

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

Glenn McCall from the moment we met on (U.S. Rep.) Ralph Norman's '06 race. He was good and decent, a kind and gentle soul and he was faithful." South Carolina GOP operative Rob Godfrey posted on X. "I embraced every opportunity to work with him. I am thankful for our friendship, and I will miss Glenn deeply. Thank you, Linda, for sharing him."

McCall served in the U.S. Air Force for 24 years, according to a biography provided by the state party.

He was a retired senior vice president of Bank of America, and began serving on the Winthrop board in 2011, the according to the school.

"He was a man of immense faith and personal conviction, as evidenced by the life he lived every day," Winthrop President Edward Serna said in an email about McCall to the school. "Those who interacted with the board on a regular basis will recall how Glenn took the time to speak to everyone in whatever room he found himself."

He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, with a bachelor's degree in management information systems and a master's in business administration.

"We haven't always agreed on issues, but he has always represented with class and an open ear," state Rep. Brandon Guffey, R-York, posted on Facebook. "The last time I saw Glenn, was at the state party (reorganization). He came up to congratulate me on winning legislator of the year and thanked me for standing for truth as opposed to falling into the bumper sticker politics many have turned to."

HONORING DR. JOHN M. LOGSDON,  
DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN AND  
PIONEER OF U.S. SPACE POLICY

**HON. APRIL McCLAIN DELANEY**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent of Maryland's 6th District, Dr. John M. Logsdon, for his decades of leadership in the field of space policy.

Dr. Logsdon is Professor Emeritus at the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, where he served on the faculty for 38 years. In 1987, he founded the university's Space Policy Institute, a center for the study of civil space programs and policy. He also directed the Center for International Science and Technology Policy from 1983 to 2001 and served on the faculty at the International Space University from 1988 to 2020.

Dr. Logsdon holds a B.S. in Physics from Xavier University (1960) and a Ph.D. in Political Science from NYU (1970). That same year, he published *The Decision to Go to the Moon: Project Apollo and the National Interest*, launching a prolific career detailing the policy and historical aspects of U.S. and international space activities. His later works—*John F. Kennedy and the Race to the Moon* (2010), *After Apollo?*, and *Ronald Reagan and the Space Frontier* (2019)—have won numerous awards, including the AIAA Gardner-Lasser Aerospace History Award and the AAS Emmé Award. He also edited *The Penguin History of Outer Space Exploration* and led NASA's seven-volume *Exploring the Unknown* series.

Dr. Logsdon's public service includes two terms on the NASA Advisory Council (1998 to

2001, 2005 to 2009), membership on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board (2003), and service as the Charles A. Lindbergh Chair in Aerospace History at the Smithsonian (2008 to 2009). He has testified before Congress, advised policymakers, and helped educate the public through frequent media appearances.

His achievements have earned him NASA's Exceptional, Distinguished, and Public Service Medals, the Kennedy Astronautics Award, and awards in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Astronautical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Most recently, he served on the Board of Directors of The Planetary Society, a global nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering the world's citizens to advance space science and exploration.

As I serve on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Logsdon for being a trailblazer in deepening public understanding of space programs and elevating the role of thoughtful, strategic policy for humanity's reach beyond Earth. It is an honor to represent Dr. Logsdon in Congress.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRYAN STEIL**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2025*

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Defense Appropriations Act, which provides \$10 million to the Army's Long Range Precision Fires Technology Program, or LRPF, for testing and demonstration of advanced-caliber munitions.

The LRPF program develops technologies to neutralize and suppress enemy forces with artillery and missile fire.

My amendment No. 272, included in Bipartisan En Bloc No. 2, will ensure the Army has additional funds to meet its LRPF Modernization Priority. This enables the Army to continue working with private-sector partners to advance our artillery and missile technology and address current shortfalls of the LRPF program.

Modernization of the LRPF program will advance technologies, expand military capabilities, and help prevent munitions stockpile shortages.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

HONORING BONNIE SEARS

**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 Bonnie Sears, an esteemed member of the Lake County agricultural community. Mrs. Sears' leadership and dedication to Lake County's wine grape industry exemplify why she has been named as a Friend of the Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Sears, office manager for Beckstoffer Vineyards, Red Hills, has worked for various agriculture-related businesses, including Snows Lake Vineyard, where she was involved in multiple aspects of the winegrowing business. Previously she was employed by a fruit importer in Kelseyville.

Mrs. Sears and her family moved to Lake County in 1987. She served two years on the board of the Lake County Winery Association and was on the Wine Adventure committee for several years. She has also been involved with the Lake County Chapter of California Women for Agriculture. In 2010, she decided she wanted to know more about the business of growing grapes and began her pursuit of a certificate in viticulture with Vesta, an online viticulture program.

As a longtime member of the Lake County Winegrape Commission board, Mrs. Sears has been instrumental in advocating for growers, advancing sustainable practices, and fostering collaboration across the region's vineyards. Her professional expertise and passion for viticulture have helped elevate Lake County's reputation as a premier wine grape growing region, benefiting farmers and businesses alike. Beyond her industry contributions, Mrs. Sears' commitment to community service and partnership with the Farm Bureau exemplify the spirit of cooperation that drives Lake County agriculture forward.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Bonnie Sears for her service, leadership, and dedication to California's 4th District.

COMMEMORATING CASTRO  
VALLEY PRIDE

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Castro Valley Pride on the occasion of their 50th annual Pride Festival for their commitment to creating an inclusive community that celebrates each person for exactly who they are.

Castro Valley Pride is a LGBTQ+ Pride organization that has been a beacon of advocacy and resilience since its founding in 2010. It is the only Pride group focused on advocacy within the unincorporated areas of my district and the longest continuously running Pride organization in Alameda County.

Over the past 15 years, Castro Valley Pride has been a driving force for equity in public education. It has led the distribution of over 5,500 Pride flags for classrooms and homes across the region, fostering solidarity in the community.

Working alongside activists from across Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, Castro Valley Pride helped develop a regional network of allies to oppose hate and discrimination and foster understanding and inclusion.

This organization has held a series of community events, including porch decorating contests during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Project Eden/Lambda Youth Pride Prom, and Fremont and San Leandro's first LGBTQ+ Pride events. At this year's Pride Festival, over a dozen welcoming faith groups will be featured to support the inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals.