

to develop a strong community of faith, and has presided over events including the 150th anniversary of the Theological School of Halki and the 500th anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Community in Venice, among others;

Whereas, he has visited the United States during the Clinton (1997), Bush (2004), Obama (2009) and Biden (2021) administrations;

Whereas, His All-Holiness was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, and has served for nearly 34 years;

Whereas, His All-Holiness has authored four books in English and has been invited to speak before the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, and the World Economic Forum; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I Robin L. Kelly, serving as a member of the House of Representatives, recognize and honor the remarkable work and accomplishments of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome.

RECOGNIZING LIBERTY CORNER
FIRE COMPANY'S 115TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Liberty Corner Fire Company, an essential part of Bernards Township, Somerset County, for its steadfast and selfless service to our community for 115 years. Since 1910, the Liberty Corner Fire Company's enduring strength has been built not only on the courage of its members but also on the support of the community it serves. Comprised of more than 65 volunteers, the Liberty Corner Fire Company is responsible for providing fire and rescue service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to the Liberty Corner section of Bernards Township. Through community fundraising events and donations, residents ensure that these volunteers have the equipment, training, and protective gear needed to continue their mission safely and effectively. Generations of families in Bernards Township have worn the uniform of Liberty Corner Fire Company, making it both a proud tradition and a vital lifeline.

Mr. Speaker, as Bernards Township hosts its upcoming First Responders Appreciation Night, I am especially proud to commend Liberty Corner Fire Company for its unwavering commitment and remarkable legacy of more than a century of service to our community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring these extraordinary volunteers, whose dedication to protecting our neighbors is a shining example of community spirit and sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF HARRIETT BURT

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Harriett Burt.

Harriett was born in Alameda, California in 1940. Throughout her life, Harriett dem-

onstrated her compassion and dedication to service. She followed in her parents' footsteps, becoming a teacher and educator. She moved to Martinez, California shortly after college to teach at Martinez Junior High and later taught in Australia before stepping into administrative and consulting roles in the education field. Her work took her throughout the United States and Canada. Additionally, Harriett was deeply passionate about serving her community. She was a journalist for the Martinez News-Gazette and served on the Martinez City Council, the city's planning commission, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

She was an active member of our community, a part of the Boys and Girls Club, the Soptimist Club, the Martinez Education Association, Kiwanis, the Lyons Club, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and more. Additionally, she was the first woman to serve as board president for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Contra Costa. Harriett's leadership in the community has had a profound impact on countless lives and has paved the way for future generations.

Sadly, Harriett recently passed away at the age of 85. She will be remembered for her indelible impact in Martinez and beyond and for her intellect, warmth, and kindness. Please join me in recognizing Harriett Burt for her many contributions to our community.

HONORING CARROLL LEE
ASHBURN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carroll Lee Ashburn for his community service and civic leadership to the Northern Neck. The influence Carroll has shown on his community over the years has cemented his legacy as a legendary softball coach, manager, sports broadcaster, and local historian.

Carroll Ashburn served his country in the United States Coast Guard, was a softball coach of the legendary Texaco's Fast Ball Pitch Softball team, managed the girls fast pitch softball team, and started the Girl's Little League Softball program in Kilmarnock at Lancaster's Youth Park. Mr. Ashburn later became a broadcaster for High School Radio Sports on WKWI Radio, now Bay FM 101.7, where he served as the voice of high school basketball in the Northern Neck for over 25 years.

In 2007, Carroll Ashburn became the President of the Kilmarnock Museum, a position he still holds. Carroll has promoted and help produce several documentaries highlighting the history of the Northern Neck, including Kilmarnock, Virginia Living History; The Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay; Historic Churches of Virginia's Northern Neck; Rear Admiral Bert Chase—A Dream of Flight, and A Fish Story. Mr. Ashburn, a born-and-raised Northern Neck, brings a wealth of knowledge about the valuable history of the region. If one wants to know how the Chesapeake Bay built the Northern Neck or how the Northern Neck built the Chesapeake Bay, go no further than Carroll Lee Ashburn.

