

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS.  
CHRISTA SULLIVAN

**HON. KEVIN MULLIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise to pay tribute to a great woman and dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Christa Sullivan of South San Francisco, California. Christa passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 and her funeral mass will be held for family and friends on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Saint Agnes Church in San Francisco, California.

A native daughter of Germany, Christa immigrated to the United States as a girl. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital, where she met and married the love of her life, the late Detective Patrick Sullivan. Christa was a beloved mother and is survived by her children Stephanie, Kevin (along with his wife Orla), and Christian (along with his wife Karen), and her grandchildren Mick, Leah, Casey, Caeli, and Patrick. She was a lover of animals, and a longtime volunteer at St. Veronica's Parish, Mercy High School and Serra High School. She was a steadfast supporter of the men and women of the South San Francisco Police Department and the founder and lifelong advocate for their association.

Christa will be remembered for her warmth, quiet strength, and unwavering faith. She lived a life rooted in service to her community and family, for which we will be forever grateful. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the residents of California's Fifteenth Congressional District in rising to recognize a life well lived, and to extend our deepest sympathies to Christa's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MARINE SERGEANT MAJOR TIMOTHY BABCOCK AS AUGUST 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the extraordinary service and unwavering dedication of Sergeant Major Timothy Babcock, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for August 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His exceptional military career and steadfast commitment to duty, excellence, and patriotism embody the very best of American service.

Timothy Babcock answered the call to serve his country after his high school graduation, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He reported to Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, California in 1996. After completing training at Camp Pendleton, Timothy attended Personnel Administration School at Camp Johnson, North Carolina where he earned the Military

Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0151 Administrative Clerk.

Following his training, Timothy was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, where he served as an Administrative Clerk. During his time with the unit, he completed two Western Pacific deployments. His dedication and preparedness during this period were a reflection of his deep commitment to duty and honor.

In 2003, Timothy reported to the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), where he served in multiple roles including Administrative Clerk, Assistant Administrative Chief, and Information Management Representative. These assignments highlight not only his strong work ethic but also his unwavering dedication to supporting the mission and security of our Nation.

Later in 2003, he attended the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed the rigorous training required to earn his Airborne qualification. In 2005, he reported to the Marine Aviation Detachment at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California. There, he served as the Administrative Chief, overseeing administrative operations for both China Lake and Point Mugu.

Timothy continued his distinguished career as the Administrative Chief for Marine Special Operations within U.S. Marine Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC), deploying to Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011. He later served as the Administrative Chief for both the Marine Special Operations Regiment and Marine Aircraft Group 29.

In 2013, Timothy reported to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, where he deployed to Okinawa, Japan, and participated in Exercise Forest Light and the Korean Marine Exchange Program—strengthening joint capabilities and international cooperation.

Following this assignment, Timothy transitioned to Tampa, Florida, where he served as the First Sergeant for Headquarters Company, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command. In this leadership role, he continued to exemplify professionalism, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to the mission and his Marines.

In recent years, Timothy served as First Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, and later as Sergeant Major of Marine Air Support Squadron 1. Since 2022, he has served as Inspector-Instructor Sergeant Major for 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, continuing his tradition of exemplary leadership and dedication.

His distinguished service earned him numerous personal decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon, among other service and campaign awards. He is also authorized to wear the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.

After 30 years of faithful and honorable service, Timothy retired from the United States Marine Corps. His experience, professionalism, and devotion to country have left a lasting impact on the lives of countless Americans. His legacy is one of sacrifice, integrity, and duty, and we offer our deepest gratitude for his outstanding service to the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, let us express our sincerest appreciation to Timothy Babcock and for his

outstanding military service and congratulate him on his retirement. His excellent acts of valor have protected our country and our freedoms in this great Nation. His story is a testament to the American spirit of service, sacrifice, and resolve, and it is an honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE, 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 the Centennial of the Town of Windermere, Florida.

