

Colorado, boasting a slower lifestyle “up the hill” away from the City of Denver. Evergreen’s charm can be seen in the community’s appreciation for the arts, outdoor recreation opportunities, and small community feel, along with the work of the more than 70 nonprofit organizations that embody the town’s attitude of “taking care of ourselves and our neighbors.”

On behalf of the people of Colorado’s Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to celebrate Evergreen, Colorado, on its 150-year-history and join the town in looking forward to the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on Roll Call 150, and YES on Roll Call 151.

#### HONORING COACH KIMANI HARRIS OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable individual from my district, Kimani Harris, a dedicated Assistant Coach for the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys’ basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

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Assistant Coach Kimani Harris, alongside Head Coach Jamaal Gill, II, provided invaluable leadership, strategic insight, and unwavering support throughout the season. His dedication to developing these young athletes, both on and off the court, was instrumental in fostering the skill, discipline, and teamwork that led to this historic victory. His hard work and commitment were integral to the team’s success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to the school, the players, their families, and the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, Kimani Harris’ contribution to the contribution to the Dyett Eagles’ journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of dedicated educators and

mentors in supporting our public schools and empowering young people to achieve their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Assistant Coach Kimani Harris, and the entire Dyett High School boys’ basketball team on their momentous achievement and honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

#### HONORING STEVE BEARD IN RECOGNITION OF BEING A 2025 TIME100 HEALTH HONOREE

### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing Ohio’s Third Congressional District, a region that leads in health care and education across the great state of Ohio and beyond. Today, I celebrate the recognition of Mr. Steve Beard on the 2025 TIME100 Health List for his outstanding leadership in health care education and in diversifying the medical field. Therefore, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mr. Steve Beard is Chairman and CEO of Adtalem Global Education, a leading provider of doctors, nurses, veterinarians, and social workers to the U.S. workforce; and

Whereas, Adtalem serves over 90,000 students and has become a top supplier of doctors, nurses, veterinarians, and social workers across the nation; and

Whereas, Adtalem’s medical schools are among the top producers of Black physicians in the United States, with 95 percent of recent graduates securing residencies, many in primary care and underserved communities; and

Whereas, many of these achievements have occurred under Mr. Beard’s leadership, reflecting his commitment to addressing health care workforce shortages by expanding access to education; and

Whereas, Mr. Beard’s efforts have had a meaningful impact in Central Ohio, where Adtalem alumni play a vital role in delivering care and serving our communities; and

Whereas, Chamberlain University in Columbus, a member of the Adtalem family of institutions and located within my district, is actively working to address Ohio’s critical nursing workforce needs; and

Whereas, Mr. Beard’s leadership is rooted in a philosophy of integrity, empathy, and service—values that have shaped his rise from general counsel to chairman and CEO; and

Whereas, his commitment to inclusive and transformative leadership extends beyond the boardroom through active civic engagement, including his work with A Better Chicago, which advances educational opportunities in underserved communities; and

Whereas, through both his professional and philanthropic efforts, Mr. Beard continues to drive meaningful change in his community and across the country;

Now, therefore, I, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, proudly recognize and commend Mr. Steve Beard for this national honor and for his enduring commitment to equity in education and health care.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to honor Mr. Steve Beard and his outstanding leadership in health care education and in diversifying the medical field.

#### RECOGNIZING RED ROCKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Red Rocks Elementary School on its 70th anniversary.

Public schools play a critical role in shaping our communities. For over 70 years, the teachers, administrators, and support staff at Red Rocks Elementary School have helped their students achieve academic excellence by providing a rich education at their outdoor campus at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. The staff at Red Rocks Elementary School go above and beyond by focusing on lessons that integrate art, technology, music, and the outdoors. This award-winning school has provided excellent education to children in Colorado and produced generations of creative and innovative leaders in our state.

On behalf of the people of Colorado’s Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Red Rocks Elementary School on its 70th anniversary and thank all the educators and dedicated individuals who work there for their commitment to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight travel delay, I could not be present for votes. My flight was originally scheduled to arrive at 4:15 p.m., ET, but due to the delay, arrived at 5:36 p.m., ET. Therefore, I could not make it to the Capitol in time for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

#### HONORING DILLION FOUNTAIN OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable young man from my district, Dillion Fountain, a vital member of the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys’ basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

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played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Dillion Fountain, along with his teammates, demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout their season, navigating challenges and competing at the highest level. His hard work and dedication were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to his school, family, and the entire community.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to Head Coach Jamaal Gill, II, whose visionary leadership and guidance steered the team to this historic victory, and to Assistant Coaches Kimani Harris, Pierre Adams, and Nathan Townsen, Jr., whose mentorship was vital to the players' development.

