

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CITY OF PORT RICHEY, FL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Port Richey, Florida. Founded by Aaron Richey in 1883 and officially incorporated in 1925 along the beautiful shores of the Pithlachascotee River—known locally as the Cotee River—Port Richey has grown from a small riverside community into a city rich in heritage, resilience, and charm. Over the past century, Port Richey has served as a gateway to Florida's Nature Coast, offering a unique blend of coastal beauty, community spirit, and small-town values.

The city's early founders envisioned a place where families could thrive, businesses could grow, and the natural environment could be cherished. Their vision remains alive today in the city's commitment to protecting its waterways, enhancing quality of life, and fostering a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. From its early days as a fishing and boating hub to its present role as a vibrant city with a growing economy and engaged citizenry, Port Richey has held tightly to its roots while embracing the promise of the future. Its waterfront parks, thriving local businesses, and close-knit neighborhoods speak to a community that values tradition, collaboration, and progress.

Throughout its history, Port Richey has overcome challenges with strength and unity, guided by civic leaders and everyday citizens committed to building a better tomorrow. The city's ongoing revitalization efforts, including enhancements to its historic waterfront district, reflect a forward-looking vision rooted in pride and perseverance. As we mark this centennial milestone, we celebrate not just 100 years of incorporation, but 100 years of stories of families who built their lives here, of leaders who shaped the city's path, and of a community that has remained true to its values across generations. Let this occasion be a time of reflection and renewed purpose. The City of Port Richey stands as a testament to what can be accomplished through community spirit, hard work, and enduring hope.

Again, I am proud to honor the City of Port Richey on its 100th Anniversary, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable city, its past achievements, and its bright future. Here's to the next 100 years of Port Richey.

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF FIRE AND RESCUE VALOR
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Prince William County Fire and Rescue Department Valor Award recipients, recognizing the extraordinary bravery and selfless service demonstrated by its firefighters, paramedics, and rescue personnel. These awards reflect the courageous actions of the department's dedicated men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the community in its most critical moments.

Each recipient exemplifies true valor, facing danger without hesitation, providing life-saving aid, and prioritizing the safety of others in the most challenging emergencies. Their courage and compassion strengthen the bonds within our community, fostering trust, resilience, and a shared sense of security. Today, we honor their collective bravery and unwavering commitment to public service.

Whether responding to fires, medical emergencies, or natural disasters, these individuals demonstrate an unyielding commitment to preserving life and property. Their professionalism and readiness in the face of uncertainty set an example for us all and serve as a reminder of the impact that first responders have on the lives of those they protect.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Prince William County Fire and Rescue team for their remarkable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 22, 2025, as Clinton Community College Day.

Clinton Community College was established in 1966 by the Clinton County Board of Supervisors on the grounds of the old Hotel Champlain on Bluff Point in Plattsburgh, New York, under Governor Nelson Rockefeller's Administration. The College opened its doors to 216 students in 1969 and graduated its first cohort of students in 1971.

The College has since expanded to include the William Forrence Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Building, the Ronald B. Stafford Center for Arts, Science, and Technology, and the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing among other improvements. The growth has stemmed from their responsive-

ness to the needs of the local community and businesses. This dedication is further seen in the development of programs and coursework that meet the workforce development needs in the region, along with their assumption of the Small Business Development Center and the Zone 9 Police Training Academy. Clinton Community College and its leadership have always worked towards building the best outcome for their students. As hard times arose, the College made the difficult decision to revamp and relocate its campus to a shared space with the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, a university with whom the College has a long history of partnership, to maintain their effort to provide the best outcome for their students.

With the College primed to begin this new chapter in its life with the start of the Fall 2025 semester the administration feels it is only right to celebrate both the storied past and bright future of the College by holding Clinton Community College Day on May 22, 2025.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am proud to celebrate Clinton Community College, its board, its staff, its faculty, and most especially its students, past, present, and future.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA
SCHNEIDER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Patricia Schneider has made to our community through her volunteerism with the Pregnancy & Family Life Center. Ms. Schneider is part of a team of selfless and dedicated women who have worked at the Center in Inverness for several years. Their roles include working each week in the food pantry and clothing room. Last year, 472 clients were served, and more than 65,000 pounds of food was distributed. These critical volunteers also ensure families receive essential items for their infants and young children to include: formula, diapers, pull ups, baby wipes and wash, as well as age specific clothing. In 2024, more than 44,000 diapers and 9,500 items of clothing were distributed. These volunteers have a 'can do' attitude no matter how large the challenge. They also have tremendous teamwork. They sort through all donations, retain those appropriate for a pregnancy center and then share other serviceable items with community partners. Ms. Schneider also makes personal birthday cards for each client to help them feel connected. When volunteers are united in an important mission, it naturally fosters camaraderie which is great for anyone who works or volunteers at the Center. All of these women maintain a loving demeanor and greet each client with a warm smile and conversation (and sometimes a hug). The Center's clients

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feel welcomed and cared for because of the lived values of love, respect, compassion, and family centeredness that is regularly displayed by these dedicated volunteers. The benefit to the community is great and the impact far reaching.