Originally established as a residential development in 1889 and formally chartered in 1925, Windermere's history is both rich and unique. Its first post office opened in 1888, briefly closed in 1901, and reopened in 1911, signaling the resilience of a growing town. The Florida Midland Railroad once ran just west of Main Street, where a bustling station once stood. Today, a grassy expanse marks that historic path, serving as a quiet tribute to Windermere's early days.

Nestled on a scenic isthmus between Lake Butler, Lake Down, and Lake Bessie. Windermere is a tranquil gem "Among the Lakes" in the heart of Central Florida. With just over 3,000 residents within its two-square-mile boundary, it has maintained a distinct small-town charm defined by tree-lined street, historic architecture, and a vibrant, close-knit community. Just minutes from world-class attractions like Walt Disney World and downtown Orlando. Windermere remains a quiet sanctuary rooted in history and guided by a shared commitment to quality of life.

The town owes much to the visionaries who helped incorporate it 100 years ago, including Cal Palmer, J. Howard Johnson, Howard Lyon, and Stanley Scott. Their legacy lives on in Windermere's thoughtful planning and strong community values.

Over the past century, Windermere has grown while steadfastly preserving its natural beauty and heritage. Today, it offers an exceptional blend of peaceful living and refined elegance. Beloved local traditions, such as the weekly Friday Farmers Market and popular Food Truck Nights, bring neighbors together and highlight the town's enduring community spirit.

As part of its centennial celebration, the town has unveiled a special Centennial Lobby in the Town Administration Building, where residents and visitors alike can reflect on the milestones that have shaped Windermere over the past 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Town of Windermere on this historic occasion and to recognize its significant contributions to the fabric of Central Florida. Here's to the next 100 years of community, character, and continued excellence.

HONORING SASHA DALTONN ON  
HER 75TH 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 extraordinary life and profound contributions of Sasha Daltonn, a distinguished founder, producer, and tireless advocate for arts and history. As she marks her birthday on June 25, 1950, we take this moment to honor her remarkable journey and enduring legacy.

Born in Chicago, Sasha Daltonn was raised in a household that instilled the values of hard work and community. Her mother, Christine, contributed through her work in sales, while her father, Edgar, served as a proud Pullman porter. These foundations undoubtedly shaped Sasha's commitment to excellence and service.

Sasha Daltonn's career is marked by her significant roles as both a founder and a producer, leaving an indelible mark on various cultural landscapes. Her dedication to the arts is evident through her long-standing affiliations, including a decade with Gospel Music According to Chicago (GMACC), two years with Jazz n' You, nine years with the Harold Washington Legacy Committee, and eight years with the South Side Jazz Coalition. She is also a proud member of Rainbow PUSH, demonstrating her commitment to broader social justice initiatives. Currently, Sasha brings her passion and expertise to the airwaves as the host of Sasha Daltonn Gospel on Omni Radio, and leads her own enterprise as President of Sasha Daltonn Entertainment.

Her profound contributions have garnered well-deserved recognition from numerous esteemed bodies, including honors from the Advinity Awards, the AARC Awards, the Harlem Theater Association, and the Fred Hammond Awards, among others. These accolades underscore her significant impact and the high esteem in which she is held by her peers.

Sasha Daltonn is guided by her faith and an unrelenting commitment to instill pride in our youth through the transformative power of the arts. She is a fervent champion for preserving Black history and honoring the historians and history-makers who have shaped our past and continue to inspire our future. Her life's work is a testament to celebrating and honoring those who paved the way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the exceptional life and ongoing accomplishments of Sasha Daltonn, a true cultural pioneer, an inspiring producer, and a dedicated historian whose immense contributions continue to enrich our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNUAL  
DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**  
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 22nd Annual Disability Pride Parade taking place in Chicago's Loop

on Saturday, July 26. The parade takes place 35 years to the day that the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) was signed into law, and the theme of the parade is 35 years of ADA: Still Rising, Still Thriving.

The mission of the Disability Pride Parade is to change the way people think about and define "disability," to break down and end the internalized shame among people with disabilities, and to promote the belief in society that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride.

