

District, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Kritzeck family and pray that God will protect them, and all our law enforcement officers, as they work to keep our communities safe.

HONORING THE THIRD ANNUAL
PEACH WEEK IN MOORE COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 3rd annual Peach Week, taking place in my home county of Moore, North Carolina, this week. Peach week is a kickoff to summer fun but also shows the importance of peaches in our agriculture industry and as a staple of our state.

This year, Peach Week will run from July 18 to July 27, featuring a variety of events. Due to its popularity, Peach Week has garnered a record number of nearly 40 participating restaurants, specialty outlets, and food trucks taking part in the Peach Week promotions. Attendees will have the opportunity to try a variety of peach-themed dishes ranging from breakfast, appetizers, entrees, desserts, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

In addition to these promotions, ticketed and complementary events will be available, such as the Run Your Peach Off 5k, Putt n' Peach mini golf, and the Peachgrass festival at the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities. To complement the activities, farmers markets from Southern Pines, Vass, and Carthage will also be offering peaches and peach products during the celebration.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 3rd annual Peach Week, in North Carolina's 9th District, as a fun and exciting week celebrating the peach, a major agricultural product of my home state of North Carolina and a symbol of summertime.

HONORING PEMBA SHERPA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pemba Sherpa, a leader and community-rooted entrepreneur who has been named California's 4th Congressional District 2025 American Dream Award Recipient for Sonoma County. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in our district who have made remarkable contributions to our communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Mr. Sherpa was born and raised in Namche, Nepal, a small village in the Himalayas. Mr. Sherpa came to the United States in 1997 with a dream of pursuing a college education. In 2002, he received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Manchester College in Indiana. Mr. Sherpa then moved to the town of Sonoma where he and his business partner opened the first location of the Taste of the Himalayas in 2003. In 2009, while pur-

suage his master's degree, Mr. Sherpa enrolled in the International Culinary Center in Campell. Today, Sonoma County knows Pemba for his tireless work ethic, entrepreneurship and leadership. He is the owner of Farmhouse Sonoma and multiple locations of Taste of the Himalayas. Mr. Sherpa is also president of the Himalayan Sherpa Club and a member of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sherpa's most important role is that of a proud husband to his wife, Tenzin, and father to their children, Osel and Rigsel.

Mr. Sherpa has created more than jobs, cultivating a welcoming space for different cultures to blend. Mr. Sherpa prioritizes local sourcing, sustainable practices and uses his businesses to support community events. Mr. Sherpa has organized and contributed to numerous fundraisers benefiting wildfire relief, local families in crisis and public-school initiatives. Whether feeding first responders or helping a neighbor in need, he consistently shows up to provide generosity and care for our community.

As president of the Himalayan Sherpa Club, Mr. Sherpa leads efforts to preserve Himalayan heritage. He has played a key role in organizing cultural festivals, fundraising dinners and community aid drives, particularly during natural disasters and local emergencies. His involvement spans civic, cultural and philanthropic engagement always with a commitment to support others in Sonoma County, the place he now calls home.

His journey is a testament to the American promise of opportunity and his strength of character. Admired for his generosity, resilience and innovation, Mr. Sherpa embodies all pillars of what it means to not only achieve the American Dream, but also share it with others.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Pemba Sherpa for his innovation, leadership and dedication to California's 4th Congressional District.

HONORING U.S. COAST GUARD
VICE ADMIRAL ANTHONY
TIONGSON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize United States Coast Guard Vice Admiral Anthony Tiongson on relinquishing his command of the Pacific Area in Alameda on Friday, July 18, 2025.

Vice Admiral Tiongson has dedicated his entire adult life to education and national service. After high school he attended the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1989 with a BS in electrical engineering. He went on to earn two master's degrees from George Washington University, one in mechanical engineering and another in environmental and energy management. From there, he went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a System Design and Management Fellow, earned an MS in Engineering and Management, and completed the Seminar XXI program on foreign affairs and international relations.

A career cutterman, Vice Admiral Tiongson served aboard five Coast Guard Cutters and the United States Navy Ship, USS *Normandy*,

including deployment during Operation Desert Storm.

