

Overlord. In 1944, Jake arrived on the shores of Omaha Beach carrying 74 pounds of gear and narrowly surviving what was at the time the largest amphibious operation in history. He avoided gunfire and landmines, fighting the German Nazi forces and helping to liberate France from Nazi control. Throughout his time in service, Jake bravely endured six battles, including the infamous Battle of the Bulge. The heroism and courage demonstrated by Jake and others were critical in defeating the Nazis and putting an end to the war.

More recently, Jake Larson earned the nickname of “Papa Jake” from his online presence as a storyteller on TikTok and Instagram. Online, Papa Jake shares details of his time in the U.S. Army, teaching audiences about our nation’s history and reminding us of the sacrifices that have been made to protect our freedom. Jake has amassed over 1.3 million followers on social media and his stories have touched countless lives.

As we commemorate the 81st anniversary of D-Day, I’d like to extend my gratitude and respect to Jake for his extraordinary bravery. Please join me in recognizing “Papa” Jake Larson for his dedicated service to our country.

RECOGNIZING GERALD “JERRY”
DANFORTH

HON. TONY WIED

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Gerald “Jerry” Danforth, a distinguished Tribal leader, a decorated Navy veteran, and a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who passed away on the morning of June 1, 2025, at the age of 78.

Born on December 24, 1946, in Oneida, Wisconsin, to Leslie and Eva Schuyler Danforth, Jerry devoted his life to service—first to his country, and then to his people. He served honorably in the United States Navy for over three decades, retiring in 1994 with the esteemed rank of Force Master Chief, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He was a veteran of both the Vietnam War and Desert Storm, embodying courage, commitment, and leadership throughout his military career.

Jerry brought the same conviction and discipline to his leadership within the Oneida Nation. He was elected Chairman of the Oneida Business Committee in 1995 and again in 2005, where he advocated tirelessly for policies that advanced Indian gaming, economic development, healthcare, higher education, and the preservation of the Oneida language. His long-term vision was to build a strong, sustainable economy not solely reliant on gaming and to enhance communication between tribal governance and the General Tribal Council.

A public servant in every sense, Jerry also served his Nation as a judge on the Oneida Judiciary, where his wisdom, fairness, and devotion to justice left a lasting impact.

Beyond his public service, Jerry was a man of deep personal warmth and abiding family values. He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Johns Danforth, and their children Paul Jameson (Virna), Steve Jameson (Cathy),

Tanya Wood (Steve), Gerald Danforth Jr. (Chitra), Patrick Danforth, and stepson Keith Bimosae Johns Herman. He is also survived by his brother James Danforth (Joanne), sister Joanne Smith (late Bruce Smith), and many grandchildren who brought him great joy. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas Danforth and his parents.

Jerry lived a life rich with passion and purpose—he loved fishing, golf, entertaining with his prized green egg grill, red wine, chocolate, and pie. He cherished winters spent in South Padre Island with Pam and was happiest when surrounded by family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Gerald “Jerry” Danforth’s life was defined by service, leadership, and love. He exemplified the highest ideals of his people and of this Nation. His legacy will endure in the lives he touched, the institutions he shaped, and the Nation he served so faithfully. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, his community, and the entire Oneida nation. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING MY LONGTIME POLICY
DIRECTOR, ELIZABETH JOSEPH

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my former Policy Director, Elizabeth Joseph, for her service to the people of the Third Congressional District of Mississippi. Elizabeth joined my office with an impressive resume, having worked for Senator Thad Cochran and Congressman Gregg Harper. Elizabeth started with me when I was sworn into office in January 2019 and brought a wealth of knowledge that helped lay a solid foundation for my office.

A native of Clinton, Mississippi, Elizabeth earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi and was inducted into the Ole Miss Hall of Fame in 2010. Elizabeth also completed her Masters of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, researching the power of social media for members of Congress. Her impressive research was published through the Congressional Research Service.

Elizabeth helped build a legislative team in my office that makes Mississippi a priority every day. Elizabeth’s knowledge of healthcare and defense issues, among others, has been recognized throughout her career. While serving on my team, Elizabeth was presented with the prestigious Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association of the United States. Elizabeth’s dedication to our national defense has been instrumental to Mississippi and our Nation.

Elizabeth led sessions each year throughout the Third Congressional District with local leaders and elected officials. These sessions helped to build both relationships with the communities we serve and a greater understanding of the appropriations process, which has resulted in a high acceptance rate for community project funding requests submitted by my constituents.

I am honored to have had Elizabeth Joseph on my staff these last 6.5 years. My team and I will greatly miss her smile, expertise, and dedication to Mississippi. Elizabeth will continue her service to the United States Con-

gress at the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. This is a huge honor for her and for the state of Mississippi. I thank Elizabeth for her dedication to my team, for laying a great foundation, and for always supporting fellow Mississippians. I am thankful to have had so many great years with her on my team. I wish Elizabeth the best in her new role.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during votes on Thursday, June 5, 2025 or Friday, June 6, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; YEA on Roll Call No. 154; NAY on Roll Call No. 155; and NAY on Roll Call No. 156.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JOSEPH CALABRIGO

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Calabrigo as he retires from the Town of Danville.

