

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING GARY STEELE

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

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### RECOGNIZING THE ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE 130TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, the Department of Defense's largest retailer, as it marks its 130th year of serving our military community with distinction.

Since its founding in 1895, the Exchange has brought a piece of home to Soldiers, Airmen, and Guardians around the world, staying true to its motto: "We Go Where You Go."

From providing uniforms and meals to managing stores, wellness services, and online retail, the Exchange has stood as a pillar of support for those who serve.

Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, the Exchange continues to reinvest in military families—returning \$15 billion in value to the community over the last decade alone.

As we reflect on its 130-year legacy, we celebrate not only its longevity but the critical role it plays in supporting readiness, morale, and quality of life.

I congratulate the Exchange. Here's to many more years of dedicated service.

### HONORING ANGELICA MICHELLE JONES AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA DURING LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Angelica Michelle Jones, aka Angelica Sanchez, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on November 8, 1977.

She moved to Orlando in 1996 to live in her truth and become her authentic self.

A Black trans woman and drag performer, she has won numerous national pageants, including Miss. Continental Plus, Miss. Gay U.S. of A at Large, Miss. Duval, and Miss. Florida FFI at Large.

She's an LGBTQIA advocate as well as a Pulse survivor.

### CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPEN- ING OF MOLINA HEALTHCARE

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Molina Healthcare, a leader in community-based healthcare since its launch nearly five decades ago. It is with great enthusiasm that I highlight the opening of their newest location in Buffalo, New York. This expansion continues Molina's decades-long tradition of providing exceptional, one-on-one services to communities across Western New York.

Structured to address health disparities across the United States, Molina Healthcare has provided quality federally supported healthcare for more than 5.1 million patients nationwide by using trusted clinical expertise to guide individuals in achieving their health and wellness goals. Founded with a commitment to patient-centered care, the new office will bring Molina Healthcare's physical, social, and emotional approach for their patients, ensuring the continuation of Molina's commitment to exceptional care.

Today, we celebrate the ongoing success and growth of Molina Healthcare and their steadfast commitment to empowering patients across the United States. With the increasing need for quality low-cost and reliable healthcare services, Molina remains at the forefront of quality member healthcare, continually adapting to meet the needs of all communities. Congratulations to Molina Healthcare as they continue to provide exceptional care and contribute to the well-being of our region.

### HONORING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNETEENTH

#### HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Juneteenth, a day that holds deep meaning not just for our Nation but especially for the proud people of Galveston, Texas.

One hundred sixty years ago, Union troops arrived in Galveston and issued General Order No. 3—delivering long-overdue news: that the enslaved people of Texas were free, in accordance with President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Though that proclamation had been signed more than two years earlier, it was on June 19, 1865, that the promise of freedom finally reached our shores.

Galveston, which I have the honor of representing, is where Juneteenth was born. And I'm proud that our community continues to lead in preserving this history. From the mural that commemorates where General Order No. 3 was read to the many community events held throughout the month of June, Galveston is living proof that remembering our history makes us stronger—not weaker.

Not long ago, Juneteenth was not even recognized as a federal holiday. But in a rare moment of unity, Congress came together to pass H.R. 1320. I was honored to cosponsor this legislation and even prouder to see it signed into law on June 17, 2021. It marked the first new federal holiday in nearly four decades—and rightfully so.

Juneteenth is a reminder that while freedom may be delayed, it must never be denied. We must always strive to live up to the founding principles of this great country: liberty, justice, and opportunity for all.

Let us honor the past, reflect on our progress, and commit to forging a future that preserves liberty—not just in word, but in action.

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HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF SUMMER MCCRAY AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA DURING LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Deputy Sheriff Summer McCray is an innovative law enforcement professional who has proudly served her hometown of Orlando, Florida, as a member of the Florida Department of Corrections, Orange County Corrections, and the Orange County Sheriffs Office (OCSO).

Deputy McCray knew she ultimately wanted to be a Deputy Sheriff, so she pursued a degree in criminal justice at the University of Central Florida. In 2022, Ms. McCray was sworn in as an Orange County Deputy, and since joining the agency, she has served the residents and visitors of Orange County in various roles. She has worked as a Patrol Deputy, an LGBTQ+ Liaison, a Public Information Officer (PIO) in Strategic Communications, and a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team member.