Ashore, he served as assistant project officer for a \$30 million configuration management project as well as a nearly \$1 billion Rescue 21 project. He held key positions in the Office of Budget and Programs as a budget coordinator and office chief. He also served in the Office of Congressional Affairs as senior policy advisor to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives on domestic and international drug issues. This is all in addition to his service as Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Since 2022, Vice Admiral Tiongson has served as Commander of Coast Guard Pacific Area and Commander of Defense Force West. His distinguished service has been recognized with the Defense Superior Service Medal and four Legions of Merit.

Over more than three decades, Vice Admiral Tiongson has left an indelible mark on the United States Coast Guard and the broader maritime community, protecting coastal communities and upholding international law. His leadership and dedication exemplify the mission and values of the Coast Guard. As he concludes his commendable career, his legacy will continue to set a high standard and benefit our Nation for years to come.

HONORING JEFF CRANE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Crane on his upcoming retirement as President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF). Mr. Crane will conclude his illustrious career after over forty years of public service.

Mr. Crane's dedication to improving our environment and providing opportunities to all outdoorsmen is constantly inspiring. He has served as President of the CSF since 2002, guiding the organization from a small group of only five staff members to become the Nation's preeminent sportsmen advocacy group. While at the helm of the CSF, Mr. Crane helped grow the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus to the largest bipartisan caucus in Congress. He also aided in the creation of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), which has nearly 2,500 members across all 50 states, and the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus.

While expanding the scope of the CSF, Mr. Crane tirelessly worked to pass countless bills to enhance opportunities for hunters and anglers. He vigorously fought for our environment, passing legislation to fund conservation efforts at the state and federal levels. Other advocacy organizations would often defer to Mr. Crane's vision and judgment on policy matters, a high compliment to his knowledge and ability.

Beyond the CSF, Mr. Crane served as the Chairman of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council (HSSCC) and of American Wildlife Conservation Partners, along with many other leadership positions. Mr. Crane has been consistently recognized for his humility, grace, and team-oriented approach. His dedication and passion for our environment

will continue to have an indelible impact on sportsmen everywhere and our majestic Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jeff Crane for his unyielding dedication to protecting and enjoying our Creator's greatest gift: our natural world. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and pray for his continued health and happiness in whatever adventures come his way.

HONORING THE BOURNE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Bourne Fire Department, as it celebrated its 100th anniversary on July 5, 2025.

While the Bourne Fire Department was officially established on July 5, 1925, the Town of Bourne has a long history of advancing public safety dating back to the 1890s, when the town appointed a fire and forest warden following several brush fires. In the event of a fire, the warden was able to recruit volunteers and pay them 50 cents an hour to assist in firefighting efforts.

The roots of the Bourne Fire Department can be traced back to 1904, when a group named the Buzzards Bay Progressive Society organized the first local bucket brigade in response to the growing threat of fires. At a time when each village was tasked with providing its own firefighting services, the Progressive Society took a leading role. Members purchased the first fire apparatus stored at Cohasset Hall on Main Street, which would later serve as the Bourne Fire Department's first station. Sadly, the original headquarters burned down in September 1931. While the department was fighting a fire 700 feet away at a barn behind the Buzzards Bay Hotel, a spark ignited the roof of Cohasset Hall. The Buzzards Bay Fire Station was rebuilt the following year on Main Street and served as the headquarters until 2017, when the department moved its headquarters to the Sagamore Fire Station.

Throughout the early 1900s, the need for a more formalized fire department became apparent, and the town began laying the necessary groundwork. It established a Board of Fire Engineers, with Ralph Johnson serving as the Chief Engineer. Johnson would go on to become the town's first Fire Chief.

In 1924, the Maxim Fire Truck Company conducted a study to determine fire safety needs across the Bourne villages. Using the findings of that survey, articles to establish the Bourne Fire Department were drafted and brought to the 1925 Annual Town Meeting, where residents voted in favor of the measure. Bourne residents recognized the benefit of a townwide fire department to improve property protection, expand the tax base, and lower insurance rates. With an initial budget of \$3,800, the new fire department paid \$1 for the first hour of service responding to a fire, followed by 50 cents for each additional hour.

