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RECOGNIZING OFFICER CHRISTINA O'REAR

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Christina O'Rear on her retirement after 30 years of distinguished service in law enforcement.

Officer O'Rear earned both an associate's degree in Law Enforcement and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University. She holds the designation of Master Peace Officer and has completed more than 2,500 hours of training. Throughout her career, she has been recognized with multiple certifications, awards, and commendations for her professionalism and dedication.

Since joining the Grapevine Police Department, Officer O'Rear has served her community with distinction in numerous roles, including Patrol Officer, Detective, Victim Liaison, and member of the Honor Guard. She has also contributed as a Task Force Officer with the Tarrant County Narcotics Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Beyond her investigative and enforcement duties, she has provided critical support as a Peer Support, CISM, and Mental Health Coordinator, roles that reflect her compassion for both her colleagues and the community she served. She currently serves as Co-Regional Director of the Texas Crisis Intervention Association and as Regional Director of the Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network.

As Officer O'Rear retires at the end of August, we celebrate a career defined by integrity, service, and leadership. I thank Officer Christina O'Rear for her three decades of outstanding service to the Grapevine community and to the State of Texas.

REMEMBERING PHILLIP DOUGLAS MORGAN OF FLORA, MISSISSIPPI

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Phillip Douglas Morgan of Flora, Mis-

issippi. Phillip Morgan was a Mississippian through and through who gave back to his community and loved his family. Meeting people was a passion of Phillip's, and he never met a stranger. Phillip grew up in rural Mississippi and was a graduate of Mississippi schools. He studied accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi and had a 10-year career as an accountant. Hired by Southern Ag Credit to work as their Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Phillip worked his way to CEO in 2020. He took his skills and passion of people and saw the Southern Ag Credit team as his extended family.

Phillip was a family man who spent time with his wife Christy and his two daughters at their hunting club, cheered his daughters on in horse shows and cheer camps, and also enjoyed vacationing with extended family.

With a passion for fostering rescue horses, Phillip worked closely with the MS Horse Rescue. His support for the Dixie National Rodeo, Ducks Unlimited, and Heart of the Horse were passion projects of his. Phillip will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the Southern Ag Credit family. I was honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside him through the years. His dedication to the Ag industry will continue through his legacy.

RECOGNIZING CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT TIM COOK ON HIS IMPRESSIVE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

HON. JANELLE S. BYNUM

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive efforts of Clackamas Community College President Tim Cook, who ran more than 1,400 miles over 52 days to raise money and awareness for Oregon students. His journey, which started on the Oregon-Idaho border, visited each of the state's 17 community colleges. Averaging roughly a marathon a day. Tim worked to bring attention to the many challenges students face, including food insecurity, homelessness, and lack of childcare.

I am truly impressed by Tim's work, dedication, and drive. I could not be prouder to represent the school he leads. I look forward to continuing to fight for strong education policies together. Way to go.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S "BORN TO RUN"

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of one of the most iconic albums in American music history, *Born to Run* by Bruce Springsteen. Released on August 25, 1975, this landmark album did more than launch a young songwriter from Long Branch, New Jersey into stardom; it became the soundtrack for countless Americans and an anthem for all those blessed to call New Jersey home.

Songs like "Thunder Road", "Jungleland", and the titular "Born to Run" demonstrate Springsteen's unmatched ability to blend vivid storytelling set in the incredible mosaic that is New Jersey with the generational musical talent of the E Street Band. *Born to Run* has stood the test of time and is remembered today as a timeless masterpiece about our daily struggles and chasing our dreams no matter the odds.

Over the past five decades, Bruce Springsteen has become more than just an iconic artist. He is a staple of American culture. Known as "The Boss", he has sold more than 150 million records, won 20 Grammy Awards, and been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His philanthropic efforts supporting food banks, veteran organizations, and anti-poverty initiatives reflect the values of compassion, solidarity and looking after each other that have always been the foundation of his music. And even with all of his success, you can still find him near the streets, venues, boardwalks and people that shaped him and his music.

Mr. Speaker, the 50th anniversary of *Born to Run* is not just a celebration of an album, it is a recognition of Bruce Springsteen's enduring impact on our country. For more than half a century he has given voice to the struggles and aspirations of the people we encounter in all our lives—the dreamers and the believers, the down-but-not-out, and the men and women whose stars may have faded but still burn inside them. But perhaps what separates Springsteen from his peers is that he continues to create music that captures the moment and times we are in.

On behalf of the people of New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District, and the millions of Springsteen fans worldwide, it is a privilege to honor this important anniversary and to thank him for all his contributions to our country, and most notably, to the great Garden State.

HONORING SGT. ROHN HULTGREN

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Sergeant Rohn Hultgren of Palm Beach County, Florida. Sgt. Hultgren is a father, husband, soldier, and public servant whose courage on the battlefield and commitment to my community deserves our recognition.

During his service in Afghanistan, Sgt. Hultgren's convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device. The blast left him with a broken femur and a traumatic brain injury. As a result, Sgt. Hultgren underwent extensive speech therapy, but he never wavered in his devotion to our Nation or his fellow soldiers. For his sacrifice and bravery, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, Sgt. Hultgren did not allow any of his injuries to define his life here at home. After being honorably discharged from the Army as a Sergeant E-5, he dedicated himself to serving other veterans in Florida's 21st Congressional District. Today, as Veteran Services Manager for the Palm Beach County Division of Senior and Veteran Services, Sgt.