As a PIO, Deputy McCray has used her talents in content creation to spotlight the good work of the Orange County Sheriff's Office on its social media platforms. As an active member of the LGBTQ+ Liaison Group, Deputy McCray has strengthened the relationship between local law enforcement and the LGBTQ+ community by educating agency members on LGBTQ+ topics and policy. She is also a member of the Gay Officers Action League of Central Florida (GOALcfl), where, as vice president, she continues to advocate for change. In addition, she serves as an ambassador of the OCSO Safe Place Initiative, which invites businesses to display a decal identifying them as safe environments for LGBTQ+ community members to report crimes or harassment.

In 2025, Deputy McCray was featured in a Watermark Out News article that highlighted her role with GOALcfl, as well as the positive relationships she and the organization have fostered throughout the LGBTQ+ community in Central Florida.

### RECOGNIZING PATRICK SULLIVAN

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### REGOGNIZING JAEHYUNG KIM

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize President Jaehyung Kim of the Dallas Taekwondo Association, a dedicated leader whose work has advanced both sport and community across North Texas and beyond.

Through his leadership at White Tiger Taekwondo and the Dallas Taekwondo Association, Mr. Kim has elevated the practice of Taekwondo while instilling discipline, pride, and cultural identity in generations of students. His efforts have created a community rooted in respect and unity.

Mr. Kim's passion for youth development and multicultural outreach has helped foster deeper understanding across communities, and his role in bringing the 23rd Annual Korean American National Sports Festival to North Texas underscores his commitment to cultural celebration and civic engagement.

We honor Mr. Kim for his service, his vision, and the inclusive spirit he brings to our region.

### CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF JANET HARPER

### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Janet Harper, a beacon of light in the Buffalo community. Mrs. Harper's life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love and resilience.

Born on June 28, 1935, in Buffalo, New York to Mr. Edward Zamojski and Mrs. Carmella Amigone, Mrs. Harper was raised to inspire everyone she met with her selflessness

and compassion. Over the years, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength.

Mrs. Harper has conducted herself in Christian principles through her many roles of service; whether that be as a community leader or spiritual counselor, but her most rewarding role has been being a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. In 1953, Mrs. Harper married the late Mr. Norman Harper. Their loving union blessed them with three community-minded children—Leona, Robert, and Kevin Harper, providing them with a home filled with love, respect and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mrs. Janet Harper, a woman of poise and resilience, whose influence extends beyond her beloved family and community. On this milestone birthday, we celebrate her extraordinary life, her enduring legacy, and the profound impact she has made on all who know her. Mrs. Harper is truly a remarkable woman, and her legacy of care and kindness will surely live on for generations to come.

### RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 4, the Recissions Act of 2025, because this bill undermines and outright destroys long-held, bipartisan American values at home and abroad.

I'll start right here at home. This bill makes an unprecedented attack on public media that Americans rely on for unfettered access to information, educational programming for kids, cultural programming, as well as nationwide emergency alerting. Spanning many different Administrations, public media has received bipartisan support for the past 50 years because Congress has continuously recognized that access to public media is in the public's best interest. That's why Congress has always forward-funded public media—to ensure the consistent access to nonpartisan, unbiased information for Americans in every state, regardless of which party controls the White House. These airwaves belong to every American—and they're a bargain: public media receives less than 0.01 percent of federal spending, and yet it provides essential services to every citizen in every part of this country. That's roughly \$1.60 per taxpayer. Public media is the country's only local, no-cost, commercial-free, nonprofit news and information service, and passing this bill puts this service at great risk. For stations like Minnesota Public Radio, valued services will be eroded. For many smaller stations in rural communities across the country, these cuts will prove utterly devastating. They will not survive, resulting in news deserts for these communities.

This bill also rescinds billions of dollars in lifesaving and life-affirming international assistance—another in a long line of cruel decisions from this administration to abdicate U.S. leadership abroad and put millions of lives at risk. If enacted, H.R. 4 will rescind over \$8.3 billion in foreign assistance funding already appropriated by Congress on a bipartisan basis.