

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

the 118th Congress. At the time, the Department of Commerce weighed in requesting significant changes to the provision that are unfortunately not included in the Act we will consider today. As such, this bill merits further vetting and input from the Department of Commerce.

This bill needs to be changed to address these concerns. Until that happens I must regrettably oppose this legislation in its current form.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF  
RAYTOWN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Raytown as it celebrates the 75th anniversary of its incorporation as a city. Finding its foundations as a crossroads for road-weary travelers, this city remains one of the warmest and most welcoming communities in my district.

Raytown's rich history begins long before its incorporation, stretching back to the 1820's when pioneers transversing the Santa Fe Trail built a small settlement there. A mere day's journey from Independence via covered wagon, Raytown represented the final township for settlers and adventurers to stock up on supplies. Cattle, oxen, fresh fruits and vegetables were commonly purchased from farmers in the area. Skilled laborers such as blacksmiths, wagon repairmen, and iron workers began to settle in the area as well, responding to a growing need for their expertise along the wagon trains.

One such laborer, a blacksmith named William Ray, moved to Jackson County in 1848 and established his forge at the crossroads of the Santa Fe Trail with other local trails. Ray's shop, and even Ray himself, soon became a prominent landmark, and by 1854, the area was known as "Ray's Town," which eventually turned to "Raytown". The city's legacy as a center of trails and as a rendezvous meeting point, echoes today in the community's strong network of parks, historic sites, and trails throughout the city.

A century after people began to call the area Raytown, residents acted to legally incorporate the city on July 17, 1950. They mobilized in response to Kansas City's annexation of surrounding towns and began signing petitions to remain a distinct locality from Kansas City, showing the same streak of local pride, fierce autonomy, and initiative that still embodies Raytown and its residents 75 years later.

Raytown's community has changed substantially since its advent, from the city's agrarian roots to a suburban business hub. The city began with a single store, a post office, and a doctor's office, but currently hosts over 2,500 businesses, a testament to how the city has expanded over the years. Its proximity to Kansas City and small-town charm makes it appealing to city commuters looking for a slower pace to life. Just over 30,000 residents call Raytown home, truly making it a small city with huge opportunity. Raytown's residents can enjoy a thriving community that offers a wide variety of amenities. Visitors stop

by to enjoy Raytown's rich history, including the Rice-Tremonti Home and Cave Spring—both former campsites for wagon trains—as well as the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trail crossings.

Raytown's welcoming atmosphere and small-town feel exemplify the values of Missouri's 5th District, and the city's recent revitalization efforts come just in time for our district to welcome thousands of international visitors next year for the 2026 World Cup. As Raytown prepares, I am sure that visitors will experience the same hospitality that I know so well. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Raytown on its 75th Anniversary of incorporation and may its community enjoy many more years of prosperity and fellowship.

REMEMBERING MRS. BRUNETTE  
WASHINGTON

**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 today to honor the life of Mrs. Brunette Washington, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and community member whose love, compassion, and devotion to her family and Western New York inspired all who knew her. Mrs. Washington passed away this month at the age of 111, having lived a fulfilling and rewarding life.

Mrs. Washington was born on June 7, 1914, in Forkland, Alabama, and later moved to Lackawanna, New York, where she shared more than seven decades with her husband, Mr. James Washington. Together, the loving couple became parents to Israel, Willie (Lott), Marvis (Washington), and Winona (Kirkland).

She is survived by many who loved her, including five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, eleven great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild. Her love for her family and community left a lasting impact on all who crossed her path.

Respectfully known as "Mother Washington" to her congregation at Macedonia Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the nurses guild, and President of the Mission Society, she is remembered for ministering to the youth, helping those in need, and as a joyful singer for the Lord in the church's choir.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Brunette Washington lived a life of devotion to her family, her community, and her faith. Her unwavering commitment to those she loved and her compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew her. Mrs. Washington was a woman who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around her. 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, service, and above all, love.

CONGRATULATING SUE ANN  
MCCLELLAN ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Ann McClellan, the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Assistant Dean for Admissions, who will be retiring on July 30 after 30 years.

Dean McClellan has guided students at my law school alma mater into the legal profession by keeping a close eye on undergraduate prospects, encouraging applicants, evaluating candidates and then watching them mature through the bar exam and on to successful legal careers both locally and across the country. She was instrumental in the creation of the Summer Law Intern Program (known as SLIP), which encourages diverse and talented high school students to work as interns in private law practices, corporate law offices and government agencies, often spurring an early interest in pursuing the profession. She was also involved in the school's response to COVID-19, by addressing the ongoing decline in enrollment, and in the School's 2010 move from the main university campus to the former U.S. Customs House, Court House and Post Office building on the Mississippi River Bluff downtown. She is a 1976 graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, with a degree in Sociology. She received a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration in 1985 from Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration in 1995 from the University of Memphis.

Through the years, Dean McClellan has been like a mother to students and follows their careers with pride. In a statement released by the University, Dean McClellan said: "I've always felt that listening is such a critical element of building a relationship. And relationships are what all of this is built upon."

I congratulate Dean McClellan for a stellar career advancing legal education and helping produce the talented legal professionals for which the university is known.

HONORING LEE CLARK

**HON. AUGUST PFLUGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the life and legacy of Lee Clark, a soft-spoken and kind country gentleman, a loving husband, an amazing father, and a true friend. Lee passed into the arms of our Lord on Friday, June 27, 2025. His loss is deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A sixth-generation Texan and rancher, Lee exemplified the values of integrity, diligence, and quiet strength that define the best of rural Texas. Born and raised in Menard, Lee Clark, a steward of the land, devoted his life to the care of his livestock and range. His tireless work ethic, principled nature, and gift for storytelling earned him the respect and affection of all who knew him.