

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.

On September 8, 1990, Lee married his best friend and the love of his life, Lisa Price Clark. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. Lee was a devoted father to his two daughters, Candice and Madelon, and he was endlessly proud of the women they became. He was dearly loved by his family and inspired those who crossed his path with his encouragement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Lee Clark—a devoted family man, a true Texas rancher, a pillar of his community, and a man who lived with steadfast purpose. May God grant comfort and peace to Lisa, Candice, Madelon, and all who mourn his loss. May Lee's memory be a blessing, and may he rest in eternal peace.

CELEBRATING SCOTT W. HOBSON  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JEFF HURD**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Scott W. Hobson of Pueblo, Colorado, as he retires from the Pueblo City Planning & Community Development Department.

Scott's career in public service began in Cañon City, where he served as Director of the Fremont County Special District Parks and Recreation. During that time, he earned two national certifications—Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and Certified Parks and Recreation Executive. One of his proudest accomplishments there was helping create the Arkansas River Trail and launching recreational programs that brought the community together.

In 1980, Scott married Janice Chambers, and together they raised three wonderful daughters, Cindi Selvage, Amanda Hobson, and Lauren Snell.

Scott continued his public service in Summit County as an Open Space Manager, focusing on preserving the beauty and open land of the region. In 1998, he and his family made the move to Pueblo, a place they have called home ever since. Scott began working with the City of Pueblo, where, for more than two decades, he became a key figure in shaping and strengthening the community.

From the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk to Kayak Park and river restoration efforts, Scott brought energy, vision, and a deep sense of care to every project. His understanding of Pueblo's history is second to none, and he has always had a heart for building strong, vibrant neighborhoods.

Scott's legacy is one of service, dedication, and a genuine love for Southern Colorado. We thank him for all he has given, and we wish him the very best in this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING ERIC MUSSER ON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM CORNING  
INCORPORATED

**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 congratulate Mr. Eric

Musser, President and Chief Operating Officer of Corning Incorporated, on the occasion of his well-earned retirement. For nearly four decades, Mr. Musser has exemplified steadfast leadership, technical excellence, and an unwavering commitment to innovation and service.

Since joining Corning Incorporated in 1986 as a shift supervisor at the company's optical fiber plant in Wilmington, North Carolina, Eric Musser has risen through the ranks, bringing stability, growth, and global perspective to one of the Nation's most innovative companies. His deep operational expertise and visionary leadership have been instrumental in driving Corning's success across its five Market-Access Platforms and international regions.

As Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Musser has led efforts to enhance operational performance, strengthen Corning's global footprint, and implement systems that drive long-term efficiency and growth. He championed key improvements in productivity and efficiency, institutionalized operational best practices, and built a strong foundation for future leaders. His efforts have helped Corning strengthen its market leadership and long-term competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House join me in honoring Eric Musser for his exceptional contributions to Corning Incorporated and to American industry. We thank him for his years of service and leadership and wish him and his family all the best in this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POST-  
TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER  
AWARENESS DAY

**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 recognize National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day, a day dedicated to increasing public knowledge about PTSD, a complex mental health condition that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.

Nearly eight million people in the United States are living with PTSD, many suffering and unaware of the resources available. Living with PTSD can have a significant impact on an individual's daily life, and an awareness of one's emotional wellbeing, including signs and symptoms such as avoidance, flashbacks, and hyper vigilance is essential to fostering healing and accessing support.

Advancements have been made over the years to better understand and treat PTSD. Through research and lived experience, PTSD has been recognized as a natural response to overwhelming events. Community awareness, peer support, and destigmatizing mental health care are essential to curating healing spaces. Education and training have equipped community members throughout the globe to be able to identify and respond to individuals suffering from PTSD with sensitivity and deep understanding.

To day, we recognize National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day and the strides made by countless individuals and those who walk alongside them with love and support. Let this day serve as a reminder that

help is available, not only through treatment but empathy, education and advocacy. Each year of acknowledgement helps to break down stigma and build caring environments for future generations and we are all the better for it.

HONORING CHARLES PARSON  
GAYLOR, III

**HON. DONALD G. DAVIS**

OF CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary of Charles P. Gaylor, III.

CHARLES P. GAYLOR, III OBITUARY

Charles "Charlie" Parson Gaylor, III, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated servant to the Goldsboro community, passed away on July 1, 2025, at the age of 75.

Born and raised in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Charlie was the son of the late Judge Charles P. Gaylor, Jr. and the late Councilwoman Mildred Ellis Gaylor. A lifelong resident of the city he so passionately served, Charlie's legacy is deeply woven into the civic, legal, and cultural fabric of Wayne County.

Charlie graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1967 before earning a double Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School of Widener University in Wilmington, Delaware.

Charlie practiced law in Goldsboro from 1977 to 2008 and went on to serve with distinction as a District Court Judge from 2009 to 2022. Even in retirement, he continued to serve as a recalled judge.

His professional and civic contributions were extensive and impactful. He held leadership roles in numerous organizations, including serving as Chair of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and the Wayne County Economic Development Commission. He also served as the inaugural Chair of the Wayne County Development Alliance. Charlie was a dedicated member of the Wayne County Bar Association, North Carolina State Bar, and North Carolina Bar Association. He was also an avid supporter and past board member of the Foundation of Wayne Community College, the Arts Council of Wayne County, the Wayne County Public Library Foundation, the Downtown Goldsboro Development Corporation, the Wayne County Historic Association, the Military Affairs Committee of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, and the Goldsboro Civitan Club.

Charlie was passionate about historic preservation and cultural enrichment, having served as President of the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina and as a tour guide for the Goldsboro Union Station Project. His efforts were pivotal in safeguarding the architectural and historical heritage of the region.

He also dedicated his time and leadership to a broad array of community initiatives—from small business development and civic education to passenger rail service advocacy and military appreciation events. Notably, he co-chaired the 1976 Wayne County Bicentennial "Town Forum" series alongside his wife, Rhonda.

Among his many accolades, Charlie was honored with the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award, the Gertrude S.