

and integrity made him one of the greatest businessmen of his generation. He led a remarkable life, and he will be greatly missed.

CELEBRATING THE 74TH BIRTHDAY OF ERIC L. THOMPSON, SR.

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 74th birthday of Eric L. Thompson, Sr. Born on April 3, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois, Eric has been a lifelong resident of Chicago and a beloved member of our community.

As a young man, Eric was inspired by the civil rights advocacy of his parents, who frequently worked with my father, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. to advance civil rights through Operation Rainbow PUSH.

Eric attended Augustana College and later went on to start his own businesses, T&T Food Service, and Eridor Food Service, Inc., named in honor of his sons, Eric and Dorian. Through his hard work and keen business skills, Eric has grown his businesses into the preeminent food service providers in the Chicago area.

In addition to being an accomplished businessman, Eric is also known for his friendly spirit and kindness. To know Eric is to know a friend. As Eric looks back on 74 wonderful years, I hope he is able to rest on his laurels and enjoy celebrating his accomplishments with his family and friends. I wish him many more years of good health.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2025, due to unforeseen and severe travel delays during my trip to Washington, D.C., on Amtrak, I was unable to vote during Roll Call votes No. 172, No. 173, and No. 174 on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call votes No. 172, No. 173, and No. 174.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL CAPACD, EMPOWERING LEADERS, MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, or National CAPACD. In 2000, 16 local civil rights leaders

came together to form National CAPACD, harnessing the transformative power of a dynamic coalition of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community-based organizations. Today, National CAPACD represents and supports more than 160 community-based organizations working in low-income AANHPI communities.

National CAPACD has been a steadfast partner to the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus since its founding. Through convenings, administering subgrants, and supporting small businesses, National CAPACD has been fearless champions in advancing community development and establishing thriving neighborhoods for AANHPI communities. In 2024, National CAPACD served over 300 small businesses and over 4,000 constituents.

I applaud the leaders, advocates, and allies from across the country who have made this milestone anniversary of empowerment and community-led change possible. On this important milestone, we celebrate the transformative impact National CAPACD has made and will continue to make within AANHPI communities.

HONORING MR. DONALD WAYNE HANSEN

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary member of our community, Brigadier General Donald Wayne Hansen, U.S. Army (Retired), on the occasion of his 92nd birthday, celebrated on June 4, 2025. This milestone marks a lifetime of extraordinary military service, leadership, and dedication to our Nation.

General Hansen's nearly three-decade career began after graduating from the University of Colorado in 1956 and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. During the Vietnam War, he served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the 1st Infantry Division, the legendary "Big Red One," and later as Staff Judge Advocate for the United States Army Support Command in Saigon.

His service continued in Europe with the 3rd Armored Division and in senior legal roles across the Army, including Chief of the Criminal Law Division, Commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, and Chief Judge of the U.S. Army Court of Military Review. In 1985, he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, capping a distinguished career characterized by integrity, valor, and commitment to military justice.

Among his memorable acts of bravery was his inspection of a collapsed tunnel in Vietnam's Iron Triangle, which demonstrated courage under uncertainty.

I celebrate not only General Hansen's 92nd birthday but also his enduring legacy of patriotism and exemplary service that continues to inspire our Nation.

HONORING ZAIRE TOBAR OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 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, Zaire Tobar, 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 Zaire Tobar played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Zaire Tobar, 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, Zaire Tobar'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 Zaire Tobar 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 OFFICER JOHN CHANDLER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Officer John Chandler for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Grapevine Police Department and to our North Texas community.

A native Texan, Officer Chandler graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, Texas, and continued his education at the University

of Texas at Arlington. He began his law enforcement career in January 2005, joining the Grapevine Police Department. Throughout his career, Officer Chandler held various roles including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Mental Health Officer. In each of these positions, he not only upheld the highest standards of law enforcement but also served as a mentor and leader to his fellow officers. His work as a Mental Health Officer demonstrated his compassion and dedication to serving vulnerable members of the community.

He has accumulated over 2,500 hours of advanced law enforcement training and has earned multiple certifications and commendations, reflecting his pursuit of excellence and his readiness to rise to every challenge. His legacy is not only marked by years of faithful service but also by the lives he impacted, the officers he trained and mentored, and the trust he built with the community.

Officer Chandler's service to law enforcement and his community has left a lasting impact. As he enters his next chapter, I extend my best wishes to him for a well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAVIA DEPOT MUSEUM

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Batavia Depot Museum, a prominent landmark and vibrant cultural institution that celebrates the town's history and community. Since its opening, the Batavia Depot Museum has served as a repository of local history, preserving and sharing the stories that have shaped the community for over a century.

Founded in 1975 by the Batavia Historical Society, the museum occupies the former Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Depot, a building that itself is a testament to the city's rich history as a transportation hub.

Over the past five decades, the museum has grown into a focal point for residents and visitors alike. With over 4,000 visitors annually, the museum offers exhibits that showcase the rich heritage of Batavia, many of which were donated by the residents themselves. These artifacts help tell the story of Batavia's development, its railroad history, and the contributions of those who shaped the city into what it is today.