Today at 93, Carroll remains busy by hosting trips to Tangier Island from Hummel

Field in Topping with his favorite pilot, Davy Nichols, in a 1970 Cessna.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carroll Lee Ashburn for his extraordinary contributions to the Northern Neck Community and in expressing our deepest appreciation for his lasting impact on our unique community.

CELEBRATING OUR 2025 SUMMER
INTERN CLASS FOR THEIR SERV-
ICE TO CALIFORNIA'S 20TH DIS-
TRICT

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and celebrate the exceptional interns who have devoted their summer to serving the people of California's 20th Congressional District. From my offices in Washington, D.C., and Bakersfield, California these students have exhibited maturity well beyond their years, offering their time, talents, and energy to support my work in meaningful ways. Their contributions have been a powerful reminder of the potential and promise embodied by the next generation. At a time when many young Americans are contemplating their role in civic life, these interns chose to engage directly with purpose and passion.

As all the summer Congressional internships come to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude to Nikhil Bawa for his contributions to my Washington, D.C. office. His hard work has been instrumental to my team's efforts, and I am confident that the experiences and lessons he has gained will guide him toward continued success in his future endeavors in public service. I look forward to seeing where his path leads, and I hope that path includes a continued dedication to serving others.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE AND LEGACY OF BISHOP
CALVIN WOODS, SR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a Civil Rights icon and community leader, Bishop Calvin W. Woods, Sr., who passed away on August 16, 2025, at the age of 91.

A native of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, Bishop Woods was born on September 13, 1933, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the late Maggie Rosa Lee Wallace Woods and Abraham Lincoln Woods, Sr.

Bishop Woods received his Bachelor of Arts from Miles College before continuing his education at Birmingham Baptist College. He went on to complete multiple degrees at the Universal Bible Institute, Union Baptist Seminary, and the School of Truth. Woods is also a graduate of the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions and obtained a certificate for police communications from Samford University.

In 1956, Bishop Woods joined his brother Reverend Abraham L. Woods, Jr., and Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth to co-found the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR). Through this work, Bishop Woods began the journey of what would become six decades of courageous leadership throughout the Civil Rights Movement. Working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and supporting the work of Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Bishop Woods challenged segregation directly, participating in numerous demonstrations, including the Birmingham Campaign and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. Though his participation in the Movement resulted in him being beaten, arrested, and fired from his job, he continued to fight for justice and equality for all. He planned strategies for public protests following the shooting of five African Americans who had been protesting at a supermarket during the 1960s and filed a lawsuit on behalf of the youth suspended from school during the demonstration to ensure that they could be reinstated.

As a result of his tenacity and dedication, Bishop Woods was appointed by Dr. King as the SCLC City Convener for the Birmingham Ministers Leadership Conference. In this position, Bishop Woods was responsible for educating ministers concerning Black History, picketing, housing, direct non-violent protesting, voter registration, and negotiations to ensure that they were fully equipped to continue leading their congregations throughout the Movement.

In addition to his work as a Civil Rights leader, Bishop Woods played a vital role in the Birmingham community through his various community affiliations and as the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where he led the congregation for more than three decades. Throughout his life, Bishop Woods served in many leadership capacities, including as the Discipline & Administration and Evening Supervisor for Community Ed School at Parker High School, a board member of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the President of the New Era Baptist State Convention of AL, the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College, and a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. Board of Directors.

Mr. Woods is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lucille Grayson Woods; his parents, Rev. Abraham Lincoln Woods, Sr. and Maggie Woods; his brothers, Rev. Abraham Lincoln Woods, Jr., Dr. Roy Woods, Sr., Franklin Delorna Woods, and Dr. Dwight Edward Woods; his sisters, Mary Ruby Woods Hutchinson, Melzer Woods Luke, and Lois Woods, his daughters, Linda Cal Woods Holt, and Shelia Vanessa Woods Minter; his son, Dr. Freedom Progress Woods, Sr., and his granddaughter, Tamecia LaShun Woods. He is survived by his children, Jeanette Marie Woods Smith, Judy Kay Woods, Dr. Calvin Wallace Woods, Jr., (Minister Constance), Carlton Wayne Woods, Sr., Rev. Byron Elliott Woods, Christopher Wyatt Woods, Minister Joyce Elaine Woods Lewis (Dr. Tommie), Minister Angela Gay Woods McClure (Dr. Micheal), Dr. Timothy Justice Woods, Sr., and Dr. Quintin Prescott Woods, Sr. (Tramella); his thirty-seven grandchildren, his sixty-eight great-grandchildren, his eleven great great-grandchildren; his two daughter-in laws, his

