

RECOGNIZING SUE SIMONE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Sue Simone has made to our community through her volunteerism at HPH Hospice. HPH Hospice services Hernando, Citrus, and Pasco Counties. In 2022, Sue joined the HPH Hospice Foundation as a founding member of the Women of Giving (WOG). She played a crucial role on the Steering Committee, helping to define the WOG's operating structure, roles, mission, and vision. Together, the members aimed to create a significant pool of funds to support the Foundation's various charitable programs, all under the guiding principle of "Igniting Love and Spreading Hope." In addition to her committee work, Sue also became a trained Ambassador for the Foundation. Over the years, WOG has achieved remarkable fundraising milestones: In its first year, 20 members raised \$15,675.00. In the second year, 47 members raised \$40,845. In the third year, despite a smaller membership of 44, they raised \$51,082.57. At the beginning of this year, the Lightning Hockey Team awarded the WOG a \$50,000.00 Hero's Award. Each year, during the annual meeting, funds are donated throughout the Foundation's programs, which include: Charity Care, Adult and Child Bereavement Counseling, a camp for kids ages 6 to 17 that teaches them to manage grief and reassures them they are not alone in their loss, Building a Children's Bereavement Center, Circle of Hope in Pasco County, and renovations in Citrus and Hernando counties. Sue has also contributed to the Valor and Legacy program in a variety of meaningful ways.

It is clear Sue Simone 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.

HONORING MR. ANTHONY "TONY" POWELL OF WINDY CITY CIGARS LOUNGE

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the remarkable dedication and profound impact of Mr. Anthony Powell, a stalwart leader and invaluable pillar of the Southside Chicago community. For decades, Mr. Powell has served with unwavering commitment through his work with the Windy City Cigars Lounge, dedicating his life to uplifting and empowering the Black community they so deeply cherish.

Their journey of service is a testament to the power of grassroots leadership and persistent advocacy. Beyond his tireless work with Windy City Cigars Lounge, Mr. Powell is also the proud owner of the now-famous Windy City Cigar Lounge in Bronzeville. This establishment is not merely a place of leisure; it has become a vital hub, playing a crucial

role in helping to revitalize the economy of Bronzeville's historic market district. Through the lounge, Mr. Powell has fostered a vibrant social and commercial space, attracting patrons and contributing significantly to the local economic resurgence.

Mr. Powell has been instrumental in fostering positive change, addressing critical needs, and building a stronger, more vibrant Southside. His tireless efforts have touched countless lives, providing essential resources, advocating for equitable opportunities, and nurturing a sense of hope and collective strength.

From organizing community initiatives to championing educational programs and economic development, Mr. Powell has consistently demonstrated a selfless devotion to the betterment of his neighbors. His vision and leadership have helped to create pathways to success for many, ensuring that the voices and needs of the Southside's Black community are not only heard but also acted upon.

It is with immense gratitude and admiration that we acknowledge Mr. Powell's years of exceptional service.

His legacy is etched in the progress and resilience of the Southside Chicago community, both through his direct advocacy and his entrepreneurial spirit that fuels local prosperity. On behalf of a grateful Nation and the constituents of the 1st District of Illinois, I extend our deepest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Powell for his extraordinary contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the success Mr. Powell has cultivated by hard work. May his dedication continue to inspire us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

RECOGNIZING DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY (DRAM) DAY

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation recognizing National Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Day:

Whereas, Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) has been a cornerstone of technological innovation since its invention. On June 4, 1968, Dr. Robert Dennard was granted the patent for DRAM, a breakthrough that revolutionized computing and paved the way for the digital age. Today, DRAM is an essential component in countless devices, from personal computers and smartphones to advanced data centers and artificial intelligence systems.

Whereas, DRAM's impact on our economy and society is profound. It has enabled the

development of faster, more efficient, and more powerful computing systems, driving innovation across industries and improving the quality of life for millions of people. The semiconductor industry, including DRAM manufacturing, supports millions of jobs and contributes significantly to the United States' global leadership in technology.

Whereas, As we celebrate National DRAM Day, we honor the legacy of Dr. Robert Dennard and the countless researchers, engineers, and manufacturers who have advanced this critical technology. Their ingenuity and dedication have made DRAM a vital part of our technological infrastructure, fueling economic growth and enhancing our national security.

Whereas, The semiconductor industry is a cornerstone of the U.S. economy, driving innovation and supporting millions of jobs. In 2024, global semiconductor sales reached a record \$627.6 billion. The U.S. semiconductor industry directly contributes \$246.4 billion to the nation's GDP and employs over 300,000 people in roles such as chip design, electronic design automation, and manufacturing. Additionally, the industry supports nearly two million indirect and induced jobs. With continued investments and advancements, the semiconductor sector is projected to see further growth, reinforcing its critical role in the U.S. economy.

