

Dr. Culbreath accomplished so much in his life, but all of it was made possible through the grace of God and the love and support of his devoted family: his wife, Barbara, and his children, Adrian, Cynthia, and Carletha. He will be deeply missed.

As we reflect on his life, we honor his unwavering faith, tireless commitment to service, and passion for community improvement and upliftment of the thousands of students who benefited from his teaching and leadership. Truly, Southwest Georgia is a stronger, better place because of Dr. John Culbreath's dedicated service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. John Culbreath and extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who mourn his loss. May we all find consolation and comfort through abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING DWIGHT PENLAND

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong service of Commissioner Dwight Penland of Clay County. Mr. Penland is the longest-serving commissioner in Clay County history, with a tenure of nineteen years. Before his time on the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Penland served eight years on the Clay County Board of Education. In total, Commissioner Penland has spent 27 years at the helm of local public policy in Clay County, serving as a voice of reason and unyielding advocate for his community.

Mr. Penland grew up in Bell Creek, a community in Clay County. The youngest of five sons to father JD Penland and mother Hazel Penland, Mr. Penland graduated from Hayesville High School in 1978, where he volunteered as the middle school girls' basketball coach. Even at a young age, Mr. Penland's passion and commitment to serving the children of Clay County is evident. He went on to become a successful local businessowner in Hayesville, where he served the needs of his customers and helped grow the Clay County economy. Commissioner Penland and his wonderful wife, Leonia "Sissy" Penland, have two grown children, Jarrod and Jadrian.

Clay County has achieved remarkable milestones under Commissioner Penland's leadership, including the construction of a new courthouse, public health department, Department of Social Services, and Department of Transportation facility to enhance government administration. Additionally, Commissioner Penland oversaw the construction of a new sheriff's office, detention center, Emergency Medical Services building, 911 call center, recreation center, primary school, and Veterans Park to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of Clay County residents.

On behalf of the people of Clay County and Western North Carolina, I thank Commissioner Penland for his lifelong service to our wonderful home and our deserving people.

RECOGNIZING NEW TERRAIN BREWING COMPANY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Terrain Brewing Company of Golden, Colorado, for winning a Gold Medal from the World Beer Cup, designating their Suntrip brew as a world-class beer.

The World Beer Cup, otherwise known as the "Olympics of Beer," evaluates beers from around the world and recognizes the top brewers and their beers. Founded in 2016, the New Terrain Brewing Company has strived to be a socially responsible company, contributing to a variety of volunteering and community fundraising efforts.

Small businesses like New Terrain Brewing Company help drive Golden's local economy and the economy of our state. For both natives and members of Golden's thriving tourism industry, New Terrain Brewing Company provides excellent service and beers, contributing to Colorado's leadership in producing outstanding craft brews.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate New Terrain Brewing Company for this award.

HONORING THE FLEMINGTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Flemington Jewish Community Center (FJCC), which is marking the celebration of its 100th anniversary as a cherished spiritual and cultural home in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Since its founding, the FJCC has exemplified the spirit of community, service, and faith: principles that have guided it to its position as a flourishing center of Jewish life and learning.

The history of the FJCC stretches back to the early decades of the twentieth century, when a wave of Jewish farmers, inspired by the promise of opportunity and liberty from oppression, found their way to Hunterdon County. 1922 marks the founding of the Hebrew Citizens Congregation of Hunterdon County, the brief precursor to today's Flemington Jewish Community Center.

The FJCC's earliest permanent home was a small house on Park Avenue in Flemington, which was remodeled to suit the religious and cultural needs of its growing membership. During these formative years, the congregation's devotion to community and Jewish life was evident not only in weekly services and holiday observances, but also in robust cultural activities. Furthermore, as the world plunged into the Second World War, the Center turned its attention outward, raising funds for defense bonds and organizing to support displaced Jewish populations worldwide. The congregation's compassion, resourcefulness, and generosity established the Center as a moral beacon in Flemington and beyond.