two son-in laws, his thirty-three nieces and nephews, his sixty-one great nieces and nephews, and a host other ministers of the gospel, cousins, family, and dear friends.

On a personal note, the contributions that Bishop Woods made to ensure the equal rights of all Americans during the Civil Rights Movement were truly exemplary. I know that I get to represent my home district as Alabama's first Black Congresswoman because of his courageous efforts. To call him an icon of the Movement is an understatement. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of black Alabamians had a profound effect on our community and will continue to be felt for generations to come. His life stands as a testament to the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change. His legacy will live on with every vote cast and in the many lives he impacted. May he rest in peace and power.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Bishop Calvin W. Woods, Sr. for his contributions to generations of civil rights leaders and decades of exemplary service to our Nation in our fight for liberty, equality, and justice for all.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PERFORMING ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN RESPONSE TO AN ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT WHICH RELATES TO CRIME OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would require members of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard, deployed in the District of Columbia in response to an order of the President relating to crime or civil disturbance in D.C. to participate in a program substantially similar to the body-worn camera program of D.C.'s police department, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). This bill would apply to the current deployment of troops and any future deployment.

The use of body cameras by troops during deployments related to crime or civil disturbance in D.C. would promote transparency in the troops' interactions with the public and protect the public and the troops. MPD has a well-established program for the use of body cameras, as well as for the preservation and disclosure of body camera footage.

The Trump administration has deployed more than 2,000 National Guard troops in D.C. This deployment is a raw assertion of power over the more than 700,000 disenfranchised D.C. residents, a majority of whom are Black and Brown; a politicization of the military; a disservice to the members of the National Guard and their families, unwar-

ranted, and possibly unlawful with respect to both the D.C. National Guard and the state National Guards. I have urged the administration to remove these troops immediately.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING KATE LOUISE PATE-WALKER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero from Southeast Texas—PFC Kate Louise Pate-Walker.

Kate was part of the legendary Six Triple Eight, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. It was the only all-Black, all-female unit deployed overseas during World War II. Their mission was clear: sort and deliver a massive backlog of mail to nearly seven million U.S. troops. Morale depended on it.

They were given six months. They did it in three.

The work of the Six Triple Eight went far beyond mail—it was about dignity, hope, and connection. For soldiers far from home, a letter meant everything. Kate and her fellow women knew that, and their determination lifted the spirits of our fighting forces in Europe.

Kate earned multiple military honors for her service, and when the war ended, she returned home to Texas, married, raised a beautiful family, and continued a life of service to her community.

Born in Vidor and raised in Sour Lake, Kate was a trailblazer in uniform and a leader at home. She lived a life defined by faith, perseverance, and love for family and country.

And now—decades later—the women of the Six Triple Eight have finally received the Congressional Gold Medal. Though the recognition came late, it is highly deserved. Their bravery, sacrifice, and determination are part of our Nation's story, and Southeast Texas is proud to claim PFC Kate Pate-Walker as one of our own.

Mr. Speaker, may her memory and legacy of service continue to inspire future generations of Americans to answer the call of duty with courage.

HONORING MRS. MONZOLA RANDLE ROSS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong educator, community matriarch, and steadfast servant leader, Mrs. Monzola Randle Ross of Cruger, Mississippi.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Longevity has its place." That truth finds a shining example in the remarkable career and impact of Mrs. Ross, who faithfully served 41 consecutive years with Central Mississippi, Inc. Head Start, shaping the lives of more than 2,400 children across Holmes County.

Mrs. Ross began her journey in early childhood education as a part-time secretary at the