

community member whose love and devotion to African American arts has shaped the way that future generations understand, celebrate, and preserve Black cultural expression.

Ms. Bain spent nearly five decades at the African American Cultural Center in Buffalo, New York, including two decades holding the role of Executive Director, helping to ensure that African American arts of all variations were celebrated and kept alive for Black culture and storytelling. Throughout her career, Ms. Bain, as a multimedia producer, created over one hundred African American centered works across film, television, music, and dance.

Appointed by former Buffalo, New York Mayor Anthony Masiello to the New York State Council on the Special Arts Service Program, she focused her attention on expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become the heritage of community members throughout New York State. Alongside her work with the African American Cultural Center, Ms. Bain held the position of board member on the East Side Coalition of the Arts and the Niagara Frontier Folk Art Council.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Agnes Bain lived a life of devotion to community, and her love of the fine arts. Her unwavering commitment to what she loved and her compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew her. Ms. Bain was a woman who believed in the power and significance of African American arts and culture above all else, and worked tirelessly to uplift, protect, and share with future generations. Her kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us continue to honor her legacy by carrying forward the values she lived by: respect, preservation, and above all, love.

RECOGNIZING WYATT DICKINSON, EAGLE SCOUT

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wyatt Dickinson. Wyatt is a member of Boy Scout Troop 776 and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious rank in Scouting—the Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Scout must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Eagle Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Scout's Oath to 'help other people at all times.'

Wyatt's project, "Blessing Bags", was an excellent endeavor to address homelessness in our community. Wyatt acted by collecting snacks, stuffing bags, and distributing them to

the homeless and less fortunate teens. His compassion and dedication will have a positive impact on our community for years to come.

On behalf of the 17th Congressional District of Florida, I congratulate Wyatt Dickinson for achieving the highest distinction in Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout. We thank Wyatt for his leadership and making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ANNA DALESIO FRETZ

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Dalesio Fretz, a remarkable constituent from my district who just celebrated her 100th birthday. Anna was born on July 11, 1925, in her home in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, to Antonio and Rose Dalesio.

Anna met Arthur (Art) Fretz at the Rainco Factory, Lansdale, when she was 17 years old. They were married on March 6, 1943. Art joined the U.S. Air Force and served as an airplane mechanic during World War II.

After Art's discharge in 1950 from the Air Force, they settled at their home on Spur Road in Souderton, Bucks County, where they raised their two children, Annamae and Arthur Jr. (Artie). Anna also helped raise her two grandchildren, Tom and Lisa Fretz, while Artie served two tours for the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War.

Anna was an excellent host to her family and friends until her move to Hidden Meadows on the Ridge, Sellersville, Bucks County in January 2024. She is well known for her Italian cooking, Sunday spaghetti dinners, savvy pinocchio and Rummikub skills and incredible sense of humor. Anna sang in her church choir and ran the shut-in ministry for many years at Faith Baptist of Sellersville. She continues to live a full life surrounded by her 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and all of God's Blessings to Anna Dalesio Fretz on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE KENNEDY FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a proud rural fire department in my district, the Kennedy Fire Department, which is proudly marking its 100th year of service to its community and surrounding areas.

Since 1925, the Kennedy Fire Department has stood as a symbol of courage, commitment, and community. For a full century, generations of volunteers have answered the call,

not for accolades or attention, but out of a deep and abiding duty to protect their neighbors.

This is a department that doesn't just show up, they step up. Whether it is a fire within their own town or a neighboring community in need, Kennedy's volunteers have never hesitated to offer support through mutual aid. When disaster strikes and the stakes are high, these men and women grab their gear and get moving, facing flames, chaos, and the unknown with unshakable resolve.

Their station, nestled on Dailey Hill Road, is home to a well-equipped fleet that reflects their forward-looking mindset. From modern engines and tankers to EMS response vehicles, Kennedy has made the investments needed to stay ready, and it shows.

They are more than just emergency responders. They are leaders, mentors, and hometown heroes. The department is deeply woven into the fabric of the Kennedy community—organizing events, hosting parades, educating the public, and building the kind of trust that only comes from a hundred years of walking the walk.

As the Representative for New York's 23rd District, it is my honor to recognize this incredible milestone and to thank every past and present member of the Kennedy Fire Department for their service. Their legacy is not only one of bravery, but one of relentless dedication to the people they serve.

RECOGNIZING THE NATION'S COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROFESSIONALS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Nation's community supervision professionals, who are dedicated public servants and perform many vital roles in their work with justice-involved adults and juveniles. They identify opportunities and services to help justice-involved individuals contribute to society, while holding them accountable for their actions. They remain mindful of their role in protecting public safety.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2025, whose theme is "Heroes Behind the Mission: Transforming Lives, Enhancing Public Safety," we salute all those who have chosen this important career. In the District of Columbia, we especially thank the employees of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) for their service. CSOSA and PSA are models of excellence in community supervision.

Community supervision agencies are valuable partners of other government agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood-based groups and all who strive to make our Nation safer and stronger. We extend our gratitude to community supervision professionals and recognize their many achievements as we proclaim July 20 through July 26, 2025, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2025.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. HELEN SHALLOWHORN LEE

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee. Her life is a remarkable story of love and resilience, which we celebrate as she reaches this significant milestone.

Born on June 23, 1925, in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee is one of five children of Mr. Wade and Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn. For much of her life, she has been an active and faithful member of New Covenant United Church of Christ. Together, through their faith, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee and her husband, Mr. Robert Finnis Lee, Jr., became devoted parents to Robert and Carolyn (Clanton), and later a grandmother to Aaron and great-grandmother to Cameron.

