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CONGRATULATING SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK C. O'NEILL ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE BASIC SCHOOL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the United States Marine Corps upholds a proud tradition of honor, courage, and commitment, and remains one of the most respected fighting forces in the world; and

Whereas, The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia, provides newly commissioned Marine officers with the critical leadership skills, warfighting knowledge, and ethical foundation required to lead Marines in defense of our Nation; and

Whereas, Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill having earned his commission through Officer Candidates School, has distinguished himself through the successful completion of this rigorous and demanding course of instruction, demonstrating outstanding physical endurance, tactical proficiency, and unwavering dedication to the values of the Marine Corps; and

Whereas, he now prepares to continue his training at the esteemed Infantry Officer Course, further sharpening his combat leadership skills and preparing to take command of a Marine rifle platoon in service to our country; and

Whereas, his achievement marks not only a significant personal milestone but also a reaffirmation of his solemn oath to serve and protect the United States of America with honor and distinction;

Now, therefore be it proclaimed, that I, Congressman DONALD NORCROSS, Member of the United States House of Representatives, do hereby congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School and commend him for his exemplary service and commitment to the ideals of freedom, integrity, and duty;

Be it further proclaimed that his leadership and sacrifice stand as an inspiration to all Americans, and we express our gratitude and respect as he begins his journey as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

DIGITAL ASSET MARKET CLARITY ACT OF 2025

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, the intent of Congress in enacting the CLARITY Act is clear: to reestablish the United States as the global leader in digital asset markets by ensuring our regulatory framework is clear, forward-looking, and functional.

The exemptive authority granted to the SEC under Section 204(g) of the CLARITY Act provides a mechanism to address evolving technological and market realities.

The CLARITY Act recognizes that liquidity is an important feature of efficient markets and price discovery, as well as encouraging U.S. market activity. Congress intends for the SEC, through CLARITY, to have the tools necessary to support the provision of market liquidity, including, where appropriate, through exemptive relief that is consistent with protecting investors, maintaining fair orderly and efficient markets, facilitating capital formation, and fostering the development of mature blockchain systems.

A goal of the CLARITY Act is to foster U.S.-based markets and bring critical oversight back to our shores. If the United States is to outcompete overseas marketplaces, liquidity and market depth will be important components of our markets. A proactive and effective use of the authorities in CLARITY to encourage liquidity and market health will help to ensure adaptability to future trends and restore U.S. leadership in global digital asset markets.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL JODY MIKE SMITH

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Jody Mike Smith, the former Director of Human Resources for the Mississippi National Guard. Colonel Smith served as the primary staff advisor to the Adjutant General. He has also been recognized as a Bronze Star recipient, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Smith was the Deputy Commander of the 66th Troop Command. Under his leadership, he led a team to respond to domestic emergencies within Mississippi and the Southeastern United States.

Colonel Smith also served as the Director of Military Support and State J3 for the Mississippi National Guard, coordinating the Guard's domestic response to natural disasters, civil disturbances, and pandemics. His military service began after commissioning through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He has held numerous command and staff positions across multiple unit levels, serving both in traditional and full-time National Guard status. He has been invaluable in his years of distinguished service.

During combat operations in Iraq from 2004 to 2006, Colonel Smith served with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, where he coordinated the training and equipping of Iraqi Security Forces in the brigade's area of operations.

I thank Colonel Smith for his dedication to Mississippi and for his years of service. I wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL KYLE FRAZER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Frazer's exemplary and distinguished record of service to our Nation. A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kyle was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2008 through the University of Utah. He earned his master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in 2023.

Kyle was an honor graduate from the Army's Ranger School, Basic Officer Leader's Course, and Air Assault schools. After completing Airborne school and Master Jumpmaster school with distinction, Kyle spent most of his 17-year career at the tactical level specializing in combined arms maneuvers and large-scale combat operations. He deployed three times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Kyle has served as a platoon leader and company commander, senior observer controller, Deputy Chief of Operations of Combined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve, battalion and brigade operations officer, and as a congressional staffer, where he was my National Security and Defense Fellow.

Kyle currently serves as a Legislative Liaison for the Army in the House of Representatives. Kyle has been the face of the Army for 435 members of the House of Representatives, with direct influence over 13 states covering 88 Members of Congress. Kyle built, promoted, and facilitated lines of communication between Congress and the Army that were instrumental in maintaining relationships between the executive and legislative branches. Through his ability to clearly define the Army's message and help navigate the needs of Congress to provide essential oversight requirements, Kyle has made a lasting impact on our Nation's ability to respond to global threats, modernize the Army, and maintain the Army's readiness at the highest level.

I want to thank Kyle for his dedication and steadfast commitment to our country. In August, he will be taking over the ROTC program at his alma mater, the University of Utah, where I know he will continue to lead with excellence and honor. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Kyle, his wife, Annie, and their two children, Eleanor and Theodore, for their sacrifices and contributions to the strength and security of our great Nation. I congratulate Kyle, and I wish him the very best.

RECOGNIZING GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS AND CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. ADAM GRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Golden Valley Health Centers as we celebrate National Health Center Week.

Community Health Centers have delivered high-quality, affordable, and inclusive primary and preventive health care to underserved communities across the United States for nearly 60 years—strengthening health outcomes, building healthier communities, and reducing the cost of care.

Today, more than 32.5 million patients—regardless of income, background, or insurance status—receive care at over 16,000 Community Health Center sites across the Nation, making these centers vital pillars of local health infrastructure.

