

and philanthropy have inspired individuals across the Nation and beyond. For over four decades, Ms. Howard has shown leadership, compassion, and dedication through her outstanding career and selfless service.

Since capturing the Miss Hemisphere title in 1974, Ms. Howard has earned over 250 pageant titles, including Ms. Italy Worldwide 2000, Mrs. Christian World International 2004, Ms. America World Ambassador 2003, and Mrs. Minnesota United States. Her accolades include induction into the National Registry of the Library of Congress as Ms. Universe Outstanding Woman and the American Biographical Institute's Outstanding Woman of the 21st Century in 2002.

Ms. Howard's philanthropy reflects her compassionate heart. She founded National Teddy Bear Days and the House of Hope for Runaways, uplifting vulnerable youth, and has raised significant funds for Shriners Hospitals, Special Olympics, and Ronald McDonald House Charities. Her service earned her the 1999, Ms. Minnesota Outstanding Service Award, the 2001 Presidential Award, and the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, among others.

We honor DeDe Howard for her incredible accomplishments, guided by her deep Christian faith, which has cemented her commitment to improving lives. Her legacy as a philanthropist, leader, and beacon of compassion will continue to inspire generations.

HONORING ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the rich history and enduring impact of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in the Bronx.

St. Luke's grew from All Saints Mission which began in 1914, meeting in the homes of community members like Mr. and Mrs. William Whitty. Under their leadership, St. Luke's Mission became official in 1921. Through decades of dedicated leadership that has ranged from Reverend Harold McLean to Reverend Hugh Henry, and Reverend Franklin Lionel Reid, St. Luke's has grown both physically and spiritually.

This church has been a pillar of faith and community, expanding its facilities, developing senior housing, and fostering fellowship and outreach programs. Under Reverend Reid's leadership, St. Luke's extended its care beyond the Bronx, reaching vulnerable children in Tanzania and South Africa.

Today, St. Luke's continues to be a beacon of hope and service under Reverend Pierre-Andre Duvert.

I commend St. Luke's for its unwavering commitment to faith, fellowship, and the Bronx community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LIZZIE TOLES

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District recognizes the life and contributions of remarkable resident Lizzie Toles, as she turns 100 years old. We congratulate her on decades of community work that has had a lasting impact on our community.

Lizzie's roots started in Mississippi, where she was born. She moved to Detroit in 1952, eager to work and make our communities a better place. When she worked at a local nursing home, people always loved her smile and conversations that brought so much warmth and comfort to every person she met. Mother Lizzie has three children—James, Patricia, and Jerry—and has five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Apart from her career and family, Lizzie has remained an active member of the community through her participation in water aerobics, bowling, and the Derrick Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. She loves her garden, and her home is surrounded by beautiful flowers, which reflect her love for nature. Join me in celebrating Ms. Lizzie on 100 years of life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. JAN SETNOR

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Jan Setnor, MSN, CRNA, Col. (Ret), USAFR, NC. Ms. Setnor will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA). I am proud that Ms. Setnor was elected as the 2024 to 2025 president of this prestigious healthcare organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals. CRNAs have full practice authority in the Army, Navy, and Air Force and are the predominant provider of anesthesia on forward surgical teams and in combat support hospitals.

As an AANA member since 1996, Ms. Setnor has contributed greatly to the healthcare community nationwide. She has held numerous state and national nurse anesthesiology leadership positions, including previous service on the AANA Board of Directors as President-Elect, Vice-President and, Director (as well as two terms as president of the Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

(VANA)). Her extensive involvement with the AANA includes roles as the Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists AANA Liaison, Professional Development Chair, and participation in various committees, including Political Action and Communications.

She served in the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring with 26 years of honorable service. Setnor's roles included Flight Nurse Instructor/Evaluator, CRNA, and senior staff member for the Air Force Surgeon General. Notably, she served in Afghanistan as both the Anesthesia Team Lead in the largest in-country medical facility and as the sole anesthesia provider at a Special Forces Forward Operating Base.

In addition to her work with the AANA and VANA, Setnor has contributed to the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care as a member of the Governance Unit-Standards Development Committee and served as the CRNA Advisor to the Virginia Board of Nursing's Committee of the Joint Board of Medicine and Nursing.

Ms. Setnor earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

During her AANA presidency, Ms. Setnor has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. She has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system. Ms. Setnor has advocated to eliminate burdensome regulations for CRNAs, to have CRNAs recognized as full practice providers in the Veterans Health Administration, and to address underlying causes of surprise billing such as provider discrimination.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Setnor today on a job well done. Her service to AANA and her commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Setnor's notable career and outstanding achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend The Claremont Colleges on their 100th Anniversary. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, on October 14, 1925, The Claremont Colleges were founded with the vision of creating a unique consortium of world-class institutions rooted in academic excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a shared commitment to the liberal arts and sciences; and

Whereas, for 100 years, The Claremont Colleges have contributed immeasurably to the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of California, the nation, and the world through the education of generations of students, groundbreaking research, and public service; and

Whereas, the consortium, comprising five undergraduate colleges and two graduate institutions, exemplifies the values of innovation; freedom of thought and expression; a

liberal arts foundation combined with specialized and practical training; high academic standards; and a diverse and inclusive community that provides students with broad academic resources while preserving the intimacy of small college environments; and

Whereas, The Claremont Colleges have been a vital part of the Claremont and Southern California region, supporting the local economy, partnering with civic organizations, supporting community organizations, and serving as a hub for cultural enrichment, discourse, and discovery; and

Whereas, the 100th anniversary of The Claremont Colleges is a moment to honor the legacy of its founders, celebrate a century of achievement, and inspire future generations to uphold the principles of academic inquiry, leadership, and service;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Congresswoman Judy Chu, representing California's 28th Congressional District, do hereby recognize and commend The Claremont Colleges on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary, and extend sincere appreciation for their enduring contributions to the people of California and beyond.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
ESSIE DELL O'BRYANT WOODS
AND THE 6888TH BATTALION

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today the 12th Congressional District proudly recognizes Staff Sergeant Essie Dell O'Bryant Woods, a lifelong Detroit and courageous member of the historic 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion.

