

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

and educational equity. Her parents were signatories on one of the petitions demanding equal facilities for Black students—part of the legal groundwork that lead to the *Briggs v. Elliott* case and, later, *Brown v. Board of Education*. As a result of their activism, the Gipson and DeLaine families endured brutal retaliation, including harassment by the Ku Klux Klan. Mrs. Gipson-McKnight was living with the DeLaine family when their home was set on fire by the KKK—an attack she miraculously survived. Undeterred, she continued her studies, walking miles along rural roads to reach a school bus stop after the community pooled its resources to restore a broken-down vehicle for student use.

Following her graduation, Mrs. Gipson-McKnight attended Allen University in Columbia, where she became the first in her immediate family to earn a college degree. She returned to Summerton to teach and serve as a school principal, but like many Black educators after *Brown v. Board*, she was unjustly dismissed due to white resistance to integration and the purging of civil rights activists. Mrs. Gipson-McKnight then moved to New York City, where she worked for nearly three decades in the city's Social Services agency.

Mrs. Gipson-McKnight married Harold McKnight in 1963, and they shared 53 loving years of marriage before his passing in 2019. In retirement, she has remained active as a family historian, storyteller, and traveler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the 95th birthday of Mrs. Clara Gipson-McKnight. She is a living witness to some of the most consequential moments of the 20th century—and through it all, she has remained a steadfast believer in education, justice, and the power of community. May her legacy continue to inspire future generations for years to come.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF STEPHANIE PAPAGIANNIS

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary American who has resided for over 70 years in Indiana's 3rd District, Mrs. Stephanie Papagiannis, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on July 25, 2025. A century marked by perseverance, family, faith, and an enduring love for this country.

Born in 1925 in the village of Vishini now known as Vissinia. Stephanie grew up amid the political and cultural upheaval of Greek-occupied Macedonia. She witnessed firsthand the efforts to erase the language and customs of the native Macedonian people, yet she never lost her sense of identity or resilience.

In 1952, with incredible courage and hope, Stephanie left behind a war-torn Europe and emigrated to the United States with her young son, James, to reunite with her husband Peter in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Together, they built a new life grounded in hard work, community, and opportunity. The couple raised three children, and today, their family has grown including five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Stephanie and Peter contributed meaningfully to the local community, opening two high-

ly regarded establishments; the Pontiac Rib Bar and Pete's Gateview Inn. Their restaurants were not just businesses they were gathering places that embodied their warmth and entrepreneurial spirit.

A proud member of Fort Wayne's Macedonian American community, Stephanie maintained strong ties to her heritage and faith through St. Nicholas Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral, founded by her relatives. Her life has served as a bridge between generations and is inspiring to all.

Mr. Speaker, as Mrs. Papagiannis celebrates her centennial surrounded by loved ones, we pay tribute to a remarkable woman whose story represents the very best of the American immigrant experience who lived the American dream. May her legacy continue to inspire, and may her next chapter be filled with joy and peace.

HONORING ED FEULNER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Ed Feulner, he has been appropriately eulogized for his steadfast promotion of modern conservatism. As a Reaganaut serving in the Department of Energy, 1981 to 1982, with Secretary Jim Edwards, I know firsthand "The Mandate" was instrumental in promoting free markets. The following is from the *National Review* on July 20th editorialized:

"In 1973 Ed Feulner and his friend Paul Weyrich co-founded the Heritage Foundation, the think tank that nurtured and spread many of the policies that informed the Reagan Administration. Its "Mandate for Leadership" policy compendium in 1980 became a guide for the Reaganauts out to change Washington.

"Under Feulner, the think tank also became known for short, fast policy summaries delivered to Members of Congress and staff in anticipation of votes. Turnover on Capitol Hill is rapid, and Heritage's missives were influential guides to policies developed on the right over many years.

"Like many Reagan-era conservatives, Feulner believed in a coalition built on the three-legged stool of free markets and a smaller government, strong national defense, and traditional views on social policy. He welcomed all factions of what was once called the "conservative movement," from libertarians to Russell Kirk traditionalists to neocons.

"For many years, the *Journal* worked with Heritage on the annual Index of Economic Freedom. The volume ranked countries around the world on various measures of economic liberty. Feulner was notable for believing in a strong U.S. presence in the world, and he was especially close to leaders in Taiwan and South Korea. As recently as the mid-2000s we can recall a delegation of Heritage scholars making the case to us that U.S. defense spending should be 5% of gross domestic product. Today it's closer to 3%, and heading lower under President Trump.

"Born outside Chicago in a German-American Catholic family, Feulner attended Regis College in Denver where he discovered conservative ideas. Barry Goldwater was an early political influence. "You have to choose between liberty and equality," Feulner told John Miller of *National Review*.

"I picked liberty." Each year he published an essay by thinkers who defined conservative principles.

"Feulner was Heritage president for 37 years and remained a trustee in retirement. The think tank has taken a sharp turn toward Trumpian populism in recent years. It opposes free trade and leans toward an isolationist foreign policy. It focuses less on ideas and more on supporting whatever President Trump does. Feulner wasn't always happy with Heritage's new direction, but he kept his misgivings private out of loyalty to the institution.

"As the years advance, it's clear that the late 1970s through the 1980s and 1990s was a unique period of conservative intellectual ambition. Ed Feulner's motto was "onward, always," reflecting his optimism about the durability of America's founding ideals. The young Republicans in Washington may not know it, but they are spending down the intellectual capital stockpiled by Ed Feulner and his generation."

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, 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 City of Fruitland Park, Florida. Known fondly as "The Friendly City", Fruitland Park is a historic and thriving community in Lake County, Florida.

On December 14, 1925, residents of the area gathered at the Casino building in Fruitland Park for the purpose of organizing a municipal government. With a shared vision for the future, the citizens voted to incorporate their town and officially adopted the name Fruitland Park. Less than two years later, in May of 1927, the city was formally chartered.

In 1925, Fruitland Park was home to just 417 residents, spread across a modest 3-square-mile area. As of May 2025, the city has grown to serve a population of roughly 9,015 across more than 7 square miles.

Today, Fruitland Park provides a full range of municipal services, including public safety through police and fire departments, essential infrastructure support via a robust public works department, access to clean water and sanitation utilities, and vibrant recreational and library services. These offerings reflect the city's deep commitment to enhancing quality of life for its residents.

Fruitland Park's natural beauty, small-town charm, and strong civic infrastructure make it a desirable location for retirees and families alike. Its development in recent years has been extraordinary, and its future continues to look bright with anticipated progress over the coming decade.

It is my privilege to honor and celebrate the City of Fruitland Park on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. May the next 100 years be as vibrant and prosperous as the first.