

Commission, and the Texas Department of Transportation and their commitment to making this vision a reality. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Texas, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all involved in this project for their dedication to our community. God bless, and go West Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on June 9, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday, June 9, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL BLACKLEDGE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Blackledge for his more than two decades of service in the United States Air Force. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a proud leader within the intelligence community, Lt. Col. Blackledge has represented our Nation with distinction in uniformed service across the globe.

From his early days as an intelligence officer to his most recent assignment as a Legislative Liaison to the Secretary of the Air Force, Lt. Col. Blackledge has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the security and strategic readiness of our Nation. His operational leadership has taken him from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to RAF Molesworth, to deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan—always delivering with precision, integrity, and focus.

Over the course of his career, Lt. Col. Blackledge served in pivotal roles at the Pentagon, U.S. Strategic Command, and in multiple joint environments. His work has helped shape national policy and defense priorities, particularly through his most recent role advising Air Force leadership and Congress on programs vital to our military's intelligence gathering, communications, and battlefield awareness capabilities.

As he enters retirement, we also recognize the enduring support of his family. His wife, Captain Katie Blackledge, is a fellow veteran

and airman in her own right, and together they have raised two exceptional daughters, Laurel and Lane Blackledge. Their shared sacrifice and steadfast support have been essential to Daniel's service, and our Nation owes them a debt of gratitude as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Blackledge for his outstanding service to our country and in wishing him and his family continued success in this next chapter.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL ROUSE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Dr. Michael Rouse, a man whose dedication to ministry, education, and the advancement of Christian values has had a profound impact not only in Alabama, but across the Nation.

Dr. Rouse's commitment to faith and education is evident in his academic achievements. He earned his bachelor's degree from Baptist Bible College, followed by a master's degree in pastoral ministries, and a doctorate in theology from Bethany Seminary. These accomplishments laid the foundation for his more than forty years of devoted service as the senior pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Through his leadership, this church has been a beacon of faith and community in our state.

Beyond his pastoral duties, Dr. Rouse has been a leader in Christian education. In 1982, he founded Mountain View Baptist School, providing generations of students with a strong academic foundation rooted in biblical principles. His influence in education extended further through his twenty-five years of service as both vice president and president of the Alabama Christian Education Association.

Additionally, from 2016 to 2024, he served faithfully as the president of the American Association of Christian Schools, guiding Christian educational institutions across the country with wisdom and steadfast dedication.

Dr. Rouse's contributions to our communities, our schools, and our faith institutions cannot be overstated. His lifelong efforts have strengthened families, empowered students, and enriched the spiritual and educational fabric of Alabama and beyond.

RECOGNIZING MS. JAYDEN COFFEY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young leader from my district, Jayden Coffey, a student at Cass Job Corps in Franklin County, Arkansas, and the latest recipient of the Westerman Award—a quarterly honor given to students who demonstrate outstanding character, leadership, and service.

Jayden is a shining example of what hard work, humility, and dedication to others can

achieve. At Cass, she serves as the shop foreman in the paint trade department, where she leads by example and fosters excellence among her peers. Beyond her trade, Jayden is an active member of campus leadership. She serves as Secretary of the Student Government Association and as Vice President of her dormitory, roles in which she consistently promotes a culture of respect, accountability, and teamwork.

What truly sets Jayden apart is her servant leadership—an approach rooted in humility and a deep commitment to others. Her excellent people-skills and ability to inspire and motivate those around her make her a trusted leader among students and staff alike.

Jayden's commitment to her community is evident both on and off campus. She has volunteered her time at the local food pantry and played a key role in a student-led campaign to collect non-perishable items for blessing boxes in the community of Ozark, Arkansas, ensuring those in need have access to essential resources.

Jayden is also blazing trails in traditionally male-dominated fields. She is currently the only female member of the Fire Crew at Cass, where she recently passed the Pack Test and earned her Red Card for wildland firefighting. She participates in daily physical training to prepare for her upcoming Fire detail and is a dedicated member of the Camp Crew. Her passion for public service and emergency response will continue after graduation, as she plans to pursue advanced training in Fire and Rescue.

Jayden Coffey represents the very best of Arkansas' youth—resilient, service-driven, and ready to lead. It is my honor to recognize her today before this body and to commend her as a model citizen and recipient of the Westerman Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, during the week of June 2, 2025, I was unable to attend several votes due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 146; YEA on Roll Call No. 147; YEA on Roll Call No. 150; YEA on Roll Call No. 151; YEA on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; YEA on Roll Call No. 154; and NAY on Roll Call No. 155.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. REBA W. STEWART

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dedicated wife, committed mother, loving grandmother, trail-blazing bank executive, benevolent community servant, giving neighbor, and dear friend of longstanding, Mrs. Reba W. Stewart. Sadly, Reba passed away on June 7, 2025. A graveside service to celebrate her remarkable life

will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Albany, Georgia.