Known as the "Six Triple Eight," this all-Black, all women unit served under grueling conditions during World War II, sorting over 65,000 pieces of mail per shift to boost troop morale across Europe. Despite facing racism and poor living conditions, Staff Sergeant Woods and her battalion cleared a six-month mail backlog in just three months. She earned numerous medals for her service and continued supporting fellow veterans for over 35 years, co-founding the National Association of Black Military Women and the Wolverine Chapter of the WAC Veterans Association.

Sergeant Essie Dell O'Bryant Woods' induction into the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor is a powerful reminder of her legacy and the trailblazing bravery of the 6888th.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD
COMMANDING GENERAL RESI-
DENCY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Commanding General Residency Act, which would require the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard to reside in D.C. Two Congresses ago, the House Com-

mittee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

The president controls the D.C. National Guard. In contrast, governors of the states and the three territories that have National Guards each control their National Guards.

The Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is the top official in the D.C. National Guard, is appointed by the president and is a federal employee. There are residency requirements for government officials in federal law, D.C. law and the laws of jurisdictions throughout the country. In fact, several states have laws that require the top official in their National Guard to reside in the state, and it is highly likely that every state and territory only appoints residents as the top official in their National Guard. The primary reason residency requirements exist is so that government officials have a connection to the residents they serve and knowledge of the unique issues and challenges faced by residents.

Congress has justifiably required certain federal officials to reside in the jurisdiction to which they are appointed, including U.S. district court judges, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Attorneys. Similarly, Congress, which controls the local D.C. court system, has justifiably required local D.C. judges and members of the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission and the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure to reside in D.C.

There is no reason that the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, a federal entity that serves D.C. residents and that has both a military and law enforcement role, should not be required to reside in D.C. A D.C. residency requirement for the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard will lead to a better relationship between the D.C. National Guard and D.C. residents and is a matter of fairness for D.C. residents.

The D.C. mayor should control the D.C. National Guard. Until then, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING ELLIE J. DAHMER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an extraordinary Mississippian, a dedicated educator, civil rights advocate, and public servant—Mrs. Ellie J. Dahmer, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Dahmer is the widow of the late Vernon F. Dahmer, Sr., a civil rights icon who gave his life in the pursuit of voting rights for African Americans. Together, they formed a powerful partnership that challenged the injustices of the Jim Crow South. When their home was firebombed by the Ku Klux Klan in 1966, Mrs. Dahmer's courage and quick thinking saved her family. In the years that followed, she not only rebuilt her life, but continued the work she and her husband began—ensuring that all Mississippians had access to the ballot box.

After her husband's murder, Mrs. Dahmer worked tirelessly to support her family, maintain their farm, and provide for the community. She went on to serve with distinction as the District 2 Election Commissioner in Forrest

County for 12 years. Her quiet strength and tireless advocacy played a critical role in the fight for justice, culminating decades later in the long-overdue conviction of her husband's killer.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of Mississippi's Second Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Ellie J. Dahmer for a century of unwavering commitment to justice, education, and democracy. Mrs. Ellie J. Dahmer is a living symbol of strength, sacrifice, and service. Her 100th birthday is not just a celebration of longevity—it is a celebration of a life that has left a permanent mark on the conscience of this country.

HONORING BATTALION CHIEF
RYAN PHIPPS ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, The 12th Congressional District recognizes and honors Battalion Chief Ryan Phipps of the Dearborn Fire Department for over 27 years of dedicated service to the people of Dearborn, Michigan.

Since beginning his career on April 28, 1998, Battalion Chief Phipps has served with honor, rising through the ranks from Firefighter to Battalion Chief and earning over 30 departmental awards and commendations for bravery, leadership, and community service.

A two-time cancer survivor, Battalion Chief Phipps has shown extraordinary strength and resilience both in uniform and in life. His commitment extends beyond the station; as Vice President of Neighbors United, he has worked to support firefighters facing cancer. A proud father of four, including his stepson, and a mentor to future firefighters, Battalion Chief Phipps exemplifies the heart of public service. I thank him for his decades of sacrifice and leadership and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING FABIAN I. VALENTIN'S
SERVICE TO THE COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valued member of my staff, Fabian I. Valentin, who is departing the Committee on Homeland Security to begin his graduate studies at Princeton University and commence a fellowship program.

Mr. Valentin joined the Committee on Homeland Security as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Public Policy Fellow in August 2022, and his contributions were immediately apparent. He assisted committee staff with oversight of the Department Homeland Security, including through bipartisan site visits, interviews, and briefings. Mr. Valentin also analyzed budget details and provided the Committee with insights into and recommendations regarding the Administration's budget and supplemental requests.