

As its founding goals were achieved, the organization evolved into a national entity that advances and connects wine professionals and enthusiasts. It has created a lasting platform and expanding community for professional growth, while fostering knowledge and appreciation of wine and its cultural and historical significance. What began as a local initiative has since grown into a national nonprofit with twelve chapters and over 700 members, including 150 in the founding Napa–Sonoma Chapter.

Central to that success are the four generations of volunteer leaders and members who have continuously sustained and expanded the chapter over the past 35 years. Women For WineSense's Napa–Sonoma Chapter remains an inclusive network, welcoming both wine professionals and enthusiasts into its membership and supporting a wide range of roles within the wine community. Its membership includes winery owners, winemakers, viticulture professionals, marketers, sommeliers, distributors, importers, educators, enthusiasts and others committed to strengthening our wine community. The organization then and now, reflects a shared belief in thoughtful wine enjoyment and the power of education, collaboration, and community.

One of the Napa–Sonoma Chapter's hallmark programs is a collection of Professional Roundtables, which were introduced in 2004. These roundtables bring together groups of professionals from specific roles across the wine community to exchange ideas, share expertise, and foster collaboration. Alongside regular chapter events, these gatherings have created enduring opportunities for learning, mentorship and forging strong community bonds within our region.

In addition to Napa–Sonoma programming, Women For WineSense has hosted national conferences and coordinated educational trips to wine regions around the world. During the COVID–19 pandemic, the organization quickly adapted by expanding virtual programming and virtual Professional Roundtables and launching a national membership model to keep members engaged and connected. The Napa–Sonoma Chapter has additionally stepped up service during multiple declared disasters in our region to connect community members to experts, information and vital resources in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize the Napa–Sonoma Chapter of Women For WineSense for 35 years of vision, leadership, and service to the wine community. I congratulate the organization on this milestone and thank its members for their continued commitment to excellence and growth in our wine community.

RECOGNIZING GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUTS FROM EASTERN MISSOURI

HON. WESLEY BELL

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating several remarkable Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri for demonstrating extraordinary leadership, refreshing creativity, and a commitment to making a lasting impact

by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are trailblazers who address the most pressing issues facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

I congratulate and include in the RECORD the following outstanding young women:

Elizabeth Babcock, Troop 3230
Krystina Bell, Juliette
Haley Brieler, Troop 3281
Gracyn Burke, Troop 3778
Sophia Byrne, Troop 1964
Grace Doherty, Juliette
Kaitlyn Emerson, Juliette
Emily Etter, Troop 204
Grace Fadlovich, Troop 4404
Meghana Hebbbar, Juliette
Lillian Henroid, Troop 3281
Lydia Hines, Troop 3534
True Howard, Troop 3565
Paige Jackson, Juliette
Claire Krob, Troop 705
Ketki Naik, Troop 115
Elizabeth New, Troop 1166
Reagan Redmon, Troop 766
Udipati Sinha, Troop 1492
Caroline Smith, Juliette
Haley Spitz, Troop 1751
Elyse Townsend, Troop 1331
Amber Tyson, Troop 1922
Olivia Van Horn, Troop 224
Chloe Vargo, Troop 1166

On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Missouri, I congratulate them on their achievement of the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. I thank them all for their leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY'S TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Kent District Library (KDL) on an extraordinary achievement. KDL's Talking Book & Braille Center has been honored as the 2025 Library of the Year by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress.

The Library of the Year award recognizes libraries that excel in providing accessible reading materials and services to those with visual, physical, or print disabilities. Libraries receiving this award have a strong effectiveness in reaching these individuals through a wide range of accessible formats, including braille and audio. KDL has incorporated numerous accessible resources, including video magnifiers, adaptive gaming controllers, and wearable

artificial-vision devices. Additionally, they have introduced LEGO Braille Brick kits in both English and Spanish.

KDL is a pillar of our community. Year after year, their commitment to academic excellence and innovative programming has helped generations of children and adults to reach their full potential. Their Talking Book & Braille Center has long been a vital resource for West Michiganders who are often underserved in traditional library systems. I am incredibly proud that our very own Kent District Library has set the gold standard.

On behalf of Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, congratulations to those at the Kent District Library's Talking Book & Braille Center who continue to maintain a strong dedication to serving readers with disabilities. This Center has touched the lives of over 750 children and adults across our state. Today and every day, we thank this institution for its lasting impact on our West Michigan community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROGER ENRICO

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Roger Anthony Enrico, who peacefully passed away on June 1, 2016.

Roger was born on November 11, 1944, in Chisholm, Minnesota, to Anthony and Rose Marie Parucci Enrico. In 1965, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Babson College. Shortly after, Roger joined the United States Navy and served as a Supply Officer in 1967 and 1968 during the Vietnam War. Following his distinguished military service, he began his lifelong career in business at General Mills before working for PepsiCo's Frito-Lay division. He served in several management roles at PepsiCo, where his visionary leadership and marketing abilities transformed PepsiCo's global industry and led him to become its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Roger was recognized for his various contributions to PepsiCo's employees, including his dedication to supporting workers, anonymous salary donations to fund scholarships for their children, and development of an innovative and empowering work environment that produced outstanding leaders.

Following his tenure at PepsiCo, Roger served as Chairman of DreamWorks Animation, where his unique experience, creativity, and guidance led the company to produce many blockbuster hits and franchises. In addition to his storied career, Roger was committed to giving back to our community through community service and generous philanthropy along with his late wife, Rosemary. He served on numerous boards, including the American Film Institute, Environmental Defense Fund, American Prairie Reserve, and the National Geographic Society, to advance civic and cultural initiatives. I am honored to recognize Roger and Rosemary's remarkable contributions to our community and nation, and their legacy will be remembered for many years to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Roger's life and service to North Texas.

