

face every single day when they put on the uniform.

Officer Flattes leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, who also serves as a detention officer, his children and grandchildren, and a son-in-law who wears the same badge in defense of our communities.

I extend my deepest condolences to the Flattes family and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. We honor his courage, his kindness, his dedication, and his memory. May we never forget the price that heroes like Officer Flattes pay so that we may live in safety and peace.

May God bless the Flattes family and may God bless all those who wear the badge in service to our communities.

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HONORING TALÍA GLASS

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the years of dedicated public service of Talía Glass, a Senior Community Representative in my District Office. Ms. Glass has selflessly served Minnesota's 5th District for over six years—since my first day in Congress. She has proven herself to be an incredibly thoughtful, organized, and reliable public servant, and the people of the 5th District are better off because of her service.

Talía is a born and raised Minneapolis resident and her dedication to this city and the entire 5th District is exemplified in everything she does. Over the last six years, Talía has helped countless constituents through federal case-work assistance. She made sure small businesses were awarded the funding needed to stay open, fought for families' long-awaited tax returns, and ensured that individuals received their vital health insurance benefits. She organized major events to bring hundreds of constituents, advocates, and public officials together to tackle some of our community's biggest problems—the opioid crisis, Black maternal health, hospital stability, and so much more.

Along with her stellar casework record, Talía led my office's work on Community Project Funding. In just three years, Talía successfully managed our effort to bring home over fifty-four million dollars to the 5th District. She has a history of success, with every single project within her first three years being approved for funding. Her attention to detail, her reliability, and her dedication to quality work has served her well in her commitment to improving the lives of Minnesotans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Talía for her years of remarkable public service during her time with the U.S. House of Representatives. It would be impossible for us to do this work without hardworking, compassionate staff supporting us. It has been a privilege to work with Talía and witness her accomplishments over the last six years, and I wish her the best in this new chapter of her career.

HONORING DEBORAH PORTER ON  
HER 68TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the impactful life and multifaceted contributions of Deborah J. Porter, a distinguished media professional, passionate stylist, and dedicated community advocate. As she marks her birthday on July 21, 1957, we take this moment to honor her remarkable journey and enduring legacy.

Born in Port Gibson, Mississippi, and reared in Chicago from a very young age, Deborah J. Porter was shaped by the values of dedication and perseverance, instilled by her hardworking mother, a domestic worker, and her father, employed at a steel mill.

A proud alumna of Columbia College Chicago, Deborah earned her Bachelor of Arts in Television in 1980. During her senior year, impactful internships at WBMX and WLS proved instrumental in launching her illustrious career. Her commitment to community empowerment began at just eleven years old when she joined the choir of Operation Breadbasket, remaining actively involved through its successor, Rainbow PUSH. This organization profoundly shaped her character, discipline, and ambition, fueling her remarkable success.

Immediately after college, Deborah embarked on a decade-long career at V103FM (formerly WBMX-FM), evolving through various roles from receptionist to producer of "Sunday Morning Live," and later contributing to traffic, music research, and sales. Her talent then led her to Black Entertainment Television (BET), where she enjoyed a sixteen-year tenure, starting as the first Sales Service Planner and advancing to management for both the Midwest and West Coast offices. Her outstanding contributions earned her numerous awards.

Following her time at BET, Deborah freelanced at Burrell Communications before pursuing her passion for fashion. At Macy's flagship store on State Street in Chicago, her genuine care for people and standout personality made her the No. 1 Salesperson in the Midwest region. Today, Deborah continues to live with purpose, working part-time as an Ambassador at GCJ Hospitality and pursuing her love for styling, connecting with people and elevating their confidence through fashion.

