

visit to a bookstore. His home overflows with books on an incredible range of topics and people, including several books by and about Marcel Proust. Pete maintained that reading Proust had “changed his life” and quoted him endlessly to anyone who would listen. Starting in high school, he continued studying Spanish throughout his life, adding French somewhere along the way. His curiosity about the world led him to travel extensively, with Mexico, Central, and South America his favorite destinations. He scaled mountains, trekked the Amazon and hitch-hiked, and met people and learned about their cultures every chance he got. While he sometimes traveled alone, many of his most memorable adventures were shared with friends with whom he forged lifelong friendships.

After Linda’s death from breast cancer in 2006, his friends connected him with her friend Martha Haynie, and after several very tentative starts, Pete and Marty decided to share their lives. Over the next 19 years they indulged together their love of reading and cooking, theater and concerts, politics, traveling, and being with friends. Their adventures ranged from the mountains of Mexico to the streets of Paris and the Jungles of Ecuador. Pete’s diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease gradually slowed them down, and the COVID epidemic finally brought them home to Belle Isle to stay.

Pete led a rich and full life, surrounded by dear and loyal friends.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF GLENN FORSYTH’S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE NEWTOWN FIRE ASSOCIATION

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep pride and gratitude to recognize a truly remarkable individual from my district—Chief Glenn Forsyth of Newtown Township in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

This year, Chief Forsyth is celebrating an incredible milestone—50 years of continuous service with the Newtown Fire Association.

Let me repeat that: Five decades of commitment, sacrifice, and leadership in the name of public safety. Glenn’s journey with the fire service began in 1975 as a junior firefighter. But really, you could say it started even earlier—his family has proudly served in the Newtown Fire Association since 1915. Service is in his blood.

Over the years, Glenn has worn many hats—President, Trustee, Battalion Chief, Safety Officer. At every level, he’s brought steady leadership, tireless work ethic, and a deep love for this community.

But Chief Forsyth’s public service didn’t stop at the firehouse. In 1984, he joined the Newtown Township Police Department, where he served for 28 years, ultimately retiring as a respected Police Lieutenant. That experience made him uniquely qualified to lead when Newtown created its first full-time, paid fire chief position in 2012.

And who better to take on that role than Glenn Forsyth?

Since then, he has guided the department through growth, modernization, and chal-

lenges—building a unified team of career and volunteer firefighters, all committed to protecting the people of Newtown.

Chief Forsyth has given his entire adult life to the safety and well-being of this township. His name is respected, his leadership is trusted, and his example is one we should all strive to follow.

On behalf of a grateful community, I want to thank Chief Glenn Forsyth for 50 years of extraordinary service. May his legacy of courage and commitment inspire the next generation of firefighters and public servants for many years to come.

I congratulate Chief Forsyth. We salute him.

HONORING KATE DILNOTT-COOPER

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable journey and achievement of Kate Dilnott-Cooper, a lifelong learner and family historian whose decades-long travels across the United States have culminated in a personal milestone and a celebration of cultural connection and exploration.

Kate Dilnott-Cooper, a resident of the United Kingdom, has spent much of her life nurturing a deep appreciation for American history and heritage. Guided by a desire to understand the breadth and diversity of this country, she committed herself to the extraordinary goal of visiting and spending meaningful time in all 50 states. In July 2025, she will complete this lifelong dream with a visit to the state of Hawaii—her fiftieth and final state.

Kate’s travels reflect more than personal ambition. They represent a profound respect for the American story in all its complexity—from the majesty of its landscapes to the warmth of its people and the unique identities of its communities. Along the way, she has gathered family stories, local traditions, and historical narratives that bridge the personal with the universal.

Guided by a deep respect for heritage and its role in shaping generations, Kate has gathered family stories and personal histories, including that of her father-in-law—an orphan from Kansas sent to Canada—preserving these narratives as part of a broader cultural tapestry.

Through her curiosity and care, she has woven together the voices of small towns, the majesty of national parks, and the warmth of the people she encountered, reflecting the shared values of compassion, resilience, and the importance of memory.

Kate’s travels have become more than a personal accomplishment—they serve as a model of cultural appreciation, international friendship, and the enduring impact of honoring the past to shape the future.