He will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

HONORING MS. THELMA NEWSOME
AND MAMMA'S HOT DOG STAND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable entrepreneur, Ms. Thelma Newsome, who has proudly owned and operated Mamma's Hot Dog Stand in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for the past sixteen years.

In 2009, Ms. Newsome turned her vision into reality by transforming an old service station on Openwood Street into what is now a beloved local establishment. Fueled by determination and a dream, she invested her savings to bring Mamma's to life. Since then, the restaurant has become a staple of the Vicksburg community.

Although the name highlights her signature hot dogs, Mamma's is best known for its generous, homemade burgers—proudly advertised on a sign created by local artist Keith Matthews that reads, "You bite the meat before the bun." Her menu also features chili cheese hot dogs, chili cheese nachos, and her famous homemade Kool-Aid.

Ms. Newsome's path to success was paved with perseverance and hard work. While launching the restaurant, she simultaneously held a full-time position with the Veterans' Administration in Jackson, serving for 21 years as a nurse and telephone operator. Today, she continues to operate Mamma's entirely on her own, serving customers with heart, hospitality, and a commitment to quality.

Located at 1209 Openwood Street and open Monday through Friday for lunch, Mamma's Hot Dog Stand is more than just a restaurant—it is a testament to the power of vision, dedication, and community spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Thelma Newsome for her entrepreneurial spirit and for enriching the city of Vicksburg with her passion and perseverance.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment No. 233 to the FY 2026 Defense Appropriations bill. I thank Chairman CALVERT and Ranking Member McCOLLUM for including it in the Amendments En Bloc No. 3.

Our world is facing numerous water challenges. Climate change is making those challenges worse.

Our military is not exempt. The Defense Department has previously identified water services failures as a growing risk, as they impact a military facility's ability to execute missions and maintain warfighter readiness. That is where my amendment comes in.

My amendment would increase funding for ongoing research and work being done by the Army, with the help of some leading institutions of higher education like the one in my district, Marquette University.

These partnerships with the Department of Defense (DoD), Marquette, and other institutions of higher education are being used to study technology and other solutions to water challenges facing our military and our service members that can also benefit our communities like improved sensing/monitoring of water pollution, and advanced water/wastewater treatment technologies to facilitate reuse of pollution-impacted water resources.

Thus, collaboration between DoD and civilian researchers on water contamination and resilience issues has the potential for many benefits, including positive public health impacts.

With these additional funds, we can help unleash researchers to explore water sustainment and resiliency technologies that increase readiness and safety of military personnel in contingency bases and at military installations, that can address and improve water efficiency, and improve the conservation of water resources, and the resiliency of water infrastructure.

I urge support for my amendment.

HONORING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE AMERICAN G.I.
FORUM

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the American G.I. Forum's 77th anniversary. It is an honor to shed light on an organization who dedicates itself to strengthening our democracy and building a legacy of service.

Dr. Hector P. Garcia founded the American G.I. Forum in 1948 to address the inequalities Hispanics faced in the postwar era. Dr. Garcia mobilized veterans like himself, who valiantly served our Nation, to advocate for the growth and development of communities in need. From a single chapter in Texas, the American G.I. Forum quickly expanded throughout the state and country.

The organization began to achieve widespread notoriety for its work within the community. It improved access to government hospitals for veterans, ended the poll tax in Texas, created pre-schools for Spanish speaking children, and improved equity for veterans' burial services. The organization broke down barriers for veterans in housing and education, reaching those that the country had forgotten about.

After 77 years, the American G.I. Forum continues advocating for equitable opportunities. For our veterans and their families, they offer essential services that address issues ranging from healthcare accessibility to workforce readiness and housing. Additionally, they work to empower our youth by offering scholarships to students intending to enroll in higher education. It is through their efforts that our communities continue to take the steps forward to ensure a strong and thriving democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize to the American G.I. Forum and their accomplishments in serving our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
LLOYD W. COPPEDGE

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable man and devoted member of the Myrtle Beach community, Mr. Lloyd W. Coppedge, who passed away on July 19th at the age of 80, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Abilene, Texas, Lloyd was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to all. After graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in accounting, Lloyd brought his talents and heart to the business world, eventually purchasing Wolverine Brass in Myrtle Beach in 1988. There, he not only built a thriving company, but a family. He knew every employee by name, cared for their families, and led with a huge heart.

His entrepreneurial spirit extended to the restaurant industry, where he became a partner in Divine Dining, helping grow a beloved institution and once again touching the lives of thousands through his generosity and leadership.

But beyond his business accomplishments, Lloyd's legacy lives in the lives he impacted, from his daughters Tracie and Allison, to his wife Judi, to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even to the many "adopted" friends and family he made around the world.

Lloyd Coppedge led with integrity, treated everyone with kindness, and never stopped working to make his community better. If you had Lloyd as a friend, you knew you had a guardian angel.

May we remember his legacy, not just in words, but in the way we treat those around us.

CONGRATULATING DONNIE
OLDHAM ON BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE CAROLINAS AGC HALL
OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Mr. Donnie Oldham, for his induction into the Carolinas Associated General Contractors of America Hall of Fame.

As President of Sanford Contractors Incorporated since 1989, and team member since 1975, Mr. Oldham has had a lasting impact on the company and the wider construction industry through his many years of leadership, sacrifice, and commitment to safety.

Mr. Oldham has contributed immensely to support North Carolinians through his volunteer work and career. Mr. Oldham was awarded the Man of the Year by the Lee County Community Foundation for his volunteer work