

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the longstanding dedication and success of E.J. Basler Co. I am honored to have such an exceptional company in my district.

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE  
ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a decade of excellence at the Academy for International Disaster Preparedness at Florida International University.

Over the past decade, AIDP has trained and graduated more than 500 students in disaster preparedness, emergency management, and humanitarian response.

These programs have successfully prepared students to work in local, tribal, state, and federal government as well as in Fortune 500 companies and the private sector.

AIDP's curriculum aligns with FEMA's Next Generation Core Competencies, focusing on four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Through hands on training, students, along with experts in the field, use the frameworks of the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System to experience complex, real-world disaster environments.

FIU and AIDP are setting the standard for the next generation of emergency management professionals, and I am proud to recognize their service and leadership today.

**RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF DR. BARBARA J. FINLAYSON-  
PITTS**

**HON. JAY OBERNOLTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Barbara J. Finlayson-Pitts who was recently recognized as the North American laureate of the 2025 L'Oreal-United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) For Women in Science International Awards.

Each year, the L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Awards acknowledge five exceptional women from each of the world's major regions. Barbara was selected from an impressive pool of 466 nominees for her pioneering contributions in the realm of environmental science and atmospheric chemistry. On June 12, Barbara will join the additional four laureates at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France for an official recognition of her groundbreaking research.

Barbara embodies the very best of our community's values through not only her consistent dedication to better understanding the world around her, but also through her passion for preparing future generations of researchers as a professor within the University of California, Irvine's Department of Chemistry.

Barbara holds a bachelor's degree from Trent University, and both a master's and doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of California, Riverside. Barbara is a long-term resident of Big Bear Lake—and in her spare time—she enjoys observing Big Bear Lake's resident eagles, Jackie, Shadow, Sunny, and Gizmo.

Heather and I thank Barbara for her years of service and significant contributions to the scientific community. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Barbara on this monumental achievement.

**RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE ORION AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep respect and heartfelt appreciation to recognize the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. For three-quarters of a century, the Chamber has played a vital role in advancing the economic well-being of the Orion community and fostering a spirit of collaboration and service among its members.

Since its founding, the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce has grown to include nearly 350 dedicated members—each committed to enhancing the quality of life in the region and supporting one another in the pursuit of economic growth and shared prosperity. This remarkable network of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals exemplifies the Chamber's enduring mission: to build a vibrant, connected, and thriving local economy.

Throughout its history, the Chamber has been a steadfast advocate for small businesses, providing valuable resources and opportunities in the areas of advocacy, visibility, networking, and growth. Signature events such as ribbon cuttings, community festivals, and live music nights not only highlight the exceptional talent and variety of local enterprises but also strengthen the bonds among neighbors, business owners, and civic leaders alike. These events serve as a testament to the Chamber's unwavering commitment to building community through commerce.

Moreover, the Orion Chamber has demonstrated exceptional dedication to workforce development by connecting residents with meaningful employment opportunities. Through job postings and partnerships with member businesses, the Chamber continues to support a robust and resilient local labor market—contributing directly to the economic stability and prosperity of the Orion area.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and commend the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce for 75 years of extraordinary service, leadership, and impact. Their tireless efforts to uplift local businesses and strengthen community ties have left an indelible mark on the region. I extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

**RECOGNIZING TYRONE YOUNG**

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Tyrone Young 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, Tyrone was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Tyrone Young 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.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE  
MOORE**

**HON. JOHN W. ROSE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Joe Moore, who passed away in late March at the age of 90. Moore lived a life dedicated to agriculture. I, along with many other current and former Tennessee FFA members, consider him to be a mentor, a role model, and indeed a hero.

The Time Magazine cover was published after he was named the FFA Star Farmer of America in 1955. Appearing in the October 24, 1955, issue, it shows a 21-year-old Joe Moore, the only active FFA member to make TIME's cover.

At the FFA convention that year, judges were impressed by his farming operation conducted in Jackson County, Tennessee, which I am honored to represent today. He had a net worth of \$37,000 at the time—a great deal for someone his age in the mid-1950s. At that time, he was farming 505 acres, 85 of which he owned personally.