Hultgren continues his mission by ensuring that our veterans receive the support they fought for. Sgt. Hultgren has been with Veteran Services for seven years, and he has been manager for three of those years. Everyone he's served knows that he's gone above and beyond for our nation and community. His wife of 22 years and their three children all reside in my community, and we are proud of their family's faith and resilience.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of my community, I am proud to recognize and honor Sgt. Rohn Hultgren for his service and continued dedication to the men and women who wore our Nation's uniform.

RECOGNIZING THE AMANDA ELZY HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-YEAR RE-UNION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation commemorating the Multi-Year Reunion of Amanda Elzy High School located in Greenwood, Mississippi, and recognizing the pivotal role it played in the Civil Rights Movement.

Whereas the House of Representatives joins the graduates of Amanda Elzy High School and the citizens of Mississippi in honoring the school on occasion of its multi-class reunion;

Whereas Amanda Elzy High School is named in honor of Dr. Amanda Elzy, a distinguished educator and trailblazer who helped cofound Mississippi Valley State University and was the first Black woman to serve as Assistant Superintendent of the Leflore County School System;

Whereas Amanda Elzy High School, located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta in Greenwood, Mississippi, stands as a beacon of resilience, education, and racial progress since its founding in 1959;

Whereas, the school's establishment followed a consequential moment in the Civil Rights Movement, symbolizing the demand for equality in education and the enduring pursuit of justice in Leflore County and beyond;

Whereas the legacy of Amanda Elzy High School lives on through its alumni-many of

whom have remained in Mississippi and work tirelessly to improve their communities, including through civic engagement, grassroots organizing, and philanthropic leadership;

Whereas more than 130 alumni from the graduating classes of the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s are expected to gather for the Amanda Elzy Multi-Year Reunion, to be held on August 28-29, 2025, at the Leflore County Civic Center;

Whereas this reunion not only honors the rich legacy of Amanda Elzy High School but also seeks to highlight the school's uncertain future due to funding challenges-making this celebration both a joyful and urgent call to preserve an institution that has served generations.

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the House of Representatives commemorates and honors the Amanda Elzy High School Multi-Year Reunion and the alumni for their lifelong commitment to education, community, and the values of progress and equity that the school embodies.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF LARRY MCCLURE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 22, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Southwest Virginia racing icon Larry McClure, who passed away on June 25 at the age of 81.

On March 21, 1944, Mr. McClure was born in the Harmon, Virginia, community, located in Buchanan County. After moving to Chilhowie in Smyth County during his childhood, Mr. McClure began to develop a passion for automobiles and racing.

His years-long interest in cars eventually culminated in the co-founding of McClure Motor Sales. Along with his brother Ed, the McClures started the automobile business with great spirits and motivation.

In 1980, Mr. McClure helped lead an effort with Tim Morgan to open Morgan McClure Chevrolet in Coeburn, Virginia. Later in 1983, Mr. McClure joined forces with his brothers and Mr. Morgan in the founding of legendary auto racing team Morgan-McClure Motorsports.

Many long-time residents of Southwest Virginia remember the era of dominance under Mr. McClure's leadership in the 1990s.

Morgan-McClure Motorsports secured its very first win close to home, at none other than the Bristol Motor Speedway. Despite legendary driver Dale Earnhardt leading the pack for a majority of the Busch 500, Morgan-McClure racer Ernie Irvan pulled ahead for the win.

Following this 1990 victory, Morgan-McClure Motorsports continued to win.

The next year, Morgan-McClure Motorsports won NASCAR's "Crown Jewel" by finishing in first place at the Daytona 500 and beating some of NASCAR's finest.

Most notably, Morgan-McClure Motorsports took home back-to-back Daytona 500 titles in 1994 and 1995, cementing the team as a powerhouse in the sport.

Between 1990 and 1998, Morgan-McClure Motorsports won 14 races at the NASCAR cup level. Mr. McClure favored drivers that were not afraid to take risks and captivated audiences with the famous No. 4 Kodak Chevrolet. Despite most teams being based around Charlotte, Mr. McClure was proud of his roots in Virginia and found great joy in running his team out of Washington County.

While many associate Mr. McClure with racing excellence, others remember Mr. McClure for his compassion and humility. In 2004, fellow Virginian and opposing driver Hermie Sadler's only engine gave out at Chicagoland. Without hesitation, Mr. McClure gave Sadler a spare engine.

Sterling Martin, who spent multiple years driving for Morgan-McClure Motorsports and won the 1994 and 1995 Daytona 500 events, attributed his racing success to Mr. McClure. After McClure's passing, Martin shared how much Mr. McClure meant to him. He described McClure as "innovative, smart and a hell of a guy."

Mr. McClure is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Ginny; brothers Ed (Lee), Teddy (Sarah), Jerry (Sue), and Gerald (Ruth), all of Abingdon; Jim of Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Michael of Florida; sister Betsy (Roy) of Las Vegas; sister-in-law Wilma; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and special friends. He also leaves behind his cherished fur baby, Prissy.

Today, we recognize Mr. McClure's impact on NASCAR and his influence in Southwest Virginia. As a lifelong native of the region, we will forever celebrate the accolades and feats of a NASCAR legend from Southwest Virginia.