Joe has served Danville residents for decades, starting with the Town of Danville in 1985. He has served in many positions for the town, including Chief of Planning, Transportation Director, Administrative Services Director and Assistant Town Manager. He was appointed as Town Manager in 1993, being only the third person to hold this title since the town’s inception. Throughout his tenure, Joe has worked tirelessly to foster a vibrant community in the Town of Danville and has diligently served the town’s residents. Joe oversaw the development of all three of Danville’s General Plans and both Master Plans. He has worked with every councilmember ever elected in the town and worked alongside seven police chiefs. Additionally, Joe’s leadership was critical as he guided the town through three recessions and a global pandemic while still maintaining a balanced budget. Joe has continually demonstrated his steadfast commitment to service and his community.

Joe is a consummate professional and his work has helped to shape Danville into the beautiful community it is today. His time as Town Manager is marked by his dedication and years of expertise as the longest tenured city or town manager in the Tri-Valley. His leadership and collaboration have galvanized the respect of many and have left an indelible impact on his neighbors and peers.

Please join me in congratulating Joseph Calabrigo on his well-deserved retirement after decades of devoted service to the Town of Danville.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LOG INN'S FOUNDING

HON. MARK B. MESSMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 200th anniversary of the Log Inn, a Gibson County landmark located on the outskirts of Haubstadt, just north of Evansville, Indiana.

This great restaurant put down its roots in 1825, and bore witness to Indiana's early growth, first as a trading post and a stagecoach stop between Evansville and Vincennes.

On its bicentenary, the Log Inn is vaunted for hosting not just the Hoosier patrons that make up our community, but also importantly, Ameca's 16th Commander in Chief, President Abraham Lincoln.

Furthermore, it once served as a stop on the Underground Railroad and is recognized as the oldest restaurant in Indiana.

Today, this monumental testament to the incredible history of our community serves Hoosier families daily as they enjoy both the great history of the Log Inn, and the delicious food it provides.

I celebrate the Log Inn for all its contributions to Indiana's 8th Congressional District, and I look forward to its continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes because of an important family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 156 of the 119th Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 155.

HONORING GREG MURPHY AND
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM NUCOR COR-
PORATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Greg Murphy, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of North America's largest steel producer and recycler, Nucor Corporation. Tomorrow, June 7, 2025, Greg will retire from Nucor after serving the past decade as head of the company's legal department and overseeing Nucor's public affairs, communications, and environmental functions.

A native of Western New York, Greg spent his career in Charlotte after receiving his undergraduate degree from Canisius College and law degree from the University of Michigan. Greg had the honor of clerking for one of North Carolina's most well-known federal judges, the Honorable James McMillan, followed by a quarter century practicing law with Moore & Van Allen, where Greg led the Litigation Practice Group and served on the Executive Committee.

Greg's success would not have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Marcy, and their children, Sean and Alexandra. In addition to enjoying time with family, golf will play a prominent role in Greg's retirement. He is not only an avid golfer, but Greg was also once named the Southern Piedmont Conference Golf Coach of the Year, another accomplishment showing his dedication to the things he loves.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Greg Murphy for his outstanding career with Nucor and leadership in North Carolina's legal community. I wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 153.

HONORING MICHELLE AND DAN
KING

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 6, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Michelle and Dan King for their dedicated ministry and unwavering commitment to serving the Vicksburg community through New Beginnings Ministry of Vicksburg Training and Equipping Center.

Since assuming leadership of the church in 2014, Michelle and Dan King have worked tirelessly to fulfill their mission of training and equipping followers of Christ, ensuring they are prepared for outreach and service. Their approach extends beyond the pulpit—they seek to empower individuals with the knowledge, faith, and tools needed to carry God's message into the world.

Michelle King not only ministers within the church but also serves as a hospice chaplain, providing comfort and spiritual guidance to those facing life's most challenging moments. She further extends her ministry through a weekly Facebook Live lunchtime sermon, offering encouragement and faith-based teachings to a broader audience.

In addition to their spiritual work, the Kings have made a tangible impact in the community through God's Storehouse, a food distribution ministry that provides essential nourishment to families in need. Their dedication to service has brought hope and relief to many, reinforcing the foundational Christian principles of compassion and generosity.

Michelle's journey of faith is a testament to the transformative power of belief and perseverance. Though not raised in the church, she found her calling later in life and has since committed herself fully to guiding others on their own spiritual paths.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Michelle and Dan King for their exceptional ministry and selfless contributions to the people of Vicksburg.