In the post-war period, the FJCC renewed efforts to build a larger and more modern facility—a vision realized through a new synagogue on East Main Street, which was dedicated in 1948. Under the steady guidance of religious leaders like Rabbi Maurice Idell, and later Rabbi Evan Jaffe, the FJCC's mission expanded even further. Hebrew classes, a Ladies' Auxiliary, youth activities, and vibrant cultural programs created a profound strength of community.

As the congregation continued to thrive, it outgrew its Main Street home and, in 2006, celebrated the completion of a new 23,000-square-foot facility in Raritan Township. Under the guidance of Rabbi Eric Cohen, dedicated officers, staff, and volunteers, the congregation has embraced this modern space. From its Nursery and Hebrew Schools to adult education and dedicated interfaith outreach and charitable engagements, the FJCC stands today at the head of Jewish life in Hunterdon County, and reaches members from Trenton to Princeton, and from Annandale to Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

As the earliest members hoped a century ago, the FJCC today is far more than a synagogue—it is a true community center. It provides a welcoming atmosphere for families on Friday evenings, Torah discussion on Saturdays, and learning opportunities for youth and adults alike. It brings together individuals of all backgrounds, reflecting the pluralism and mutual respect that are hallmarks of both American democracy and Jewish tradition. May it continue to be a sanctuary where tradition thrives, learning flourishes, and community guides generations to come. On this 100th anniversary, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Flemington Jewish Community Center.

RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF TONTOGANY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Village of Tontogany's Sesquicentennial. The perseverance of pioneers and settlers to overcome come the challenges faced during the early years of the village's history has persisted throughout the past 150 years. The hard work and spirit shown by generations of village residents have made Tontogany an outstanding example of American ingenuity.

Tontogany's long history dates back to the first settlers to settle in the area, Samuel and Eliza Hamilton. The village's name comes from the Ottawa Native American Chief Tondoganie. When it was officially incorporated in 1895, the town was an agricultural village, populated by farmers. Keeping with the village's small town charm, the original village hall built in 1898 is still used today. In 1900, The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway depot was constructed, allowing the village to continue its agricultural commerce. In 1958, Tontogany became the home of the newly formed Otsego Local School District which was formed when the state pushed for smaller districts to merge.

Mr. Speaker, by celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Tontogany, community members recognize the outstanding

achievements, maintain the pioneer attitude, and strive to better their village through the principles on which it was founded. I thank and congratulate Tontogany on this significant milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
VILLAREAL JOHNSON, SR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Villareal Johnson, Sr. Villareal was a District of Columbia native, military veteran and dedicated civil servant. He passed on July 7, 2025, in the District of Columbia.

From a young age, Villareal had an interest in military service and saw himself fighting for what was right. Villareal followed his interests and joined the military, where he served in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. In 2013, Villareal retired from military service with the Sergeant First Class rank, after serving in the Army, Army Reserves, and D.C. National Guard, as Military Police. After his retirement from military service, Villareal, like his father, began a career in the civil service, working as an investigator for the Child Support Division of Office of the D.C. Attorney General.

Villareal's dedication to service extended beyond his work. In his spare time, he tirelessly served his community as Boy Scout troop leader for Minnesota Ave. Troop No. 1202, where he shared his passions for the outdoors with his scouts and taught boys wilderness survival skills. In addition to his passion for the outdoors, Villareal was also passionate about do-it-yourself projects and the arts, as he was an artist, poet and writer.

Villareal's selflessness and dedication to both D.C. and our Nation should be recognized. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life and legacy of Villareal Johnson, Sr.

RECOGNIZING THE CONIFER AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Conifer Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Conifer Area Chamber of Commerce is a crucial support system for businesses and the community of Conifer, offering workshops on marketing, managing finances, and other economic opportunities for residents. In addition, the Chamber connects local small businesses and non-profits with the resources to grow their organizations, support staff development, and connect with new customers and members.

Under President Beth Schneider and the board's leadership, the Chamber has hosted a variety of events, which bring the community closer together and has paved the way for the town to foster a thriving economy.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to

congratulate the Conifer Area of Commerce for 50 years of service and thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LEONARDO "FLACO" JIMÉNEZ

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Leonardo "Flaco" Jiménez who passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2025. A pioneer of Conjunto music, his music powerfully defined the arts. He brought generations together through his one-of-a-kind talent. He is survived by his wife, Adela, his eight children, and his brother, Santiago Jiménez, Jr.