Deborah remains deeply connected to civic and cultural life, maintaining affiliations with Rainbow PUSH, The Power of Women, the Black Women's Expo (BWe) Advisory Board, and the BET Alumni Reunion Committee. Of all her accomplishments, she is most proud of her role as a loving mother to her two beloved sons, Herman Porter III and Harrison Jeffrey Porter, and cherishes her partnership with her fiancé, Jerome "JJ" Jones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and ongoing accomplishments of Deborah J. Porter, a resilient professional, a community pillar, and an inspiring individual whose legacy of excellence, community engagement, and timeless style continues to enrich our Nation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF MONTVERDE, FLORIDA

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Montverde, Florida. Officially incorporated on May 18, 1925, Montverde is located on the western shore of Lake Apopka in Lake County, Florida. Montverde derives its name from the Spanish "Monte Verde", meaning "green mountain," a tribute to the area's rolling hills and natural beauty.

From 1887 to 1969, Montverde was served by the Tavares and Gulf Railroad, which transported agricultural goods such as grapes, citrus, and vegetables. Over the years, the town supported a variety of industries, including a cement plant, a moss processing facility, and notably, the original manufacturing site of the Snapper Mower—originally called the "Snappin' Turtle." Developed by local innovators Alex and Neal Smith, the Snapper went on to become a globally recognized brand.

Today, Montverde is home to approximately 2,200 residents and remains a vibrant small town with a strong sense of community and rural charm. It is a proud part of the Green Mountain Scenic Byway, celebrated for its historical significance and scenic landscapes that draw cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts, and visitors from near and far. A central pillar of the town is Montverde Academy, founded in 1912. This world-renowned college preparatory institution reflects the town's commitment to excellence in education.

As Montverde celebrates its centennial milestone, we honor its rich past, celebrate its present, and look forward to a bright and enduring future. Again, it is my privilege to recognize the Town of Montverde on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF CHAD  
KAMPBELL

**HON. GEORGE WHITESIDES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Chad Kampbell. Chad wasn't just a devoted father, a husband, and an admired community leader—he was a cornerstone of the Santa Clarita Valley.

He and his wife Michelle, who have been close friends for several years, were deeply involved in our community.

Chad was a former president of the Democratic Alliance for Action of Santa Clarita Valley, an active member of the Santa Clarita Valley Democrats, and someone whose commitment to service ran deep.

One of his friends described him perfectly: "He was someone who truly grounded those around him. The kind of person who would help you cut through the noise, find your center, and remember why you do the work in the

first place.” That was Chad. A source of wisdom and calm, always there when you needed him.

He lived in Stevenson Ranch with his wife Michelle and their daughter Brigette. And while no words can ease the pain of this loss, I hope his family knows just how deeply loved and appreciated Chad was by all of us.

Chad was the kind of guy who would get there early to help set up an event, and then he would be breaking down the tables and chairs afterwards.

He was a talented designer and photographer. He knew how to communicate, and he used that skill for the benefit of businesses and causes close to his heart.

Chad was known for his booming voice. For many new activists getting involved, their introduction to civic engagement was seeing Chad kick-off a meeting or rally before taking the time to greet them and every person there, always with a big smile and an infectious laugh. He embodied the truth, that the greatest title of responsibility in any democracy is that of citizen.

Chad was a rock of principle. He was committed to making his community, his state and his country better. And month after month, year after year, he did the work. He and Michelle profoundly changed the Santa Clarita Valley for the better, and his impact will never be forgotten.

Chad gave so much of himself to this community because he believed in people and in the power of showing up. His absence leaves a real void, but his spirit lives on in the work he championed and the friendships he built. May we honor him not just in words, but in how we carry ourselves—with compassion, humility, and a commitment to something greater than ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close by thanking my summer interns. You cannot help but be inspired by our future, if you spend some time with the many great interns who work on Capitol Hill.

They work hard, they do important work interacting with constituents, and their passion and inspiration must be recognized.

I'm grateful to our team and I wish them the very best for their futures.

HONORING KENNETH PAUL  
KIRALY

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague KEVIN MULLIN, to recognize and honor Kenneth Paul Kiraly, a distinguished innovator, for his dedication to advancing technology and making it accessible for everyone. Living all across the San Francisco Bay Area, Ken developed a love for designing and building electronics, accumulating a multitude of electronic projects throughout his life. After graduating high school in Walnut Creek, he went on to attend California State University, Pomona, before returning to the Bay Area to complete his degree in Computer Science at California State University, East Bay.