It is my honor to recognize Kate Dilnott-Cooper for her remarkable achievement in visiting all 50 states of the United States, and commend her for her contributions to history, storytelling, and the strengthening of global understanding.

RECOGNIZING TAMMY MYERS

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tireless efforts of my constituent, Tammy Myers, whose commitment to ensuring fairness in Michigan’s surrogacy laws has brought about meaningful change for families across our community and state.

Tammy Myers was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015, which resulted in procedures that left her unable to have children. In 2021, she and her husband worked with a gestational carrier to have their twin son and daughter. They quickly found themselves facing an unimaginable challenge. Tammy was forced to adopt her own biological twins due to deeply unfair Michigan laws that failed to recognize her as the rightful parent of her children.

Fueled by her personal experience, Tammy became an outspoken advocate for reforming Michigan’s antiquated surrogacy laws. Through her persistence and unwavering determination, Tammy helped bring attention to a loophole in state law that left parents like her in legal limbo, forcing many individuals to jump through hoops to be recognized as their biological children’s parents.

Tammy’s efforts were instrumental in the passage of the Michigan Family Protection Act, which provides legal support and protection for families who have children through surrogacy. Her advocacy shed light on the real-world implications of our outdated legal system and the need for reform as we continue to fight for reproductive freedom across our Nation.

On behalf of Michigan’s Third Congressional District, I am proud to honor Tammy Myers for her advocacy and leadership. We thank her for her tireless work in fighting for her children—Eames, Ellison, and Corryn—and the hard-working Michiganders who now have access to the essential resources they need to start a family.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the town hall:

DEAR FRIEND,

Recently, I held my ninth in-person town hall in Asheville. Hearing from the people of Western North Carolina will continue to be a priority of mine, and I will not shy away from my support of President Trump and our important work renewing the American Dream and fixing how Washington works.

President Trump is doing exactly what he promised to do: comb through our federal agencies to look for inefficiencies. I applaud the fact that he’s doing that, and I appreciate his recognition that I went all 12 rounds to support and defend the America First agenda.

Despite some disruptions, I was able to answer questions from multiple constituents at the town hall and dispel some of the misinformation currently being spread around,

such as about the House's budget plan and DOGE, and I look forward to continuing to do as such.

Being accessible, listening, and answering questions for our mountain folk are among my favorite activities, which is why my office provides several avenues of engagement for constituents:

Stay updated on upcoming in-person and telephone town halls by following me on Facebook and visiting my website at [edwards.house.gov/events](https://edwards.house.gov/events).

Folks can request a one-on-one Chat With Chuck meeting by visiting [edwards.house.gov/chatwithchuck](https://edwards.house.gov/chatwithchuck).

Stop by Carolina Cruiser mobile office hours to ask questions about issues that matter to you or receive assistance with federal agencies, such as FEMA.

The schedule is available on Facebook and X, and at [edwards.house.gov/carolinacruiser](https://edwards.house.gov/carolinacruiser).

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,  
*Member of Congress.*

### HONORING BENOVIA WINERY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Benovia Winery on the 20th anniversary of its creation and to recognize the incredible contributions of its founders, Mary Dewane and Joe Anderson, and its winemaker, Mark Sullivan. For two decades, Benovia has produced handcrafted wines with a deep commitment to sustainability, land stewardship, and community support, values that have made it a treasured part of our Sonoma County.

The story of Benovia began with Ms. Dewane and Mr. Anderson, a wife-and-husband team whose shared careers in the healthcare sector focused on expanding access for underserved populations, especially Medicaid recipients. Their passion for service extended into their personal lives when, in 2002, they began exploring California's Wine Country and discovered a mutual love for Pinot Noir. In 2003, they purchased the Cohn Estate Vineyard, the oldest Pinot Noir vineyard in the Russian River Valley. By 2005, their commitment to the craft had grown into a full-fledged winery named "Benovia," a blend of their fathers' names: Ben Dewane and Novian Anderson.