Over the century, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength. After twenty-six years of service, Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee retired from Erie County Medical Center. Following her retirement, she chose to volunteer more than three decades at the Buffalo VA Medical Center, affectionately known as "The Book Lady" to all she encountered.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee for her lifetime of service, love, and faith to both her family and community. Mrs. Shallowhorn Lee's life is a testament to the power of goodwill and dedication to others, and her legacy of care and kindness will surely live on for generations to come. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Mrs. Helen Shallowhorn Lee a joyful and blessed 100th birthday.

HONORING BISHOP DWIGHT S. RIDDICK, SR. ON HIS 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bishop Dwight S. Riddick, Sr., Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Dr. Riddick's dedicated service to Gethsemane Baptist Church and to the people of Hampton Roads and beyond. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of his many accomplishments.

Dr. Riddick is a native of Chesapeake, Virginia, and a proud graduate of Norfolk State University. In 1991, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. He went on to receive a Doctor of Ministry degree from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia in 2005 and earned a second doctorate from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2016. Most re-

cently, he completed the 2024 Collaboration Track of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

In 1985, Bishop Riddick was called to lead what was then Gethsemane Baptist Mission, now Gethsemane Baptist Church, after six years as pastor of First Baptist Church of Dendron, Virginia. After just two years of his leadership at Gethsemane, the church constructed a 20,000-square-foot worship and education center. In 2011, as the congregation continued to grow, Bishop Riddick led the construction of a second building, which became Gethsemane Baptist Church at The Transformation Place.

As Pastor, Dr. Riddick has cultivated an active and thriving congregation that has grown to more than 2,000 members. Under his leadership, numerous community outreach programs and ministries have been established. His influence and service extend beyond his church; he has held several leadership positions, including serving as the 40th President of Hampton University's Minister's Conference, President of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, and a member of the Board of Trustees at Virginia Union University. In 2012, he was honored with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities Humanitarian Award.

Bishop Riddick is also the founder of F.L.A.M.E., Inc. (Fostering Leadership and Ministry Excellence), a faith-based organization that provides support, training, and accountability for senior pastors across denominational lines. In September 2019, F.L.A.M.E., Inc. unanimously elected Dr. Riddick to the Office of Bishop, an elevation he accepted with humility and reverence. He was consecrated as the Presiding Prelate on November 13, 2021.

To date, Bishop Riddick has licensed over 100 ministers, and nearly 40 have become pastors, chaplains and full-time professional ministers. Beyond his work at Gethsemane Baptist Church, he currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Greater Peninsula C.A.R.E.S. Foundation, Inc.

On the occasion of his 40th pastoral anniversary, it is my great honor to recognize and commend Bishop Dwight S. Riddick, Sr. for his unwavering service, exceptional leadership, and tireless dedication to the parishioners of Gethsemane Baptist Church, the people of Hampton Roads, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MAYOR BILL BAKER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of William John "Bill" Baker, mayor of the City of Piedmont, Alabama.

Bill was born in Far Rockaway, New York, to Edna McCracken Baker and Fred Stephenson Baker on October 27, 1949. He was awarded the Eagle Scout Award for Troop 501 in June 1962. He graduated from Piedmont High School in 1967 and graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973.

After graduation, he worked at the Department of Human Resources as a social worker

for 36 years. He also worked at Piedmont Health Care Center as the Alzheimer's Coordinator and Activity Director after his retirement from DHR.

Mayor Baker was awarded a State of Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Civic Award in 2008 and received the Piedmont Journal Citizen of the Year award in 2013.

Mayor Baker has served the City of Piedmont since 1988, when he was first elected to city council. He was appointed mayor August 4, 1996, after the death of Mayor Vera Stewart and served until October 7, 1996. Bill was appointed to the city council on November 15, 1999, after the resignation of Councilman Rick Freeman. He continued to serve on the council until October of 2013. He was appointed Mayor of Piedmont on October 4, 2013, after Mayor Rick Freeman resigned. He was re-elected as mayor in 2016 and 2020.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friend, Mayor Bill Baker, and thanking him for his service to the City of Piedmont. Congratulations.

NTIA POLICY AND CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1766, The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA, is a critical agency within the Department of Commerce that works across the Federal government to develop telecommunications and information policy. Congress should support this agency and give it the resources and authorities it needs to fulfill its current mission. However, this bill would waste taxpayer dollars by unnecessarily duplicating activities already authorized by Congress.

The NTIA was originally part of its sister agency, the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Since Congress established NTIA as its own agency in 1978, the two agencies have carried out complementary but distinct areas of work. NIST serves as an independent, unbiased arbiter of trusted measurements and standards while NTIA has its regulatory responsibilities.

These two agencies often work together, unfortunately this bill would swell NTIA's mission into a cybersecurity role to which it does not possess the appropriate experience or expertise and blur the lines between the agencies, especially on issues related to cybersecurity. For example, Congress authorized NIST, in collaboration with CISA, to conduct a cybersecurity activity related to the internet and communications networks in the Cybersecurity Enhancements Act of 2014, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2020, the HACKED Act of 2021, and more. H.R. 1766 would directly duplicate, at NTIA, those ongoing efforts underway at NIST. There is also a provision in the bill that implicates agencies outside of the Department of Commerce by duplicating the Department of Homeland Security's information technology supply chain security programs.

This Act was included as part of a broader NTIA Reauthorization that was considered in