Whereas, During National DRAM Day, we recognize the importance of DRAM to our economy and our way of life. We celebrate the achievements of those who have contributed to its development and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the semiconductor industry and bringing manufacturing back to American soil.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, I, Suhas Subramanyam, Member of Congress, call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor the legacy of DRAM and its impact on our world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the June 3, 2025 vote series due to an personal family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

RECOGNIZING CURTIS BASHAW

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a great American servant and one of my good friends, Curtis Bashaw. Curtis grew up in Camden County, New Jersey before earning his bachelor's degree and then going to the Ivy League to earn his Master's from the University of Pennsylvania. He has devoted his life to creating jobs and building opportunities in New Jersey and the United States, working in the real estate and hospitalities industry. As its Founder and Managing Partner, Curtis has done great work for Cape Resorts which is famous for focusing on restoration and operation of the classic American

resort properties in the Northeast United States. Throughout his life, he has dedicated himself to strengthening communities and bringing people together to work for a common good. He is widely recognized for his leadership in the major restorations of the historic Congress Hall established in 1816 as well as the Virginia Hotel in Cape May, South Jersey. He has also helped to launch new creative programs to dramatically extend Cape May's tourism season, which has been a major catalyst for the economic rebirth of one of the Jersey Shore's most beautiful communities. God bless Curtis and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING MADISON SOURS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Sours for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Madison has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Madison, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Madison'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 Madison Sours on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN WALKER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Steven Walker has made to the community through his work at CREST in Lecanto. Steven created a food drive as a class project to help local Veterans. This food drive was used to educate the students about the struggling Veterans in the community and to teach about the importance of service to others. This project has also opened their hearts to lend a helping hand to others in need. The students look forward to this food drive every year and have such pride in participating. The students also speak around the town to spread the word about the food drive and garner support. For students struggling with physical and/or mental health limitations, this program has been an invaluable tool for teaching about citizenship.

It is clear Steven Walker 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 LUXURY YACHT PARTY, INC.

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. for its outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the Chicagoland area. Established in 2016 at its prominent location at 3101 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, this esteemed business has consistently set the standard for premier luxury yacht experiences on the magnificent waters of Lake Michigan.

Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has meticulously built its reputation on the foundation of offering truly premier luxury yacht experiences. They have curated an exquisite fleet of vessels, each maintained to the highest standards of safety and opulence.

At the core of their remarkable success is an extraordinary team of dedicated and highly knowledgeable professionals. Under Kadesha Kirkman, famously known as "Captain K's" leadership, the team has achieved unprecedented growth, broadened perspectives and creating new avenues for development for everyone involved. From the seasoned captains who expertly navigate Lake Michigan's waters to the attentive crew members who anticipate every need, their collective expertise and unwavering focus on client satisfaction are paramount.

This team ensures that every outing is not only meticulously planned and executed with the utmost safety and executed with the utmost safety but also transformed into a truly unforgettable experience, creating cherished memories for countless residents and visitors who embark on their journeys. Their commitment to personalized service elevates each charter from a simple boat ride to a cherished event.

Beyond providing exceptional recreational opportunities, Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has contributed significantly to the local economy. By drawing tourism and supporting local maritime services, they play a valuable role in enhancing the economic vitality of our community.

They showcase the breathtaking beauty of Chicago's skyline from a unique vantage point, encouraging visitors to explore all that our great city has to offer, thereby amplifying our appeal as a world-class destination. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding their work.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" DEEVER

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William "Bill" Deever, a dedicated public servant, journalist, veteran, and lifelong champion of East Kern County. Bill passed away on May 30, 2025, at the age of 89, still engaged in the political and civic life of the region he called home for more than seven decades.

Bill moved to Mojave, California in 1948. While his career and service took him to other places such as Northern California, Washington, D.C., and beyond, his heart never left the desert. He returned to Mojave time and again, determined to help the community grow and thrive. With a deep love for East Kern County, he spent decades working to improve local institutions for all residents to enjoy.

Bill was a veteran of both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Reserve. He brought that same spirit of service to civilian life, including a distinguished tenure in the Reagan administration. He later served in the administration of President George H.W. Bush, worked for two Members of Congress and a California State Assemblyman, and held a seat on the California Fair Political Practices Commission. In Mojave, he and his wife Billye modernized the Mojave Desert News, cementing its role as a trusted local institution. He also served as Constable of Mojave, President of the Mojave Chamber of Commerce, and was a longtime member of the Kern Press Club.

Throughout his life, Bill helped shape the institutions that define Mojave. He was a founding member of the East Kern Economic Alliance, the East Kern Educational Resource Network, and the Mojave Transportation Museum. He played a vital role in protecting Edwards Air Force Base from closure during multiple rounds of base realignment, and as one of the original organizers of the East Kern Medical Center, he helped ensure access to healthcare for area residents. Most recently, Bill served from 2014 to 2022 on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Air and Space Port, where he worked to preserve Mojave's role as a hub of aerospace innovation and exploration.

Bill later moved to Tehachapi to be closer to his sister, Susan Wiggins, and her family. However, his love for the desert and his commitment to the people of East Kern County never wavered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bill Deever, whose life was marked by tireless service and an unwavering devotion to community. East Kern and our Nation as a whole are stronger because of his contributions, and I have no doubt that his memory will continue to inspire future generations.

TRIBUTE TO TROY BUCKLER AS HE RETIRES FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Troy Buckler, who is retiring on June 30, 2025, after over 37 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives in the Office of Acquisitions Management. He lives in Seagate, Maryland, and I am proud to represent him here in Congress.

Troy was born in Leonardtown Hospital in St. Mary's County and has lived in Maryland his whole life. His parents own Sandgates Restaurant in Sandgates, Maryland, where he spends his leisure time helping out. He has two children and one grandson.

He first came to the House in 1988, when he applied for a position in the Office Supply