Benovia's first vintage was produced in 2005, followed by its commercial debut in 2006. That same year, Mr. Anderson sold his successful managed care company to focus entirely on the winery. The team also welcomed Sonoma County native and fermentation science graduate Mark Sullivan, who joined as winemaker and has played a vital role in shaping Benovia's signature style ever since.

Over the past twenty years, Benovia Winery has expanded to over 71 acres across the Russian River Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) and the Sonoma Coast AVA, where it farms at three estate vineyards: Cohn, Martella, and Tilton Hill. The original ranch property has been restored, with an old ranch house converted into a welcoming tasting room, a former horse barn now used as the red wine facility, and the original winery repurposed for white wine production.

Benovia specializes in small-lot, handcrafted Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel, most of which is sold directly to consumers. In the vineyard, the team employs numerous sustainable farming techniques, including the use of 171 solar panels, organic composting, and the cultivation of habitats that support beneficial wildlife.

Beyond their work in the vineyard, Ms. Dewane and Mr. Anderson have remained deeply engaged in philanthropic efforts, giving back to the community through support for programs that address food insecurity, literacy, and local journalism. Through Benovia Winery, they have created several charitable wine releases to benefit nonprofit causes. Ms. Dewane and Mr. Anderson also created a wine line in tribute to the life and career of Congressman Ed Pastor, with their 2018 Pastor Adelante Pinot Noir release. Their dedication to service, both in business and beyond, has left a meaningful and lasting impact in our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Benovia Winery for twenty years of excellence in winemaking, sustainability, and community engagement. I join the people of our Sonoma County in celebrating this milestone and in recognizing Joe Anderson, Mary Dewane, and Mark Sullivan for their vision, generosity, and leadership.

### RECOGNIZING RALPH AND STEPHANIE STEVENS

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ralph and Stephanie Stevens have made to our community as volunteers with Hope Services. Ralph and Stephanie have gone above and beyond to support Hope Services as part of the organization's Dream Team. They are always committed to helping others and are a wealth of support to those in need. They give generously of their time, talents and treasure. Their kindness, generosity, and tireless efforts have made a lasting difference with the clients we serve and their families.

It is clear Ralph and Stephanie Stevens have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

### RECOGNIZING EAMON VANDYKE

#### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eamon VanDyke for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Eamon has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Eamon, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

This award is a testament to Eamon's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Eamon VanDyke on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

### HONORING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF ALBERT EUGENE BARDINI

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2025*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative ADAM GRAY, to honor the incredible life of Albert Eugene Bardini, a true representative of the spirit of the Central Valley.

Albert Bardini was born on June 20, 1928, in Merced, California, to Pete and Adelaide Bardini, a proud third-generation farming family. He attended Merced High School, where he played both baseball and football. Following high school, he attended St. Mary's College before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

During this time, Albert married the love of his life, Joanne McKim on June 25, 1950, whom he had met during high school at the Hopeton Festa. Together, they made Merced their lifelong home.

After his service, Albert and his two uncles established Bardini's Yosemite Suppliers—the first wholesale plumbing and electrical supply company in Merced. The business was a trailblazer, becoming the first private company awarded a contract by the Department of Defense to operate a supply store on a U.S. Air Force base.

After selling the business, Albert continued his commitment to public service by becoming a Merced County Supervisor. In that role, he worked tirelessly on public works and community development projects, from water infrastructure to programs supporting seniors and youth. He was appointed to numerous state and local committees, a testament to the trust and confidence others placed in his leadership and vision.

Albert was known to all for his vibrant personality and generosity. A longtime member of the Merced Elks Club and Breakfast Lions, he was also a dedicated Life Member of the Italo-American Lodge. His grandfather served as the first president of the Lodge in 1933, and Albert carried on that legacy with pride.

Together Joanne and Albert raised four sons, who all pursued careers in engineering. Their family has grown with the addition of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, bringing Albert and Joanne tremendous pride and joy.

In his later years, Albert could always be found at the heart of family gatherings, settled into a comfortable chair, watching a game, sharing stories, and offering his sharp, humorous commentary.

Albert was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Joanne, and his parents, Pete and Adelaide Bardini. He leaves behind his four sons: Richard (Nancy), Randy (Agnes), Gary (Laura), and Greg (Danielle), along with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Albert's life was one of service, joy, and family.