

NEWSLETTER FROM  
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

## HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the Helene Small Business Recovery Act, tax cuts, and beneficial ownership reporting.

DEAR FRIEND,

Communities throughout Western North Carolina are continuing to pick up the pieces to rebuild after the worst natural disaster to ever hit our mountains made landfall on September 27, 2024. This includes our district's small businesses, which were hit particularly hard due to the loss in tourism following the disaster.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of WNC's tourism economy and many of them were left suffering from Helene's destruction. Thus, federal support is vital to helping folks rebuild their livelihoods and the region's economy.

That's why I introduced the Helene Small Business Recovery Act to facilitate small business owners' access to federal aid for rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. This bill clarifies that Small Business Administration loans and federal grants, like those that will be offered through the CDBG-DR program, are not duplicative. Without this clarification, businesses that took an SBA loan to keep themselves afloat would be prohibited from accessing federal grant money when it becomes available.

Loans and grants are inherently different, and my bill will allow small business owners to access both federal resources so that WNC, and every small business that makes our mountains such a great place to live, has the resources needed to recover.

Relieving the tax burden for hard-working Americans:

Americans are benefitting from lower taxes because of the tax cuts that President Trump implemented during his first term.

However, the tax relief secured in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) is set to expire next year, and if these cuts are not extended, a family of four in North Carolina will face a tax hike of about \$1,400.

To prevent tax increases for workers and businesses nationwide, I'm working with my colleagues to extend and potentially make permanent President Trump's 2017 tax cuts. This would ensure we avoid the largest middle and lower class tax increase in American history, stimulate job growth, make American businesses more competitive, and support American workers by helping them keep more of their hard-earned dollars in their wallets.

Small business victory over beneficial ownership reporting requirements:

Small businesses saw a major victory in the fight against beneficial ownership reporting requirements with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's new ruling that exempts U.S. small businesses from having to report Beneficial Ownership Information under the Corporate Transparency Act.

As we move through the 119th Congress, I will continue to be a voice for WNC's small business owners whose hard work benefits our communities and strengthens our economy.

With my warmest regards,  
CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

CAPTAIN MICHELLE WILTROUT  
NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT  
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

## HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Captain Michelle Wilttrout, who retired this year from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

For 32 years, Captain Wilttrout, dedicated her career to serving and protecting the people of Summit County in a wide range of roles. Her work has spanned the corrections division, the patrol division and special operations, the detective bureau, and more.

In 2021, Captain Wilttrout earned the Taskforce Director position for a State of Ohio Narcotics Taskforce, making her the first woman to run a Narcotics Taskforce in the State of Ohio.

Just two years later, she was named 2023 Taskforce Commander of the Year for her exceptional work and dedication in her role. She was also the first woman to receive this honor in the State of Ohio.

While in charge of the Drug Unit, Captain Wilttrout introduced new tools such as drone technology, and expanded the county's K9 unit from one dog to eight.

Again, I want to thank Captain Michelle Wilttrout for her distinguished career serving our community, and congratulate her on being this week's Champion of the Week.

HONORING CLARK SILVERN,  
EAGLE SCOUT

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, Clark joined the Boy Scouts in March of 2019 and quickly achieved the rank of Tenderfoot before climbing the ranks to Star Scout, Life Scout, and finally, Eagle Scout. He has held a number of leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and most recently, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He earned an extraordinary 40 Merit badges, showing his strong passion to the Scout Oath and Law. His marksmanship skills were especially outstanding, earning him high honors in both Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting. For his Eagle Scout project, Clark created a beautiful garden area on the grounds of Saint Gianna Parish, giving church members and visitors a peaceful place for reflection. His parents, Chris and Paige, are very proud of him, just as I am, and we all look forward to the great things Clark will do in college and the years after. God bless Clark and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING PARKER WELLS

## HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

Parker 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 Parker, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Parker'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 Parker Wells on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING SHAE BURGESS