As the internet was only beginning to enter our lives, Ken helped pioneer development

tools for the Java programming language, ultimately launching the first full-featured integrated development environments (IDEs) for Java. Ken joined Palm as a senior software architect, leading the development and delivery of technologies across a variety of handheld devices. In 2005, Ken became one of Amazon's primary leaders in its new consumer device division. His leadership in the division enabled the seamless experience of the Kindle—launched in 2007—transforming the small device into a portable library for readers. Ken was particularly focused and proud of one aspect of the Kindle: its intuitive system. He cared deeply about making it accessible for people who simply loved to read, as well as individuals with disabilities. Upon its launch, the Kindle made it possible to enlarge the print of books with a single button, allowing individuals to rediscover the joy of reading without having to physically hold a book. He continued his work at Amazon, most recently developing Amazon's first consumer robot, Astro—a project blending AI with cutting-edge hardware.

Throughout his accomplished 40-year career, Ken has embodied the qualities of an innovator, a bold risk-taker, and a dedicated problem solver. As one of the early Distinguished Engineers in Amazon, he not only led engineering and product teams, but also mentored and helped grow a multitude of engineers and leaders in the company. Furthermore, he is named inventor on 44 U.S. patents, across a variety of products. All while developing groundbreaking technology, Ken helped raise two sons—Paul and James—with his wife, Virginia. As Ken concludes a distinguished career, he looks forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying the next chapter of his life.

RIP ED FEULNER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, supporters of freedom universally appreciate the success of the late Ed Feulner. The Unleash Prosperity Hotline of Stephen Moore gives a heartfelt tribute of RIP Ed Feulner:

“Ed Feulner was a free-market conservative and fierce anti-communist back in the 1970s, long before it was cool. He invented the modern-day think tank, taking it from the days of stodgy 200-page tomes that lay gathering dust on bookshelves and read by few, to providing just-in-time, influential, hard-hitting studies delivered into the hands of the policymakers that mattered.

“Among his many contributions to advancing freedom and free enterprise was to train hundreds of today's leading voices in the conservative movement—including some of the thinkers and activists at Unleash Prosperity. Heritage taught young talent how to be relevant and impactful—something our billion-dollar universities don't do.

“He believed that “people are policy” and that's a lesson that this so-far successful Trump administration has taken to heart. His legacy lives on.”

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY CLUB OF  
GEORGETOWN, SC

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Navy Club of Georgetown, South Carolina, as it celebrates an extraordinary milestone, its 100th anniversary. Since 1925, this group has united veterans of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. From the shores of South Carolina to all around the world, they've served our Nation with honor.

For generations, the Navy Club has remained deeply embedded in the life of the Georgetown community—supporting Navy Junior Reserve Officers, honoring naval heritage, and fostering a spirit of unity among veterans and civilians alike.

What began in 1925, as a gathering of like-minded servicemembers, has grown into a lasting institution, one that continues to support generations of veterans through friendship, mentorship, and tradition. The Club's annual shrimp dinners have become a beloved local occasion, bringing people together to share stories, remember the past, and strengthen community ties.

The Navy Club's mission is clear: to honor the proud legacy of naval service in South Carolina. Through veteran outreach, youth engagement, and the preservation of time-honored customs, it safeguards our maritime traditions for the future.

As we mark this centennial, we are reminded of the enduring values that define our armed forces: honor, courage, and commitment. The Navy Club's story is one of lasting impact, civic pride, and a devotion to service that transcends generations.

Over the decades, it has built a strong foundation of fellowship and support, uplifting those who served, commemorating those we've lost, and building bridges within Georgetown. Its events have become more than social gatherings—they are touchpoints of history, community, and service.

Their passion for service, fellowship, and patriotism continues to inspire the next generation. On behalf of the people of South Carolina's Seventh District, I thank them and congratulate them on 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight being diverted because of severe weather, I was unable to vote on July 14, 2025.

Had I been present, I would have voted  
YEA on Roll Call 191;  
YEA on Roll Call 192; and  
YEA on Roll Call 193.