

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHGLENN PD'S DETEC-
TIVE PAUL GESI

HON. GABE EVANS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and service of Detective Paul Gesi—a hero whose dedication to the ideals of justice and the protection of his community spanned more than four decades.

Paul devoted 41 years of his life to public service through law enforcement, 39 of them with the Northglenn Police Department, where he served as the department's Homicide Detective. That noble work is demanding in every sense—it calls for skill, persistence, and deep compassion. Paul brought all of those qualities to the job and more. He passionately pursued the truth and justice in the cases that he worked to honor the victims of serious crimes. When families in our community grappled with the grief that accompanies the loss of a loved one, Detective Gesi was a gentle presence and steady hand to help comfort those suffering unimaginable pain.

But Paul's service was not confined to his career. He served as a teacher at the Citizens' Police Academy, spoke with students in local schools, and was a trusted friend to many in the community. He lived out his faith in Christ every day, and he was a devoted single father to six children, raising them with the same love and strength he projected in the force.

Last week, after a long battle with post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by the burdens of his work, Paul left us. The loss of this titan in the Northglenn Police Department is a sobering, painful reminder of the unseen wounds that can come with a life spent protecting others. During their career, the average police officer will experience 178 life-threatening situations; the average citizen will experience three.

Detective Gesi leaves behind a deep void—in his family, among his fellow officers, and across the City of Northglenn. Yet his example of courage, integrity, and selfless service will endure. As we, alongside his family and the City of Northglenn, make our final goodbyes, we do so with gratitude for his life and with a renewed commitment to care for the first responders and protectors who bear the weight of protecting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Detective Paul Gesi for his service, for his sacrifice, and for the countless lives in my district made better by his work. May we remember him always, and may God grant comfort and peace to all who mourn his loss. May he rest easy. We have the watch from here.

RECOGNIZING ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible parish from my dis-

trict—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) Parish in Feasterville, Pennsylvania. This year, Assumption BVM celebrates its 75th Anniversary, an exceptional milestone that reflects decades of spiritual dedication and charitable impact. It is my honor to commend the parish on this remarkable achievement.

Since its founding on November 3, 1950, Assumption BVM has dedicated themselves to ministry and outreach. By offering a welcoming place for worship to the residents of Feasterville, Langhorne, Oakford, and Trevose, the parish has been a steadfast presence in Bucks County for three-quarters of a century.

Celebrating 75 years as a parish also means celebrating 75 years as their self-titled Family of Faith. Through grounding their lives in love and faith, Assumption BVM has become a source of strength, spiritual growth, and support for countless individuals.

Assumption BVM works alongside the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist people who struggle to afford basic necessities. To help ease these burdens, Assumption BVM collects grocery store gift cards and other monetary donations for those in need.

Their outreach also includes the Caring for Friends program, which provides home-cooked meals to individuals facing food insecurity. Additional efforts include a community meal program with Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need, and the Change for Life Baby Bottle Project, which supports families in crisis. And yet, these examples capture only a fraction of Assumption BVM's deep commitment to serving those in need.

The parish's Knights of Columbus chapter provides even more opportunities for parishioners to engage in charitable outreach, sponsoring events such as spring pancake breakfasts and baseball outings that bring people together in fellowship and service.

It is my honor to celebrate 75 years of faith, generosity, and service at Assumption BVM. Bucks County is a stronger, more compassionate place because of the enduring presence of this extraordinary parish. I am proud to celebrate Assumption BVM on this remarkable milestone.

HONORING CABE LAMBERT

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cabe Monroe Lambert, the last living World War II Veteran of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. Mr. Lambert was born on September 25, 1926, and currently lives in the Wolftown community on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, North Carolina. Mr. Lambert is deeply loved by his community and family.

As a member of the greatest generation, Mr. Lambert answered the call of the free world and served in the United States Army during World War II. While in combat, Cabe Monroe Lambert fought the Axis Powers that were advancing across independent, sovereign countries. Mr. Lambert prevented forces with evil intent from reaching our great country and liberated countless people. We owe a debt that we can never repay but will always remember

and honor. Without brave men and women like Mr. Lambert, our world would undoubtedly be a much darker place.