Over the years, the Bourne Fire Department continued to expand and improve fire safety in the community, installing radios in 1938 to en-

hance communication and coordination during emergency responses and steadily increasing its personnel. Growing from a small professional fire department in 1925, the department now consists of nearly 40 full-time firefighters, several call personnel, and an inventory of 20 emergency response apparatus. With the Town of Bourne divided by the Cape Cod Canal, the fire department faces a unique challenge in ensuring the safety of residents and summertime visitors on both sides of the canal. This requires the department to have the capacity to respond to emergencies not only on land, but also on the water.

On July 12th, the Bourne Fire Department held a centennial celebration at Buzzards Bay Park to honor the brave men and women who have served the Bourne community throughout the years and recognize the fire department's legacy of service, bravery, and community engagement that has defined the department since its inception on July 5, 1925.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Bourne Fire Department, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the dedicated firefighters who have tirelessly protected the Bourne community over the last century.

HONORING ROBERT GAYALDO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Gayaldo, an esteemed member of our Lake County community. Robert's dedicated membership to the Lake County Farm Bureau Board and vocal support for agriculture exemplify why he has been named as the 2025 Lake County Farm Bureau Member of the Year.

Born in Lakeport, Robert currently lives in Kelseyville, California and has two children, Charlene and Niki.

Robert has been an instrumental member of the Lake County Farm Bureau Board for over 40 years. He has previously served as President of the Bureau's board of directors, where he played a vital role in addressing the challenges of farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners in Lake County. He has also represented the Lake County Farm Bureau on the California Farm Bureau state board.

Robert's commitment to the Lake County Farm Bureau and our community is evident. As member of the Lake County Farm Bureau, he has been a visionary leader for the organization, inspiring membership growth that led to the Bureau being selected as a County of the Year Award recipient by the California Farm Bureau.

He also continues to support many agriculture-based companies in the community as well as support community youth programs such as 4-H, FFA and youth sports programs.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Robert Gayaldo for his service and dedication to California's 4th District.

CONGRATULATING ROLLS-ROYCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolinians are grateful that Rolls-Royce is expanding its manufacturing operations in Aiken County.

The \$75 million investment will create 60 new jobs, strengthen the local economy, and enhance career opportunities across the state.

As a provider of off-highway engines and complete power generation solutions, Rolls-Royce develops and delivers complex power and propulsion solutions for safety-critical applications in the air, at sea, and on land.

Since its establishment in 2010, the Aiken facility, with the leadership of their Vice President of Operations, Philipp Steinle, has grown to become a 395,000 square foot campus with state-of-the-art production capabilities, an engine testing facility, office space, a research center, and more.

Additionally, this investment will increase the production of engines which will help meet the demand for high-power mission critical back up generators.

The dedication and leadership of Chief Executive Officer, Adam Riddle is appreciated.

Best wishes to Rolls-Royce for success in their future endeavors.

APPRECIATING GLENN MCCALL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 11, America lost a Devoted Patriot with the death of National Committeeman Glenn McCall. A grateful review of his accomplishments is presented by Joseph Bustos in The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina.

"Glenn McCall, the South Carolina Republican Party's national committeeman, died Friday from complications from surgery, the state party said. McCall, who also was the Winthrop University Board chairman, was 71 years old.

He had been the state GOP's national committeeman since 2008, also chaired the RNC's budget committee, and served as co-chair of the 2020 Republican National Convention Committee.

S.C. GOP Chairman Drew McKissick said McCall will be sorely missed by the party. "Glenn was not only a wonderful human being, but he was a great leader and representative for South Carolina on the Republican National Committee," McKissick said. "Time and again he used his influence and relationships to help maintain the SCGOP's position as the First in the South presidential primary, and the resulting influence that gives Republicans all over our state."

Those in the Republican Party described McCall as a "kind and loyal friend." "Glenn was far more than a friend; he was a mentor, advisor and source of moral clarity," former SC GOP Chairman Matt Moore said. "He was never angry, boastful or self-interested, always steadfast in doing what was right."

McCall, of Rock Hill, was the state party's first Black national committeeman. "I loved