It is clear that Patricia Schneider 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 NICK ROBFOGEL

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month to recognize an extraordinary individual from Rochester, NY, whose commitment to service and leadership continues to uplift our Jewish community: Nathan (Nick) Robfogel.

Nick Robfogel has long exemplified civic responsibility, compassion, and tireless devotion to the betterment of our region. As Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Max and Marian Farash Foundation, he has guided philanthropic efforts that have empowered countless individuals and organizations across Rochester. Prior to his retirement, Nick served as a distinguished partner at Harter Secrest & Emery, where he combined his legal acumen with a deep-seated sense of justice.

A dedicated member of the Board of Governors for the Jewish Federation, Nick has played a pivotal role in strengthening Jewish life and fostering a culture of generosity and community-mindedness. His decades of service and thoughtful leadership have made him an indispensable figure in our region.

During Jewish American Heritage Month, it is my great privilege to recognize Nick Robfogel. His legacy of philanthropy, wisdom, and community-building stands as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING SIRMICHAEL CARRINGTON WILLIAMS-THOMAS ON RECEIVING THE 2025 BILLY MICHAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young Iowan, SirMichael Carrington Williams-Thomas of Waukee, for his selection as Iowa's 2025 recipient of the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award.

This national honor is awarded annually to one student from each state who exemplifies the values of leadership, service, and citizenship. In being chosen to represent Iowa, SirMichael joins a distinguished group of young Americans committed to putting service over self and leading with integrity to build stronger communities, inspire others through action, and uphold the enduring values that strengthen both Iowa and our Nation.

SirMichael is a sophomore at Waukee High School and already a well-regarded leader across civic and academic organizations. From his role as a member of the State of Iowa's Youth Advisory Council and Lead DSM's Youth Leadership Initiative, to his active engagement as an Eagle Scout, mock trial participant, and church leader, Carrington's record is defined by energy, humility, and resolve.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know SirMichael and have been continually impressed by his focus, ambition, and unwavering belief in the power of servant leadership.

Mr. Speaker, SirMichael Carrington Williams-Thomas represents the very best of Iowa and our Nation, and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him and celebrating the extraordinary promise of a young Iowan already making a powerful difference in the world.

RECOGNIZING JAY POST

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jay Post—a dedicated patriot, family man, and valued member of his community. Jay moved to Westfield, New Jersey, in 1951. He graduated from Westfield High School in 1957 and earned his degree from Siena College in 1961. Soon after, he completed Officer Basic Training at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was deployed to Korea with the 7th Infantry Division, where he helped defend the Demilitarized Zone. After being honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1963, Jay worked for Ford Motor Company and later earned an MBA in Finance from Columbia University. In 1965, he married his wife, Arleen. They returned to Westfield to raise their four children, and in 1995, moved to Mountainside, where they still live today.

I am pleased to join the Borough of Mountainside in recognizing Jay Post as a Co-Grand Marshal of this year's Memorial Day Parade. His life of service, leadership, and love of country is truly deserving of our gratitude and shall be remembered for years to come.

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their infants and young children to include: formula, diapers, pull ups, baby wipes and wash, as well as age specific clothing. In 2024, more than 44,000 diapers and 9500 items of clothing were distributed. These volunteers have a 'can do' attitude no matter how large the challenge. They also have tremendous teamwork. They sort through all donations, retain those appropriate for a pregnancy center and then share other serviceable items with community partners. Ms. Furlong also visits the Center each weekend when the facility is closed to check the donation box and bring donated items inside to ensure they reach the intended recipients. When volunteers are united in an important mission, it naturally fosters camaraderie which is great for anyone who works or volunteers at the Center. All of these women maintain a loving demeanor and greet each client with a warm smile and conversation (and sometimes a hug). The Center's clients feel welcomed and cared for because of the lived values of love, respect, compassion, and family centeredness that is regularly displayed by these dedicated volunteers. The benefit to the community is great and the impact far reaching.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF 150 YEARS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BILOXI

HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, this year, the First Baptist Church of Biloxi celebrates 150 incredible years of ministry and service.

Since 1875, this church has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and love—guiding generations through times of challenge and celebration. Their commitment to spreading the Gospel, serving the Gulf Coast community, and nurturing spiritual growth has made a lasting impact.

This milestone is not just about looking back—it's a powerful reminder of the faithfulness of God and the strength of a community rooted in Him.

I thank Pastor Gibson, the leadership team, and every member of this congregation for their dedication, their prayers, and their service. May God continue to bless them as they move forward into the next chapter of this remarkable journey.

Congratulations, and happy 150th anniversary.

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO RECOGNIZE DEPUTY MACKENZIE MILLER ON RECEIVING THE VALOR AWARD

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

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