Mr. Lambert served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Combat Operations where our troops not only halted the Japanese advance, but pushed them back island by island, freeing the inhabitants of those communities. It is my distinct honor to acknowledge the service of Cabe Monroe Lambert to the United States of America and to our world.

HONORING DR. JAMES HORN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Horn on his upcoming retirement as President and Chief Officer of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. After over a decade as the leader of Jamestown, the site of America's first permanent settlement, Dr. Horn will conclude his illustrious career.

Dr. Horn's passion for history has helped expand our understanding of America's beginning. He has served as the President of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation since 2015, steering the organization through a period full of novel discoveries, enlightening research, and critical preservation efforts. While President, Dr. Horn oversaw the restoration of Jamestown's Memorial Church and its famed 17th century tower, ensuring that the site, which hosted Virginia's first General Assembly in 1619, stands as a beacon of democracy for years to come.

During his time at Jamestown, Dr. Horn ushered in new educational and community programs, sharing a critical time in American history with the public. He also aided in fundraising over \$16 million dollars to help protect Jamestown from flooding risks, preserving the park for future generations.

Beyond his service at Jamestown, Dr. Horn remains an active and prolific historian, having published nine books and numerous articles on colonial America. He also has worked for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and taught several classes at the University of Virginia and the College of William & Mary. Dr. Horn has dedicated his life's work to researching, writing and teaching about our most treasured institution: our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. James Horn for his years of tireless pursuit of historical knowledge and preservation. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and pray for his continued health and happiness in the future.

HONORING DR. MARGIE FAYE
CLARK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Margie Faye Clark—an outstanding educator, faith leader, and founder of the Amarie Youth Impact Organization, a nonprofit dedicated to uplifting

youth through education, mentorship, and community involvement.

A resident of Panola County, Dr. Clark has devoted over 32 years to education, serving in the North Panola, South Panola, and East Tallahatchie School Districts. Her dedication earned her the title of Teacher of the Year and a role on the district leadership team. She holds a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Christian Education, a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, and a bachelor's in Special Education and Reading—earned from institutions including Jackson State University, Walden University, Lincoln University, and Grand Canyon University.

Born in New Orleans to Marie B. and J.C. Clark, Dr. Clark was raised with strong values of service and excellence. She became the first Black woman to run for alderman in Pope, Mississippi. Her family's legacy includes her mother, the first Black nurse in the South Panola School District, and her brother, Dr. Brel Clark, the district's first Black valedictorian.

Dr. Clark is the proud mother of Alisha Bland, Julianne, and Jerlisha Gipson; a grandmother; a great-grandmother; and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. A former twirler for the world-famous Sonic Boom of the South at Jackson State University, she performed nationally with pride and grace.

She has served as Youth Director for Pope Chapel AME Zion Church for 40 years and as Lay Council President at the church, district, and conference levels. Her leadership has inspired countless youth through faith, education, and purpose-driven service, organizing impactful programs and attending conferences across the country.

Dr. Margie Faye Clark is deeply dedicated to serving not only her local community but also surrounding areas across state lines. Through her nonprofit, Amarie Youth Impact, she has led numerous outreach initiatives, educational workshops, and mentorship programs that have benefited youth and families in Mississippi and beyond. As Vice President of the local NAACP chapter, she advocates for equity and justice while continuing to empower youth through Amarie Youth Impact. Her influence extends widely, driven by a mission to uplift and inspire.

Dr. Clark's life is a testimony of faith, family, and fortitude. She lives by Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her legacy is one of sowing seeds that continue to bear fruit in the lives of future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Margie Clark for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

HONORING DAVID GROFF FOR HIS
DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Mr. David Groff for his 50 years of service with Garden Spot Fire Rescue (GSFR).

