritage Festival, as they remain an enduring source of pride and connection for generations to come.

HONORING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the remarkable 75-year legacy of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU), an institution that has profoundly impacted the Mississippi Delta and the state of Mississippi as a whole.

Founded in 1950 as Mississippi Vocational College, MVSU began with a mission to train teachers for rural and elementary schools and to provide vocational training. Over the decades, it has evolved into a comprehensive university offering a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate programs, including degrees in environmental health, criminal justice, business administration, and education. MVSU's commitment to academic excellence and community service has remained steadfast throughout its history.

Under the leadership of its eighth and current president, Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Sr., MVSU continues to advance its mission with the mantra: "ONE GOAL. ONE TEAM. ONE VALLEY . . . IN MOTION." The university has expanded its reach through off-campus centers such as the Greenwood Center and the Greenville Higher Learning Center, enhancing access to education in the Mississippi Delta.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us recognize the contributions of MVSU's students, faculty, alumni, and administration. Their dedication and hard work have ensured that Mississippi Valley of State University remains a beacon of opportunity and a catalyst for positive change in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mississippi Valley State University on its 75th anniversary and look forward to the continued success and impact of this esteemed institution.

RECOGNIZING KRISTIANNA MEISTER, GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating Kristianna Meister. Kristianna is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 1306, and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Kristianna Meister designed "Dancing Through The Decades" to enhance the lives of senior citizens and those who may need extra assistance going through life. Through dance, Kristianna created a program that engaged participants both mentally and physically, with the goal of getting people up and moving. She led participants in guided stretches to help them feel good in their bodies. She taught them about the history of different styles of dance and basic steps from each style of dance to get the participants engaged and moving. She created instructional videos for the dances, which were posted on YouTube and distributed to Senior Centers around the country.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Kristianna Meister for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Kristianna for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE MARCH 9, 2025 PLANE CRASH IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and commend the emergency service personnel who responded to the March 9 plane crash in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

On March 9, 2025, a small plane carrying five people crashed just outside of Lancaster Airport and into the parking lot of Brethren Village, a nearby retirement community in Manheim Township. Within minutes, four EMS agencies arrived and provided lifesaving care to the victims of the airplane crash. The rapid and courageous actions of these first responders proved critical and ultimately contributed to more positive outcomes for the victims involved.

I include in the RECORD, the following individuals that responded to the scene and deserve our deepest appreciation and recognition for their heroism:

Manheim Township Ambulance Association: David Mortimer, Leanne Yake, Kayla Farkas, Ashlyn Eder, Collin Stritch, and Connor Kriston

Rothsville Ambulance: James Hoover and Lester Martin

Warwick Community Ambulance: Scott Strippel, Karly Emmert, Makayla Arnold, Gabriel Mitchell, and Rosene Ringler

Penn Medicine Lancaster General: Tyler McCardell

I am grateful for the heroism and commitment demonstrated by these individuals and their respective EMS agencies. First responders safeguard our wellbeing, and I am proud to stand here today and recognize their service in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

WELCOMING KIMBERLY-CLARK EXPANSION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolinians are grateful that the Kimberly-Clark Corporation is expanding within the Second District of South Carolina. As a producer of personal care products, Kimberly-Clark produces well-known brands such as Cottonelle, Huggies, Kleenex, Scott, and more.

Since its establishment in 1968, the Beech Island facility, with the leadership of plant manager, Jeff Hutter, has grown to become the company's largest manufacturing site globally. The planned addition of 1.1 million square feet in 2027 will further expand its capabilities and impact.

The \$200 million investment will create more than 150 new jobs, strengthen the local economy, and enhance career opportunities across the state. The expansion will also incorporate advanced robotics, artificial intelligence powered logistics systems, and high-density automated storage to improve operation efficiencies.

With a workforce of over 40,000 and a presence in more than 175 countries, Kimberly-Clark continues to demonstrate a commitment to innovation and growth. I appreciate the dedication and leadership of President Russ Torres.

Best wishes to Kimberly-Clark for success in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MARY VOLLINK ON EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Mary Vollink, an exceptional resident of Traverse City, Michigan, for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Traverse Connect Board of Directors. Since 1929, this prestigious honor has been awarded to outstanding individuals for their significant contributions to social, economic, and