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RECOGNIZING NICK ROBFOGEL

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA FURLONG

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Patricia Furlong has made to our community through her volunteerism with the Pregnancy & Family Life Center. Ms. Furlong 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 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.

It is clear that Patricia Furlong 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.

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

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Prince William County

Sheriff's Office and to recognize one of its distinguished members who has received a Valor Award: Deputy Mackenzie Miller. While today we recognize Deputy Miller, this award reflects the commitment to duty, professionalism, and public safety that defines the entire Sheriff's Office.

This honored deputy exemplifies what it means to act with valor—responding with courage in the face of danger, demonstrating sound judgment under pressure, and placing the well-being of others above self. Whether in the courtroom, on transport duty, or assisting during critical incidents, members of the Sheriff's Office play a vital and often underappreciated role in maintaining the safety and order of our community.

Today, we recognize the extraordinary actions of Deputy Miller, whose bravery and dedication serve as a powerful example of the values upheld by the Prince William County Sheriff's Office. Her service reminds us that heroism is not measured by numbers, but by the impact one person can have through a single courageous act.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Prince William County Sheriff's Office for their remarkable contributions to our community.

HONORING VICTOR JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mr. Victor Johnson of Rosedale, Mississippi—a man whose lifelong dedication to the trucking industry and the Mississippi Delta region has resulted in transformative educational and economic opportunities for countless individuals.

Victor Johnson, a native of Rosedale, MS, has been around truck driving his entire life. His deep family roots in the profession—from his father and grandfather to his brothers, uncles, nephews, and cousins—shaped his path and passion from a young age. By age 12, Mr. Johnson was already behind the wheel, foreshadowing a lifelong commitment to the road.

With a strong independent streak and the entrepreneurial spirit instilled in him by his late mother, Cleo, Mr. Johnson has built a legacy that bridges family tradition, public service, and economic empowerment. In 2009, he founded Sam's Express LLC, a trucking company that still keeps him on the road today. Yet his contributions extend far beyond the highway.

Recognizing the critical need for local truck driver training in the Mississippi Delta, Mr. Johnson founded the Delta Driving Institute (DDI) in Cleveland, MS. One of the few institutions of its kind in the state, DDI began accepting students in September 2023. Through a four-week, state-certified training program, Mr. Johnson—himself a certified third-party examiner—equips individuals over the age of 18 with the knowledge and practical experience required to earn their Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Graduates can pursue gainful employment across the country, lifting themselves and their families toward economic stability and success.

Mr. Johnson constructed much of the Delta Driving Institute campus himself. It now includes a fleet of five rigs and a dump truck used in training. His school emerged in response to the many voices he heard in the community—individuals who were frustrated by the need to travel to distant cities like Jackson to pursue CDL training. By offering a local solution, he has removed a significant barrier to entry for aspiring drivers in the Delta region.

Victor Johnson is a proud graduate of West Bolivar High School, Mississippi Delta Community College, and Valley State University. He has served his community not only through business but also as a former candidate for the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors. Continuing his legacy of development and empowerment, he is also the builder and owner of Cleo Apartments, a housing complex named in honor of his mother, whose values and influence have played a pivotal role in shaping his journey.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Victor Johnson as a visionary leader, a selfmade entrepreneur, and a committed son of Mississippi. Through his hard work, determination, and service to others, Mr. Johnson is helping steer the Delta toward a brighter future—one driver at a time.

RECOGNIZING NEIL QUINN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Neil Quinn has made to our community through his work as an exceptional volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County for the past five years. In 2024 alone, this retired electrical engineer volunteered nearly 400 hours across our construction sites and Re-Stores. Mr. Quinn's impact is profoundly felt by the partner families working toward homeownership. On construction sites, he shares his expertise by teaching them essential home building and maintenance skills. His mentorship empowers these families with practical knowledge and fosters a sense of ownership of their future homes. Beyond construction, Mr. Quinn repairs and revitalizes electrical appliances at the organization's Re-Stores. By increasing the inventory of resellable goods, he directly helps generate funds that enable the construction of more affordable homes in our community. Neil is the epitome of a team player, consistently willing to contribute his time and talents wherever needed. His dedication and positive attitude are respected by fellow volunteers, Habitat staff, and the partner families he supports. Neil Quinn's commitment embodies the spirit of Habitat for Humanity, making a tangible difference in the lives of families striving for safe, stable, and affordable housing in Citrus County.

It is clear that Neil Quinn 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.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER J. GARROW

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain Christopher J. Garrow and his years of service to his country and community.

Christopher was born on July 22, 1975, and raised in Peru, New York. After graduating from Peru High School in 1994, Chris decided to serve his nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Chris served honorably and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was personally awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Good Conduct Medal for his dedication. Following his honorable discharge, Chris returned to his hometown and joined the ranks of New York's finest with the New York State Police.

As an active member of the New York State Police, he took on many roles including Marine Operator, Firearms Instructor, State Police Underwater Rescue Team member, and Field Training Officer. Drawing on his experience in the Armed Forces, Chris excelled and rose through the ranks to become a Captain. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Chris was assigned to aid in the search and recovery efforts at Ground Zero in New York City. Unfortunately, it was that assignment that would later cost Chris his life after he developed pancreatic cancer due to his time there.

Chris was also a family man, having married his wife Jillian in 2002, they were blessed with two daughters, Ella and Maggie. He was a devoted father who spent his summers on the lake with his family and friends and his winters skiing with his girls. His loved ones will always remember him as a strong but humble man and who was always willing to help. The North Country lost one of its best when Christopher passed on June 12, 2023.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the legacy of Captain Christopher J. Garrow and honor him for his lifetime of service.

HONORING THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2025 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, today we congratulate the 2025 Service Academy Appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy Appointments:

Alexa Kim Bowers, Smithson Valley High School, Bulverde, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. John Michael Burris, Father Joseph T. O'Callaghan Homeschool, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, United States Military Academy. Madeline Reed Coats, Moe and Gene Johnson High School, Buda, Texas, United States Military Academy. Hannah Ryleigh Dufresne, Boerne High School, Comfort, Texas, United States Military Academy. Aiden Angelo Embestro, St. Andrews