

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
DEERFIELD BEACH

**HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly special milestone for my district: 100 years since the incorporation of Deerfield Beach, Florida.

What started in June 1925 as a town of just 500 people has boomed into a vibrant city and one of the best places to live in South Florida. Deerfield Beach is special not just because of its natural beauty, but also because of the people who have built this city up for the past century and make it what it is today.

I'm proud to represent parts of Deerfield Beach, and I'm fortunate to work with Mayor Todd Drosky and its local commissioners to deliver the federal resources this city needs to support its infrastructure, boost its economic development, and keep families here safe. It is truly an incredible place to call home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in wishing a happy 100th birthday to the City of Deerfield Beach. I look forward to what this next century brings for this community and its residents.

HONORING METRO TRANSIT POLICE OFFICER BEVERLY RODRIGUEZ

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public safety professional who was taken from us much too soon. Metro Transit Police Lieutenant Beverly Rodriguez was just 40 years old when she died on Sunday, June 22, 2025, in a tragic accident. Her death is a deep and profound loss for her family, especially her two sons Macallen and Macody, the Metro Transit Police Department, and our entire east metro community.

Ms. Rodriguez, posthumously and deservedly promoted to Lieutenant on June 23, 2025, served as a Metro Transit police officer for more than eight years. Lieutenant Rodriguez was a compassionate leader who served as head of the Homeless Action Team (HAT), building real relationships with those experiencing homelessness and personally guiding hundreds toward housing stability and hope. In addition to her police duties, Lieutenant Rodriguez served as Northern Vice President of the National Latino Peace Officers Association, where she was described as "a compassionate advocate, a trusted mentor, and a tireless servant."

I extend my deepest condolences to Lieutenant Rodriguez's family, friends, and colleagues. Her heroic works will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF COLEMAN, FLORIDA

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the City of Coleman, Florida. While unofficial records indicate that Coleman was first incorporated under general laws on June 20, 1908, it was in 1925 that the city officially received its charter, thus marking the beginning of its formal governance and development.

Coleman was first settled in 1882 by pioneers who farmed the fertile lands of the Warm Springs Hammock. The Florida Gazette of 1886–1887 listed Dr. B.F. Coleman, a physician and one of the area's earliest settlers, as the town's namesake.

Many early settlers came from nearby Adamsville, which had flourished through orange cultivation until the devastating freeze of 1894 through 1895. That natural disaster forced many to seek new livelihoods, and Coleman soon emerged as a center of diverse agricultural production. In addition to citrus, settlers in Coleman raised cotton, cattle, sheep, and hogs, with wool even shipped to Baltimore for processing. By 1923, Coleman had earned national recognition as the "Cabbage Capital of the World", attracting buyers from across the country.

Today, the City of Coleman is in the heart of Sumter County and is home to approximately 700 residents. The city retains its Old Florida charm, with a quiet rural character and deep historical roots. As we commemorate this centennial milestone, we honor the generations who have shaped Coleman's legacy as a city built on resilience, agriculture, and a deep sense of community.

Happy Centennial to the City of Coleman.

HONORING BETTY DOSTER AND  
THANKING HER FOR HER SERVICE TO UNC CHARLOTTE

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Ms. Betty Doster, for her dedicated service to The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, my alma mater, as Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships.

After nearly fifteen years in this important position, Betty announced her retirement, with her last day being Monday, June 30, 2025. Throughout her many years of service, Betty played an immeasurable role in the growth of UNC Charlotte into an R1 research institution. Even though she is a proud UNC Chapel Hill alum, Betty's passion for UNC Charlotte was enormous. Her efforts significantly contributed to the growing influence of our university across the state of North Carolina, around the country and around the world. It was a pleasure to work with Betty on many of these initiatives over the years.

As Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships, Betty worked closely with federal, state, and local officials, as well as economic development partners to secure important public investments for the University. Betty's efforts helped acquire major student-focused initiatives, including authorization for the University Recreation Center, expansion of the Collegiate Recovery Program, and support for UNC Charlotte's esports initiative.

It is my honor to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Betty Doster for her incredible service to UNC Charlotte, and her significant impact on the University. While I'll miss working with Betty and discussing the 49ers, I wish her all the best in her next adventure and hope she will be able to enjoy more time with friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring my friend, Ms. Betty Doster, for her nearly 15 years of dedicated service to UNC Charlotte and the lasting impact she made on the university and everyone she met along the way.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SENATOR DAVID L. JORDAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride and deep respect to honor the life and remarkable public service of Mississippi State Senator David L. Jordan—a man whose journey from the cotton fields of Leflore County to the Mississippi State Capitol is not just inspiring—it's the story of Mississippi, and of America at its best.

Senator Jordan was born in rural Leflore County Mississippi, the youngest of five children in a sharecropping family. He began working in the cotton fields as soon as he was big enough to carry a sack. Like so many children in that era, he missed a lot of school during harvest season. But even then, young David knew education was the key to something more. And he never stopped pushing toward it.

He worked nights washing dishes at a Holiday Inn while putting himself through Mississippi Valley State University and later earned a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Wyoming. That kind of grit—working all night, studying all day—is something we don't talk about enough in politics. But that's the kind of man Senator Jordan is.

He began his professional life as a science teacher, but his heart was always with the community. In 1985, he made history as the first African American elected to the Greenwood City Council, where he served with quiet strength and fierce dedication for 36 years. He became a trusted leader, someone people turned to for guidance and fairness, no matter the issue.

In 1993, he was elected to the Mississippi State Senate, representing District 24. For over three decades, Senator Jordan has been a powerful voice for his constituents—a calm presence in moments of tension, a mentor to

younger legislators, and a relentless advocate for civil rights, public health, education, and voting access.

And he didn't just talk the talk—he marched, boycotted, organized, and educated. He helped people understand how to vote, how to be heard, and how to stand up for their communities. He's led with humility, wisdom, and a deep love for the people of Mississippi.

Now at 92 years old, Senator Jordan is preparing to conclude his official duties on June

30, but his legacy will not end there. He lives in Greenwood, Mississippi, with his wife, Christine Bell-Jordan, his partner in life and service.

Senator Jordan once said, "I didn't stop there. I just kept on pushing." That simple sentence says everything about him. He kept pushing—for himself, for his community, and for justice. He is the kind of public servant we should all strive to be.

His memoir, *From the Mississippi Cotton Fields to the State Senate*, tells the full story of his journey. It's a powerful reminder of what is possible when courage and commitment meet opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful state and Nation, I thank Senator David L. Jordan, not just for what he accomplished, but for how he did it. With integrity. With purpose. With heart.