I often say farmers are our Nation's original conservationists. Joe Moore is a shining example of why I believe that to be true. The TIME article noted how he incorporated modern farming techniques to combat erosion and improve soil health. He carefully monitored the diet of his livestock to keep them healthy. He showed great attention to detail and inspected his animals closely, which enabled him to detect any health issues early.

Over the years, his family farm has taken a bit of a beating. Very little care was taken to where row crops went into the ground. No remedies for erosion had been taken. But Joe was determined to restore the land to richness. He tackled years of abuse and the less-than-ideal terrain, arguing that his rocky slopes could be as fertile as flat land with the right amount of care. The article even says Joe viewed misfortune as a test of faith.

Mr. Moore found success off the farm as well. He was the owner and operator of the Upper Cumberland Oil Company in Cookeville,

which sold and distributed Texaco petroleum products for almost 30 years.

He also believed in giving back. He was one of the founders of the Granville Museum in his home community and served on its Board of Directors. He also served as an elder of the Liberty Church of Christ and was a longtime supporter of FFA in Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife of more than 68 years, Ann, along with a son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

I want to end, Mr. Speaker, with a quote from Moore from 1955, "farming is the closest thing to the Lord you can do." I could not agree with him more.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT  
SHARMA J. HAYNES

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and dedicated service of Chief Master Sergeant Sharma J. Haynes on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force. Chief Master Sergeant Haynes has served our Nation with unwavering commitment for over two decades, leaving an indelible mark on both the Air Force and Space Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Haynes served as the Senior Enlisted Airman for Space Base Delta 2 at Buckley Space Force Base in my home state of Colorado. In this crucial role, she was the principal advisor to the installation commander, overseeing the morale, welfare, training, climate, readiness, and professional development of over 1,000 personnel. Her leadership was instrumental in ensuring the effective execution of critical missile warning and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions worldwide. Moreover, she played a vital role in supporting the numerous wings, mission partners, and personnel stationed at Buckley, as well as the extensive retiree community.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Chief Master Sergeant Haynes entered the Air Force in 2003 and quickly established herself as a dedicated and capable leader. Her diverse background in financial management included positions as Flight Chief, Enlisted Force Development Manager, and Superintendent, with assignments and deployments spanning the globe, from Japan and South Korea to Afghanistan and the Pentagon.

Chief Master Sergeant Haynes' commitment to professional development is evident in her extensive education, culminating in a Master of Business Administration degree and completion of numerous prestigious leadership courses. Her dedication to excellence is further highlighted by her numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. She has also been recognized with multiple Airman and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year awards throughout her career.

Chief Master Sergeant Sharma J. Haynes embodies the highest ideals of military service. Her leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the men and women under her charge have been exemplary. On behalf of the Sixth Congressional District of Colorado and a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest gratitude to Chief Master Sergeant Haynes for her exceptional service and wish her a long and fulfilling retirement. Her contributions to our Nation's security will be long remembered.

HONORING ADDYSON PANNELL ON  
BEING NAMED BEST STEM STUDENT  
BY CONSTITUTING AMERICA

**HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend an exceptional young student from my district, Addyson Pannell, for being named Best STEM Student by Constituting America.

Addyson's achievement reflects not only her academic excellence, but also her passion for the principles that form the foundation of our Nation. By combining her talents in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with a deep understanding of civic responsibility, Addyson embodies the kind of engaged, thoughtful, and innovative citizen our future depends on.

Constituting America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating students about the U.S. Constitution and the importance of civic engagement. Addyson's recognition as Best STEM Student highlights her outstanding contributions to promoting these values through creative, STEM-based solutions and projects. Her commitment to excellence and civic education is an inspiration to her peers and a source of pride for her community.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Addyson on

this prestigious accomplishment. I am confident that her future holds even greater achievements, and I look forward to seeing the continued impact she will make. I congratulate Addyson on this well-deserved honor and for serving as a shining example of youth leadership in America.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL GOODWIN

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Goodwin for his service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and his remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism, humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission.

The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.