

Now that we've passed the budget resolution, each committee must put forth bills that align with the deficit and revenue-related goals laid out in the resolution. From there, as a member of the House Budget Committee, I will work with my fellow committee colleagues to mark up and compile these bills into one comprehensive bill so we can move forward with fulfilling the America First agenda.

WNC RECOVERY BY THE NUMBERS

Western North Carolina, with the support of one another, continues to make strides toward recovery after Hurricane Helene. To highlight some of the progress we've made, I want to share some data about the rebuilding process.

FEMA has approved more than \$420 million in federal assistance for nearly 159,000 households for Helene recovery, including money for rent, basic home repairs, and other disaster-related needs.

More than 7,000 families have received about \$21 million for the repair or replacement of private-access roads and bridges.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has distributed more than \$170 million in low-interest disaster loans.

One of our region's challenges continues to be debris removal, especially from waterways. However, we are making progress. As of recent, more than 6 million cubic yards of debris have been cleared from public right of ways and more than 2 million cubic yards of debris have been removed from our waterways.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that the Federal Housing Administration is extending its existing foreclosure moratoriums on FHA-insured single-family mortgages in the Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas resulting from Hurricanes Helene and Milton by 90 days. The moratorium was previously set to expire on April 11, but this extension gives Helene victims additional flexibility to seek and obtain the necessary financial assistance to continue putting their lives back together.

This extension in foreclosure relief is welcome news for Western North Carolinians whose lives have been turned upside down by Helene, and I will continue to work closely with the administration to anticipate and advocate for the needs of our mountain folk throughout the disaster recovery process.

RECOGNIZING THE GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG NWS TEAM FOR THEIR LIFE-SAVING WORK THROUGHOUT HELENE

The 2025 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, or Sammies, are awarded to exceptional federal employees whose accomplishments have built trust in our government and benefited the nation.

When the time came to nominate folks for the Sammies, I immediately knew who has earned this recognition.

Leading up to and during Hurricane Helene, the Greenville-Spartanburg National Weather Service team showcased extraordinary dedication and expertise, saving lives through early preparation and real-time responses.

Helene tragically claimed 250 lives across the southwestern United States, 107 of which were in Western North Carolina, but this death toll would have been far higher without the Greenville-Spartanburg NWS team's efforts. Thanks to their early warnings and actionable guidance, thousands of residents were able to evacuate or take protective measures before the storm hit Western North Carolina.

By setting a high standard for public service, the team not only saved lives during Hurricane Helene, but they also established a benchmark for how federal agencies should

respond to future disasters. I am proud to nominate them for the Sammies award and am grateful for their actions that have undoubtedly saved countless lives.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

HONORING JACOB JOHNSON OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 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, Jacob Johnson, 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.

This championship is more than just a win on the court; it is a profound testament to the resilience, determination, and unity of the Dyett High School community and the vibrant Bronzeville neighborhood.

A decade ago, Dyett faced the threat of closure, but through powerful community advocacy and unwavering commitment, its doors remained open. Today, the Eagles' triumph, in which Jacob Johnson played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Jacob Johnson, 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, 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.

Jacob Johnson'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.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Jacob Johnson and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN PUGH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that

Ms. Susan Pugh has made to our community through her volunteerism with the Pregnancy & Family Life Center. Ms. Pugh is part of a team of selfless and dedicated women who have worked at the Center in Inverness for several years. Their roles include working each week in the food pantry and clothing room. Last year, 472 clients were served, and more than 65,000 pounds of food was distributed. These critical volunteers also ensure families receive essential items for their infants and young children to include: formula, diapers, pull ups, baby wipes and wash, as well as age specific clothing. In 2024, more than 44,000 diapers and 9,500 items of clothing were distributed. These volunteers have a 'can do' attitude no matter how large the challenge. They also have tremendous teamwork. They sort through all donations, retain those appropriate for a pregnancy center and then share other serviceable items with community partners. Ms. Pugh also takes donated blankets which can't be used for infants or children to the local animal shelter along with donated dog food. When volunteers are united in an important mission, it naturally fosters camaraderie which is great for anyone who works or volunteers at the Center. All of these women maintain a loving demeanor and greet each client with a warm smile and conversation (and sometimes a hug). The Center's clients feel welcomed and cared for because of the lived values of love, respect, compassion, and family centeredness that is regularly displayed by these dedicated volunteers. The benefit to the community is great and the impact far reaching.

It is clear that Susan Pugh 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 156.