## 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 Shae Burgess has made to our community as a volunteer with Pasco County Schools. Shae's has been an integral part of organizing a more robust support system for the school's athletic teams. With a passion for sports and a heart for service, Shae took on the challenge of revitalizing the athletic booster program. Under Shae's leadership, the booster program has flourished. They have organized numerous fundraising events and supported multiple school organizations. These funds have been used to purchase new equipment, upgrade facilities, and provide scholarships for student-athletes. Shae's innovative ideas and relentless drive have not only increased financial support but also boosted community involvement and school spirit. In addition to her work with the booster program, Shae volunteers directly with the sports teams. Shae is always there to lend a hand and mentor other volunteers. Shae's commitment to the school extends to the staff as well. Recognizing the hard work and dedication of teachers and administrators, Shae has initiated several programs to show appreciation for their efforts. She organizes staff appreciation events, where teachers and staff are treated to breakfast or lunch, and receive tokens of gratitude from the community. Through her actions, Shae has fostered a sense of unity and pride within the school community. Her ability to bring people together, whether it's parents, students, or staff, has created a supportive environment. Shae's impact is felt not just in the success of the athletic programs, but in the overall morale and spirit of the school. Shae Burgess is a remarkable volunteer whose dedication and hard work have made a lasting difference. Shae's story is a testament to the power of volunteerism and the profound impact one person can have when they commit to making a difference.

It is clear Shae Burgess 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 TONI TAYLOR AND  
MALKAH TAYLOR OF THE WRAP  
BAR

**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 celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit and community impact of Ms. Toni Taylor and Ms. Malkah Taylor, the visionary owners of The Wrap Bar, a beloved culinary gem on the Southside of Chicago, home to the now-famous jerk wraps. The dedication these women have exemplified plays a crucial role that family-owned businesses, particularly those led by Black women, play in strengthening our local economies and enriching our communities.

The Wrap Bar, under the Taylors' leadership, is more than just a restaurant; it is a testament to perseverance, culinary excellence, and community building.

As a proud family-owned establishment, it embodies the values of hard work and generational commitment, providing not only delicious and unique jerk wraps that have garnered widespread acclaim but also a welcoming space that fosters local connection and pride.

In the vibrant landscape of Southside Chicago, Black women-owned businesses like The Wrap Bar are indispensable. They serve as vital economic engines, creating jobs, circulating wealth within their neighborhoods, and providing essential services and products.

Beyond their economic contributions, these businesses are powerful symbols of self-determination, resilience, and success, inspiring future generations and challenging systemic barriers. Ms. Toni and Ms. Malkah's success with The Wrap Bar shines a bright light on the incredible talent and dedication within the Black women entrepreneurial community.

The Taylors' commitment to quality, their innovative approach to cuisine, and their role as a business leader in the Southside are truly commendable.

They have built a thriving enterprise that feeds both body and spirit, contributing significantly to the cultural and economic vitality of their community.

It is with great honor and admiration that we acknowledge Ms. Toni and Ms. Malkah Taylor for The Wrap Bar. Their success is a beacon for family entrepreneurship and a powerful example of the transformative impact of Black women-owned businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Toni Taylor and Ms. Malkah Taylor for their outstanding contribution for our community. May their success continue to inspire us all.

RECOGNIZING PRESLEY GRIEGO

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Presley Griego for earning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Presley 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 Presley, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Presley's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING SEAN ARNOLD

**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 Mr. Sean Arnold has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, he helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Mr. Arnold was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear Sean Arnold 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.

RECOGNIZING ZION METHODIST  
CHURCH IN EGG HARBOR TOWN-  
SHIP, NEW JERSEY

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of visiting Zion United Methodist Church in historic Bargaintown, South Jersey, as they were awarded an America 250 marker to honor the American Revolution patriots buried on their grounds. This church has a rich history, dating back to 1764, when it was built by Presbyterian residents and American Revolution patriot, John Brainerd. In 1814, the Methodists purchased the building before constructing the brick church that still stands today. This Church serves as the final resting place for many brave American soldiers from both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Walking through its grounds is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom. But the Church isn't just about preserving history—it's about serving the community. Through missions like their Free Food and Walk-In Pantry Distribution, online Bible study, and summer concert series, they continue their mission of faith and service. I thank Zion Methodist Church, for the great things they do through the love of Jesus and for their incredible commitment to remembering the first heroes to our great Nation. God bless Zion

Methodist Church and God bless our United States of America.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador, and Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, and Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Government's border management and personnel readiness efforts for the decade of sports.

SD-342