Golden Valley Health Centers, founded in 1972, is a trusted safety-net provider serving California's Central Valley, with 62 sites across Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties, including several within California's 13th Congressional District. They deliver more than 712,000 patient visits annually to over 162,000 individuals, including agricultural workers, low-income families, seniors, and the unhoused—offering services in primary care, dental, behavioral health, optometry, and pharmacy.

GVHC employs over 1,400 dedicated professionals who embody the mission of delivering compassionate, patient-centered care while addressing the social drivers of health and advancing equity in care access. In response to the Central Valley's growing mental health needs, they are actively expanding their behavioral health team, aiming to double capacity in 2025—ensuring local families have timely access to critical services.

Community Health Centers like Golden Valley Health Centers fuel regional economies by providing stable jobs, local career opportunities, and community investment, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

National Health Center Week provides a time to recognize the vital, bipartisan contributions of Community Health Centers and to celebrate the patients, staff, volunteers, and board members who make this work possible.

We honor the 1,500 Community Health Center organizations across America—including Golden Valley Health Centers—for their nearly 60 years of resilience, innovation, and service in transforming health care delivery and access.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the 90th anniversary of Social Security and its place as the cornerstone of Americans' retirement security.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law, establishing a sacred trust with hard-working Americans to have the right to retire with dignity and security. Social Security became the most effective antipoverty program in American history by creating a social insurance system to pay workers 65 and older a regular income upon retirement.

Today, Social Security provides retirement benefits, disability benefits, and survivor benefits for millions of Americans. Social Security's benefits help millions of seniors, people with

disabilities, survivors, and their families put food on their tables, pay for rent, heat their homes, cover medical bills, and more. Social Security is a guaranteed safety net that prevents 22 million people from living in poverty, including nearly one million children.

In Minnesota's 4th Congressional District, 126,751 people receive more than \$262 million in earned monthly benefits, including: 100,067 retirees, 12,769 disabled workers, 7,062 children, 4,745 widows, widowers, and parents, and 2,108 spouses.

On November 12, 2024, I voted for the Social Security Fairness Act, which was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on January 5, 2025. The Social Security Fairness Act repealed the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. These unfair provisions had reduced or eliminated the Social Security benefits of more than 2.8 million individuals. The Social Security Fairness Act increased Social Security benefits for many types of workers, including some firefighters, police officers, teachers and other public sector employees, to ensure that they receive the full Social Security benefits to which they earned and deserve.

Safeguarding the right to retire with dignity and security is a priority for me in Congress. We must prevent the current highly partisan political environment in Congress and the White House from putting the future of Social Security at risk and we must ensure that the Social Security Administration—the agency that administers this important program—is not weaponized to promote mis- and disinformation.

I am committed to strengthening the long-term solvency of Social Security and protecting and improving the basic benefits promised to seniors, persons with disabilities, survivors, and their families. The American people have made it loud and clear to Congress that cutting their hardearned benefits is unacceptable and that Social Security must be protected for current and future generations. I will continue to fight to ensure that Social Security is there for the people who worked for it and deserve it.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 90th anniversary of Social Security, committing to protecting Social Security, and making sure that Social Security remains strong for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Founded by William John Howey and incorporated on May 8, 1925, as the Town of Howey, this vibrant community officially became known as Howey-in-the-Hills in 1927. The name pays homage to the picturesque topography of the regions, which Mr. Howey fondly referred to as "The Florida Alps."

Mr. Howey was an entrepreneur who dreamed of creating a citrus empire with the

town serving as its commercial and shipping hub. He constructed Florida's first citrus juice plant in 1921 and introduced the "Lifeguard" brand of canned citrus juice, revolutionizing the industry. The historic Floridian Hotel, built to accommodate buyers of his citrus acreage, and the elegant Howey Mansion on the north end of town are enduring symbols of his legacy.

As the town grew, so too did its reputation as a destination for recreation and hospitality. The adjacent Floridian Country Club and golf course capitalized on the growing popularity of the sport and were later revitalized by the Beucher family, who transformed the property into the acclaimed Mission Resort & Club. In 2022, the Beucher family passed the torch to MMI Hospitality Group, ensuring the resort's continued excellence.

Another key figure in the town's development was C.V. Griffin, Sr., who, in the 1950s, promoted "Land Cruises" to draw attention to the town's beauty and opportunity. He donated land for the town hall, established Griffin Airways, and was instrumental in the construction of the State Road 19 bridge over Lake Harris, linking communities and encouraging economic growth.

Today, with a population exceeding 2,000, Howey-in-the-Hills is a thriving, family-oriented resort town. The beautifully restored Howey Mansion hosts custom-designed events, while the town's 1920s mission-style architecture and the Community Church, built in 1949, add cultural depth to this charming municipality.

Whether it is a leisurely stroll through Blevins Patriot Park, boating on Lake Harris, enjoying the spa, or a round of golf, Howey-in-the-Hills remains a beautiful and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

I am honored to join the community in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the town of Howey-in-the-Hills, and in celebrating its proud heritage, vibrant present, and promising future.

Happy Centennial, Howey-in-the-Hills.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LYNNE JOLLY RICHARDSON

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lynne Jolly Richardson—a devoted public servant, loving wife and mother, and proud daughter of South Carolina—who passed away a year ago, on August 1, 2024.

Lynne Richardson was a woman of great intellect, integrity, and compassion. Born on August 19, 1955, in Anderson, South Carolina, she was raised in the close-knit community of Pendleton. A proud graduate of both Pendleton High School, where she served as Salutatorian, and Clemson University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science, Lynne was later awarded a Master of Business Administration in Finance from The George Washington University.

Lynne dedicated much of her professional life to public service, including a distinguished twenty-year career in the United States House of Representatives. She began and ended her tenure in this Chamber in the Office of our late