In 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. This bipartisan effort made a commitment that our history of segregating and isolating persons with disabilities would end. In the law's own words, the purpose of the ADA is to "provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities."

By setting enforceable standards, providing assistance for compliance, and asserting the federal government's central role in ending discrimination, this landmark civil rights law has provided hope and opportunity for all Americans—those today living with a disability and those of us who could become disabled tomorrow. Because of the ADA, individuals with disabilities have the legal right to fully participate in our society—the right to transportation, health services, shopping, entertainment, education, employment, public accommodations, and voting.

Those who fought so hard to win its passage—including my friend and mentor Marca Bristo, the founder and head of Access Living—deserve to celebrate its enactment and deserve our thanks. But as we celebrate today, we have to get to work tomorrow. We need to build on the ADA's promise—whether it is passing my bill, the Eleanor Smith Inclusive Home Design Act, to make sure that all new residential housing built with federal dollars is accessible or increasing the employment of adults with disabilities.

This year, we have seen a number of legislative attempts to take away rights from disabled individuals. The Big Ugly Bill, which Republicans passed through Congress, is going to strip health care away from nearly 17 million individuals, including many with disabilities. I stood on the frontlines with disability advocates who have truly been the tip of the spear in the fight to protect all Americans' health care. While we did not win this battle, the fight is not over. The power of the people is always greater than that of the people in power.

As long as discrimination still exists and as long as there are those who seek to undermine existing law, the purpose of the ADA will not have been completely met. It is our job to make sure that happens.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH H. "JOE"  
CAMPBELL

**HON. VINCE FONG**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Joseph H. "Joe" Campbell, a respected farmer and pioneer in

California's table grape industry, who passed away on July 10, 2025, at the age of 81.

Joe Campbell was part of a generation that helped shape the modern agricultural landscape of the Central Valley. After graduating from Delano High School in 1960 and serving in the U.S. Army, Joe began farming in 1969. He first grew cotton and wheat, then later moved into almonds and, ultimately, table grapes. In 1986, he leased his first vineyard, setting the course for what would become a transformative career in California agriculture.

Through his leadership roles at Delano Farms and Four Star Fruit, Joe helped grow the combined operation into one of the largest table grape producers in the state. His business decisions often required risk, but they were grounded in instinct, common sense, and a deep familiarity with the communities in which he operated. He played a defining role in shaping California's table grape industry—a legacy that endures.

While Joe's work ethic and vision helped drive the success of a major agricultural enterprise, he remained grounded in his roots and true to the values that shaped him. He was known for his humility, consistency, and dedication to his family above all else. He shared a long and loving marriage with his wife, Jana, and raised three sons who continue his legacy in agriculture.

Joe Campbell's story is a reminder of the strength and promise of California's farming families. His contributions helped define an industry, and his example will continue to influence the generations that follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joseph H. Campbell. He was a farmer, a businessman, and a man whose life's work and pursuit of the American dream left a lasting mark on the Central Valley and California agriculture.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF CLARA GIPSON-MCKNIGHT

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable woman, Clara Gipson-McKnight, on the occasion of her 95th birthday on February 3, 2025. Mrs. McKnight's courage, resilience, and lifelong commitment to education and justice have left a lasting impact on her community and beyond. Her story is not only one of personal triumph, but also one of heroism in the face of injustice.

Mrs. Gipson-McKnight was born on February 3, 1930, in Summerton, South Carolina, to Annette and Johnnie Gipson. After losing her mother at a young age, she was raised by her father and stepmother alongside her siblings. A member of Spring Hill A.M.E. Church, Mrs. Gipson-McKnight was deeply shaped by her faith and her community. As a child, she attended a small three-room school attached to the church before advancing to Scott's Branch High School. With no transportation available, she lived with Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine—a civil rights leader—and bartered her farming skills in exchange for room and board.

Mrs. Gipson-McKnight and her family were active participants in the fight for civil rights