PROCLAMATION HONORING TERI GAGE ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHICAGO'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2025, Ms. Teri Gage retired from her position as Superintendent of the Pullman National Historical Park. Today, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation to recognize and honor her accomplishments and contributions to Chicago's first National Park.

WHEREAS, Teri Gage began her long career with the National Park Service in 1986 and worked at eight additional National Parks across the United States;

WHEREAS, she was notably enthusiastic, forward-thinking, and creative regarding her many managerial and budgetary responsibilities, working with the National Park Service, state and local officials, community organizers, and park visitors;

WHEREAS, she emphasized the growth of her colleagues to find increasingly new and illuminating narratives to describe Pullman's long, complicated, and important history to enhance the visitor experience at the Pullman National Park;

WHEREAS, she worked closely with the Historic Pullman Foundation, the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, railroad officials, railroad buffs, industrialists, labor groups, architectural enthusiasts, historical organizations and other prominent local community organizations;

WHEREAS, as the face of Pullman National Park, she facilitated innovative storytelling, exhibits, and ideas drawn from her colleagues, park visitors, and community stakeholders to preserve the many stories of Pullman, including its role in creating America's Labor Day holiday;

WHEREAS, she launched a project to bring historically significant railcars back to the Pullman National Historical Park;

WHEREAS, her inspiring contributions to Chicago's first National Park assisted in its continued ability to serve visitors with valuable information to connect them with the history of an integral Chicago industry: railroads;

WHEREAS, her colleagues have noted that while National Parks are one of America's best ideas, hiring Teri Gage as a superintendent of Pullman was another of those great ideas;

WHEREAS, even in retirement, she will continue to serve as the official philanthropic partner and share her talents to preserve the Pullman story and encourage visitors to imagine themselves as an active part of that story;

WHEREAS, her many contributions, leadership skills, and true passion for the Pullman National Park will continue to impact and serve the National Parks for generations of visitors, employees, and community members to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA that the remarkable work and service of Teri Gage to the National Park Service be recognized and celebrated on the occasion of her retirement.

HONORING DEVON SHELTON OF
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 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, Devon Shelton, 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 (IHS) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

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Dyett faced the threat of closure, but through powerful community advocacy and unwavering commitment, its doors remained open. Today, the Eagles' triumph, in which Devon Shelton played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Devon Shelton, 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, 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, Devon Shelton'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 Devon Shelton 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.

RECOGNIZING TAMI GASTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Tami Gaston has made through her work with Cryoeeze22. Tami is dedicated, driven and determined to provide our nation's heroes: military, Veterans, law enforcement and first responders with scientific holistic options to treat an array of conditions, including: PTSD, Suicide Prevention, inflammation, and many more. Mrs. Gaston tirelessly works to raise awareness about the options available as well as delivering the treatments often beyond regular hours. Mrs. Gaston is the foundation of this non-profit. Additionally, after hurricanes Helene and Milton, Mrs. Gaston and her family organized donations of food, clothing, and other necessities to help rebuild our community while still caring for our nation's heroes. Mrs. Gaston is that rare human being who is dedicated to helping humanity.

It is clear Tami Gaston 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.

CELEBRATING NICOLE HENNESSY.
RECIPIENT OF THE BROWARD
LEAGUE OF CITIES SCHOLAR-
SHIP

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2025

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a student from my district, Ms. Nicole Hennessy, on receiving this year's Broward County League of Cities Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship is awarded each year to a high school senior who has demonstrated a deep investment in public service and intends on leading a life focused on it.

Nicole is a recent graduate of North Broward Preparatory School, where she has made a mark in our community through her passion for law and justice. At North Broward Prep, Nicole's dedication and commitment to the mock trial team led her to numerous accolades, including its Best Attorney Award and the Best Trial Attorney Award from the National Student Leadership Conference. Outside school, Nicole has already gained valuable, hands-on experience in the criminal justice system through her internship with a defense attorney.

Nicole's years of dedicated volunteer work with Voices for Children of Broward County only further solidify her investment in our community. While distributing clothing, toys, and hygiene products to those in need, she has contributed an impressive 606 hours of service to our community, an achievement that reflects both her compassion and her meaningful impact on those around her.

Nicole continues to have a bright future ahead of her. In the fall, she plans to attend Florida State University and major in Criminology with a minor in Law and Philosophy. Following her college graduation, she hopes to pursue a law degree, enter the workforce as a public defender, and uplift the voices of others through a career in justice.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Ms. Nicole Hennessy for her remarkable accomplishments and meaningful impact on our community.

HONORING CORNELL DUNBAR OF
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 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, Cornell Dunbar, 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 (IHS) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

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