

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 Emme 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.

I am proud to represent a district demonstrating such leadership and served by an inclusive organization advocating for progress and change. I commend Castro Valley Pride for their extraordinary service and look forward to all they will continue to accomplish.

CONGRATULATING LEMASTER  
STEEL ERECTORS ON 50 YEARS  
IN BUSINESS

**HON. RUDY YAKYM III**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding American success story, LeMaster Steel Erectors of Elkhart, Indiana, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary in business.

Founded in 1975, LeMaster Steel Erectors began as a family-run operation in Elkhart and has since grown into a regional leader in steel erection, proudly serving not only Indiana but also throughout the Midwest.

Over the past five decades, the company has completed countless high-quality metal building projects, as well as specialty installations, demonstrating excellence and innovation at every turn.

LeMaster's growth is a testament to their hard work, skill, and dedication to its workforce: expert supervisors, veteran foremen, and hardworking crews whose craftsmanship and professionalism have earned the respect of clients across Indiana and beyond.

Beyond their business success, LeMaster Steel Erectors has become a pillar of the local economy. With offices in Elkhart and Noblesville, they provide stable employment, support local suppliers, and are a pillar in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating LeMaster Steel Erectors on this remarkable milestone. For 50 years, they have built more than steel structures; they've built the foundation of stronger communities across Indiana. May they continue to have success across Indiana and beyond for years to come.

CELEBRATING ARTURO VARGAS  
ON 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my longtime friend, Arturo Vargas, as he marks 30 years of extraordinary leadership with the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and the NALEO Educational Fund.

As a former President of NALEO, I know the kind of dedication it takes to build lasting impact. And for three decades, Arturo has done just that. He has helped shape the civic landscape for Latinos in this country—not by chasing headlines, but by doing the work. The hard, necessary, behind-the-scenes work of building power, lifting up leaders, and making sure our voices are counted.

Under Arturo's leadership, NALEO has become a powerhouse for civic engagement

training elected officials, defending voting rights, championing fair representation, and connecting communities to the ballot box. He's helped demystify the process of government and made sure it actually works for the people.

Arturo knew that in order to elect Latino leaders, he had to become an expert in the systems built against them. He went to Stanford, mastered the ins and outs of redistricting and demographics, and became one of the foremost experts on Latino civic participation. That expertise has helped guide countless policymakers, including many of us in this chamber. If you're a Latino in government, odds are Arturo Vargas has touched your journey.

Even before NALEO, Arturo was doing the work at the Mexican America Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), at the National Council of La Raza, and everywhere justice and opportunity were on the line. Arturo's legacy isn't written in stone—it's ongoing, growing, and living in the generations of leaders he's helped raise. He's not done yet, and thank goodness for that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Arturo Vargas for his years of service, his deep commitment to our democracy, and his unwavering belief in what's possible when every voice is heard and every opportunity is seen.

HONORING HELENE R. DILLARD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helene R. Dillard, an academic leader and member of our Davis community, on the occasion of her retirement as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis. After more than 11 years of service in this role, and a career spanning four decades, Dean Dillard leaves behind a legacy of excellence in education, research, and public service.

A native of San Francisco, Dean Dillard earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology of Natural Resources from UC Berkeley in 1977, followed by a Master's in Soil Science in 1979 and a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from UC Davis in 1984. She went on to spend three decades at Cornell University, where she served in several leadership roles, including Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology, Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Associate Dean in both the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Human Ecology.

Dean Dillard returned to UC Davis in 2014 to lead the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, widely recognized as the top-ranked agricultural school in the Nation and second in the world. As dean, she served as the college's chief academic and administrative officer, overseeing 14 departments, 29 centers and institutes, and a community of more than 7,600 students, 320 faculty, and 585 staff.

Under her leadership, the college advanced major research and infrastructure initiatives. These included six new greenhouses, among them a 14,400-square-foot facility designed to protect critical grapevine collections, upgrades

to the Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture, improvements in water and irrigation systems, and the development of a new indoor vertical farm and goat dairy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dean Dillard guided the college through budget reductions and campus closures, overseeing the transition to online learning and the implementation of safety measures across research and teaching spaces.

Beyond her administrative leadership, Dean Dillard has also led efforts to make education more inclusive and accessible. She has been a strong advocate for experiential learning, supporting opportunities that take students beyond the classroom and into the field. Her commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion has included co-leading the college DEI committee, piloting faculty diversity statement requirements, and supporting the launch of Aggie Jumpstart, a program serving first-generation and underserved students.

Dean Dillard's contributions have been widely recognized by her peers and beyond. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society, and recipient of the Excellence in Extension Award, the New York Farmers Medal, and the Walter A. Robinson Community Champion Award, among others. Over the past decade, she has helped secure more than \$442 million in philanthropic support for the college, including 50 million for the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Center for Agricultural Innovation, the largest individual gift in UC Davis history.

Dean Dillard is known throughout the campus community not only for her leadership but also for her open-door approach, mentorship, and deep commitment to students, faculty, and staff. Dean Dillard is a proud Aggie, a supporter of women's basketball, and enjoys pickleball, fishing, and world travel. She and her husband, Victor, have been married for 44 years and are the proud parents of Jamar Dillard.

Mr. Speaker, Dean Helene Dillard has had a distinguished career in education, research, and public service. Her leadership at UC Davis has made a lasting impact on the university and on the lives of students and colleagues across our region. It is fitting and proper that we recognize her here today and thank her for her many contributions to our Davis community and beyond.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY  
LIFE OF REGINALD BERRY

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 21, 2025*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reginald Adams Berry, a devoted husband and father. A native of Washington, D.C., Reginald remained in his hometown, building a loving family and distinguished career as an architect.

Among his great accomplishments was his devotion to family—his wife, Sonceria Ann Berry, and daughter, Elizabeth Ruth Berry. A native of Birmingham, Alabama in my district, Ann got her start in the Senate as a staffer for U.S. Senator Howell Heflin in Alabama, rising through the ranks to serve as the first Black