In addition to its historical exhibits, the Batavia Depot Museum has become an educational center, providing programs that engage young minds in the exploration of history, science, and culture. Whether hosting school field trips, community events, or seasonal celebrations, the museum plays an important role in fostering a deep sense of pride and connection to the past for Batavia's residents.

As we commemorate this incredible milestone, it is important to recognize the dedicated staff, volunteers, historians, and local leaders who have worked tirelessly to ensure the museum's success and its continued relevance in the community. Their stewardship of

Batavia's legacy—through exhibits like the Gunzenhauser Gazebo, the Coffin Bank, and the Gustafson Research Center—ensures that future generations will continue to learn from and appreciate the city's rich history.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have the Batavia Depot Museum in my district, and I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing them on their 50th anniversary and expressing gratitude to Kate Garrett, the current museum director, along with the many families, businesses, and organizations that have contributed to its growth and development. May it continue to be a beacon of history and collective community pride for many years to come.

HONORING MOOR'S BREWING COMPANY OF CHICAGO

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Moor's Brewing Company of Chicago, founded in the heart of our vibrant 1st Congressional District. I extend my sincerest congratulations to their team on their recent prestigious win at the Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream Brewer Experienceship competition.

Founded in 2021 by Damon Patton, Jamhal Johnson, and Anthony Bell, Moor's Brewing Company has quickly established itself as a leading craft brewery. Since its launch, it has expanded its reach into over 500 retailers nationwide, a remarkable feat that underscores its rapid success and growing influence in the brewing industry. This accomplishment is a testament to Moor's Brewing Company's dedication to craftsmanship, innovation, and community spirit. Their success not only brings honor to their establishment but also highlights the thriving entrepreneurial spirit and rich brewing tradition present in Chicago.

Furthermore, it is important to acknowledge Moor's Brewing Company's deep commitment to civic engagement and community upliftment. Their partnership with the Care Moor Foundation for Civic Engagement exemplifies their dedication to giving back and fostering positive change within our communities. It is truly inspiring to see a business not only excel in its craft but also actively contribute to the social fabric of our district. In fact the timing of this recognition is particularly poignant, as we also acknowledge the significance of June 18, 2025, which marks the Emancipation Ball. This event serves as a powerful reminder of our ongoing journey towards justice and equality, and the role that businesses and community organizations play in driving progress.

Moor's Brewing Company stands as a beacon of excellence, and their recent recognition by Samuel Adams is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their hard work, passion, and commitment to producing exceptional beer. They are a true asset to our local economy and a source of immense pride for the entire Chicagoland area.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Moor's Brewing Company for this significant achievement and wishing them continued success, both in brewing and in their vital community endeavors.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the reconciliation bill and restoring law and order.

DEAR FRIEND,

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I've helped craft the most fiscally responsible reconciliation bill in U.S. history with \$1.7 trillion in savings, which garnered the support of the full House Republican conference.

The Senate is currently reviewing the bill, and I'm urging Senate leadership to make sure that any changes to the bill: Do not increase the deficit relative to current law.

Provide real savings—no gimmicks or tricks. Any additional tax cuts must be matched dollar-for-dollar by enforceable spending reductions.

Balance tax relief and spending restraint for sustainable growth.

Our unified government cannot squander this unique opportunity to change the trajectory of our nation by restoring fiscal discipline.

From my seats on the House Budget and Appropriations Committees, I will continue to push for policies that will reverse our national debt, make sure tax dollars work for the American people, and root out waste, fraud, and abuse.

RESTORING LAW AND ORDER

In an extreme example of spinning reality, some have alleged that the Los Angeles protests we've seen coverage of online and on TV have been "peaceful."

Let's set the record straight: Protestors were engaging in violence and vandalism—burning cars, attacking police officers, and burglarizing businesses. The previous administration's open-border policies and disregard for the law led us to the chaos and lawlessness we are seeing today, and it is President Trump's responsibility to restore law and order. That is why I fully support his decision to send Marines and National Guard troops to LA.

Unfortunately, we will continue to pay for the consequences of open borders for decades to come; but to address these issues, I'm cosponsoring the following bills:

STOP ANARCHISTS FROM ENDANGERING (SAFE) CITIES ACT

Codifies President Trump's executive order restricting federal funding for jurisdictions deemed to be "anarchist jurisdictions" by cutting federal funding for any state or local jurisdictions the Department of Justice identifies to be permitting "anarchy, violence, or destruction."

RETURNING ILLEGALS OVER TURMOIL (RIOT) ACT

Makes any illegal immigrant, DACA recipient, or lawful permanent resident who is arrested and convicted of assaulting a police officer or member of the military and/or vandalism or destruction of public property during a declared emergency deportable and permanently inadmissible.

MOBILIZING AGAINST SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

Revokes federal funding from state and local jurisdictions that fail to honor ICE detainers or ignore communications from ICE.

We must put Americans first by ensuring the safety of our citizens and the security of our Nation. In Congress, I will continue to push for legislation to do so.