Mr. Groff began his service as a firefighter, joining the then-called Liberty Fire Company at

his friends' invitation when he was 17 years old. From his early days with the department, he demonstrated a heartfelt dedication to bettering his community, saving countless victims from fires, and of all kinds of danger, particularly vehicular incidents. Having entered prior to the implantation of modern rescue technology, such as the Hurst Power Rescue Tool, Mr. Groff rescued victims by hand and demonstrated an undeterred spirit for service.

For 19 years, he served as a career emergency medical technician, or EMT, with Brickerville Fire & EMS Company. He went on to become GSFR's EMS sergeant, where he played a key role in securing a Quick Response Service certification from the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. Throughout his time with Garden Spot Fire Rescue, he has helped further the department's reputation for safety, excellence, and efficiency.

Despite battling cancer, Mr. Groff remains committed to serving his community. His unwavering stamina toward making a difference deserves recognition. I am grateful for his selfless years of service to his community and for all he has done for Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY B. CABAL-
LERO, MPH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY
HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
(AAPCHO)

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of our community, Executive Director of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations Jeffrey B. Caballero, MPH, who has received the Hepatitis B Foundation's 2025 Community Leadership Award.

Prior to becoming Executive Director of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Jeffrey began his journey at the University of California, San Diego where he studied biochemistry and cell biology. After graduating UC San Diego in 1988, he continued his studies at the University of California, Los Angeles—School of Public Health where he received his Master of Public Health degree. He also attended UCLA Anderson School of Management's Health Care Executive Program.

Since 1993, Jeffrey and his colleagues at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations have dedicated their time and energy to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Jeffrey's oversight of the overall strategic direction and execution of the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations' mission seeks to bring about a world in which all the communities AAPCHO serves have equitable access to affordable, high quality, and culturally and linguistically proficient health care. To date, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations comprises 34 community health organizations serving over 750,000 patients nationwide.

Additionally, Jeffrey acts as the founding co-chair of Hep B United, a national coalition to unify and enhance local coalitions and community health centers dedicated to eliminating Hepatitis B virus infections and its complications. Hep B United was founded in 2013 as a partnership between the Hepatitis B Foundation and AAPCHO and has done incredible work in elevating Hepatitis B as a national priority. His lifetime commitment to eliminating health disparities related to Hepatitis B as well as liver cancer and his broader efforts to improving the lives of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been recognized by the Hepatitis B Foundation through his receiving the 2025 Community Leadership Award.

I wish to congratulate Jeffrey on his almost four decades of service to Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders and on his well-deserved recognition from the Hepatitis B Foundation.

HONORING DR. LYNN COMINSKY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker I rise today, along with my colleague, Mr. HUFFMAN, to honor Dr. Lynn Cominsky, an esteemed member of the Sonoma County educational community. After 39 years of service to Sonoma State University, Dr. Cominsky will assume the title of Emerita EdEon Director, marking a major milestone in her remarkable career championing public science education and outreach.

Dr. Cominsky earned her bachelor of arts in physics from Brandeis University in 1975, graduating magna cum laude with honors in chemistry. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981. In 1986, she joined the faculty of Sonoma State University as an associate professor of physics and astronomy, becoming a full professor at the university in 1991. She served as Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy from 2004 to 2019, and twice as Chair of the Chemistry Department from 2005 to 2007 and again from 2018 to 2019. Through her cross-disciplinary leadership, Dr. Cominsky helped shape the academic direction of Sonoma State for nearly four decades.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Cominsky worked to expand equity in STEM education, especially for underserved and underrepresented students. She was instrumental in supporting Sonoma State's designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and helped develop national resources for autistic learners. She secured tens of millions of dollars in grant funding to support inclusive science programming and reduce bias and harassment in academia.

Dr. Cominsky also founded and led EdEon STEM Learning, Sonoma State's education and outreach center focused on space and Earth science. Under her direction, EdEon developed K-14 curriculum and classroom tools that engaged students and educators in cutting-edge research and inquiry-based learning. In partnership with NASA, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Education, EdEon created innovative ways to