A San Antonio native, Mr. Jiménez was born into a family of musicians. He was the grandson and son of trailblazing accordionists who encouraged "Flaco" to pursue music. He played with his father's band as a child, launching a career that spanned more than seven decades.

As "Flaco" began to master the accordion, he soon packed Texas' dance halls at a young age. His performances captivated audiences and spread throughout the country. His incredible talent led to collaborations with notable musicians who dominated the air waves. These collaborations exposed regions across the country and world to the Conjunto sound.

"Flaco" was an international ambassador of Conjunto music, and by extension, Mexican-American culture. Everywhere he performed, the rhythm from his accordion did more than move the crowd. It exposed people to the Mexican-American ethos. The shared stories of hope, love, perseverance and triumph touched and shaped the soundtrack of American life.

The power in "Flaco's" music forged a legacy defined by success. With albums such as *¡Ay Te Dejo en San Antonio y Más!*, and hits like "Margarita, Margarita" and "(Hey Baby) Que Paso," he received many prestigious accolades. "Flaco" became a 6-time Grammy Award Winning artist and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. His album, *Partners*, was inducted into the National Recording Registry at the Library of Congress in 2021. He also received various hall of fame inductions and lifetime awards.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the life and legacy of a Conjunto and Tejano music icon who will long be remembered in my hometown, across the State of Texas, and around the world.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF MARY JANE
COURTRIGHT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent from my district, Mrs. Mary Jane Courtright. Born on August 7, 1925, Jane exemplifies a century of steadfast dedication to education, family,

and community service. Her 100 years of life stand as a powerful testament to a life lived in service to others.

Jane's commitment to education was evident early on. She graduated first in her class from Camden Catholic High School and was awarded a full scholarship to Georgian Court College. There, she earned a bachelor of science in chemistry in 1946 while also serving as senior class vice president, in addition to participating in a plethora of other clubs and student activities. She went on to earn two master's degrees, one in science education and another in chemistry.

For over 25 years, Jane taught chemistry at Council Rock High School. As the only female educator in the school's science department at the start of her career, she pioneered the implementation of the AP chemistry program—a program that continues to flourish today.

In 1950, Jane married Joseph Albert Courtright and supported his service in the U.S. Navy, living in Philadelphia, Pearl Harbor, and Port Hueneme before settling in Warminster, Pennsylvania. After her husband's passing in 1958 while in the service of his country, Jane raised their five children with unwavering devotion and grace. Her strength and love built a family that now spans seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Beyond her roles as an educator and a mother, Jane served as the President of the Federated Women's Club of Warminster. Notably, she spearheaded a community initiative to create a lending library. By placing collection cartons in local grocery stores for donated books, Jane amassed an extensive collection of literature. Jane's initiative eventually grew into the Warminster Township Free Library, which today boasts over 100,000 volumes of literary works. Jane served as both president and treasurer of the Founding Library Board of Directors, volunteering for 54 years.

Jane actively practiced her faith as a parishioner and volunteer at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Warminster. In her service to the parish, Jane saw a need and organized Nativity's program to provide religious instruction for public school students. She served as principal of the new CCD program for several years and continued as a volunteer instructor for many more.

Now, as she approaches age 100, Jane remains an extraordinary force—focusing on her personal fitness with her trainer Sabrina Willard, who helped in her recovery from cancer and with whom she has now worked for the past 24 years.

As we celebrate Jane's 100th birthday, we honor her enduring dedication to Bucks County as an educator, community servant, loving mother, and an inspiring woman of remarkable strength and character.

CELEBRATING DIVJOT WARAICH
AND AMANJOT SIDHU ON THEIR
RECENT MARRIAGE

HON. JANELLE S. BYNUM

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 8, 2025

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent marriage of Divjot Waraich and Amanjot Sidhu. Divjot, the son of Sarabjeet and Ravinder, and Amanjot, the