Reba was born to the union of the late Ola Mae and Warnell Willis in Albany, Georgia. She was a proud graduate of Albany High School and the Georgia Banking School.

Mrs. Stewart dedicated thirty-seven and a half years to Citizens and Southern Bank, now known as Bank of America. She was subsequently employed at SunTrust Bank for twenty-six years. A true trailblazer, Reba became the first female banking officer and the first female branch manager in Albany during her time at Citizens and Southern Bank.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Reba paid her rent, and she paid it well. She was committed to giving back to the community that had nurtured her for so long. Her sense of pride for Albany propelled her into many leadership roles with various social and civic organizations including serving as past Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, Albany YMCA, SOWEGA Council on Aging, and the Boys and Girls Club of Albany. She played pivotal roles in fundraising to build the Chapel at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and helping to construct the new church at Byne Memorial Baptist Church of Albany. Additionally, she contributed her talents to the Foundation Boards of Darton College and Albany State College (now university), as well as the Board of Directors of SunTrust Bank. Reba's dedication to her community was further demonstrated through her membership in the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Stewart received numerous accolades that reflect her profound impact on the community. Among these are Albany's Woman of the Year, the Golden Deed Award from The Exchange Club of Albany, the Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of America, and the Woman of the Youth Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Albany.

Guided by her strong faith, she was a devoted member of Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Reba cherished her church and her church family for seventy-three years. She actively participated in various church activities, generously reaching out to the community through mission efforts.

On a personal note, Reba was my dear friend and neighbor for many years. She always greeted me with a warm smile and sometimes not so subtle advice. She never told me what I wanted to hear, but she always told me what she felt I needed to hear. I will be forever grateful for the fidelity of her friendship and the timbre of her character.

Reba accomplished much in life but none of it would have been possible without the love

and support of her beloved late husband of sixty-two years, Emmett; her daughter, Leslie Stewart Sullivan; her two grandchildren Clay and Mary Stewart Sullivan and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, salute and honor the life of Mrs. Reba W. Stewart. I ask my colleagues to join us in extending our deepest condolences to her family and all who mourn her loss during this difficult time of bereavement. I pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Mrs. Reba W. Stewart leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication to family and community. Her influence will be felt for many years to come, and she will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING WWII COMBAT VETERAN ALBERT BUSACCA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albert Busacca, a World War II combat veteran, on his 100th birthday. His bravery, resilience, and selflessness as a veteran helped shape a better world for future generations. Today, we proudly honor and celebrate this milestone birthday.

Albert served in combat during World War II in the 4th Infantry Division and saw action in the European Theatre of Operations. His efforts played a key role in providing peace for our country and does not go unnoticed. He also continued to demonstrate his strong work ethic at General Motors, where he later retired from leaving a proud legacy of hard work behind.

Beyond his dedication to our country, Albert is a lifelong volunteer who finds joy in helping his community. He spent a lot of his time volunteering at soup kitchens, providing nutritious meals to families and individuals in need.

Albert is also a devoted husband and loving father. He was married to his wife for over 60 years, and together they raised 8 children. His children describe him as an incredible father and one of the best people they have had the pleasure of knowing.

Mr. Speaker, help me congratulate Albert Busacca, an inspiring example of an American, on his 100th birthday. His contributions

to our country and community reflect his character—brave, selfless, and committed to serving others. His century of life continues to inspire his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 152, and YEA on Roll Call No. 153.

RECOGNIZING JERRY SANOK FOR FORTY YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for over 40 years, Jerry Sanok has been a cornerstone of the Republican Party—a principled leader whose honesty, strategic mind, and dedication have earned him respect across Alden and beyond. It is only fitting that his hometown now honors a lifetime of unwavering service.

On June 11th, Jerry will receive the Honorary Lifetime Chairman Award, and I'm proud to stand with the Alden Republican Committee in recognizing this well-earned distinction. As Chairman, Jerry has led winning campaigns, mentored future leaders, and built coalitions that have delivered victory at every level—from Town Hall to Capitol Hill. His political instincts are unmatched, and his advice has shaped the success of candidates and party leaders across New York.

What defines Jerry most, however, is his unwavering loyalty and deep patriotism. For over four decades, he has worked tirelessly to make his community, his state, and his country stronger for the generations to come. In every season—in challenge and in triumph—he has stood firm in his convictions and committed to the conservative values that unite us.

It is with great pride and deep gratitude that I join the Alden Republican Committee in honoring Gerald J. Sanok—for a lifetime of leadership, patriotism, and service to the Republican cause.