Mr. Speaker, Dillion Fountain's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of supporting our public schools and investing in programs that empower young people to achieve their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dillion Fountain and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

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RECOGNIZING THE DACOR BACON  
HOUSE BICENTENNIAL DAY

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize June 10th as the DACOR Bacon House Bicentennial Day. With its rich history, the DACOR Bacon House stands as a powerful symbol of our Nation's commitment to diplomacy and the rule of law.

The House was built on land previously owned by David Burnes, a Revolutionary War veteran whose other real estate holdings were used for key national landmarks, including the White House and National Mall.

The House's site was acquired in 1815 by Tobias Lear V, George Washington's personal secretary and subsequent U.S. Consul General to Algiers. He was also the only person to hear President Washington's final words. "Tis well."

The current structure was completed in 1825 by Tench Ringgold, U.S. Marshal and Keeper of the Keys to the Capitol, using enslaved labor. Ringgold helped lead President James Madison and several members of his Cabinet to safety during the British burning of the White House years earlier during the War of 1812.

Former Maryland Governor Samuel Sprigg purchased the property for his daughter and nephew William Thomas Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court and member of the prominent Carroll family. William Thomas Carroll provided President Abraham Lincoln with the Bible that was used for his first inauguration, which has since become known as the "Lincoln Bible."

The House flourished under the ownership of the Carroll Family, during which time they entertained numerous dignitaries.

The House later served as the official residence of numerous prominent foreign and domestic figures in the United States, including Russian Imperial Minister Nikolai Shishkin from 1875 to 1878 while he was dispatched to Washington, D.C. as his country's top diplomatic representative to the United States. Chief Justice Melville Fuller and his family resided at the House from 1896 to 1910, during which time the House remained a fixture in Washington, D.C. high society and hosted President Grover Cleveland, President Theodore Roosevelt, and Secretary of War William Howard Taft. Illinois Senator Medill McCormick and his wife, the future Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormick, resided in the House during the 1920's when they entertained lawmakers and their spouses.

In 1973, the House was added to the National Register of Historic Places, paying homage to its nearly 150 years of contributions to American history and society. Virginia Murray Bacon then established the Bacon House Foundation which worked hand in hand with the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) Education and Welfare Foundation to establish the DACOR Bacon House Foundation which was tasked with caring for the historic House in perpetuity.

On May 23, 1986, Secretary of State George P. Shultz attended the dedication ceremony marking the DACOR Bacon House Foundation's new ownership of the building and charged those present to "protect and advance the interests and ideals of America."

Since such time the DACOR Bacon House has served as the headquarters of DACOR, a premier organization of foreign affairs professionals, whose members include ambassadors, Foreign Service Officers, military and intelligence officials, political appointees from both major parties, Members of Congress and their staffs, Peace Corps and International Monetary Fund officials, global business leaders, and other professionals dedicated to promoting American interests and diplomatic relations.

Through DACOR and the DACOR Bacon House Foundation, which host regular educational discussions, policy programs, leadership development opportunities, and musical events, the House continues to be a vibrant center of cultural and diplomatic exchange, a museum of American life, and the home of the foreign affairs community.

Two hundred years after its construction, the DACOR Bacon House remains a pillar of strength in the President's Neighborhood, pays tribute to the legacy of its prior owners, enslaved workers, and distinguished guests, and serves as a unique prism for understanding the history of both the District of Columbia and the United States of America.

I therefore ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the historic importance of the DACOR Bacon House to the history of American diplomacy, the Supreme Court, and Congress. I also wish to recognize both the DACOR Bacon House Foundation and the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) organization for their decades-long efforts to preserve this unique gem located in the heart of our Nation's Capital.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF BOB BAKER

**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 5, 2025*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize South Metro Fire Department Chief Bob Baker for his leadership and service over the past 40 years.

Bob Baker has served with South Metro Fire Rescue as the Chief for the last ten years. Last summer, when the Quarry fire broke across the Front Range, Chief Baker helped coordinate the emergency response to keep our community safe. Under his leadership, the South Metro Fire Department was awarded Class 1 status by the Insurance Service Office for its outstanding protection of residents, and was one of only thirteen Class 1 departments that serve over 500,000 constituents. Throughout his service, Chief Baker has championed the physical and mental well-being of his team through workplace wellness programs, and we are incredibly grateful for his hard work.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Chief Bob Baker on his retirement.

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HONORING DIVONTE LUMPKIN OF  
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

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Mr. Speaker, Divonte Lumpkin's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure