

rightfully prone to despair. He describes his treatment as diminishing, brutal and humiliating. Initially, he kept in constant contact with his former team, who continue to support and miss him. Now, we have agreed never to speak of NIH or the current administration as it is simply too much to bear.

The National Institutes of Health limps along on invisible crutches, its significance on life support, its staff feeling diminished, dazed and confused. When this madness will end is anyone's guess. With the Department of Health and Human Services under Robert Kennedy Jr.'s direction and our country steered by leaders who seem intent on destruction rather than progress, there is little to hope for.

They say that change and grief are cousins. Indeed, they are inseparable companions in these dark times for federal service and scientific advancement.

A federal employee.

RECOGNIZING GOOD360 IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the extraordinary work of Good360, an organization located in the heart of my district in Alexandria, Virginia. This organization plays a vital, yet often overlooked, role in reducing the impact of large-scale emergencies and disasters across the United States.

As the second largest nonprofit in the Nation, Good360 is leading the way in providing responsible and efficient distribution of unused goods to communities affected by disasters and crises. Good360 is meeting disaster-driven challenges head-on, heading up a nationwide network of nonprofit partners and corporate donors to deliver essential products to individuals and families in times of crisis. Through continuous coordination and dialogue, Good360 has demonstrated its capacity to serve as a strategic partner with local governments, relief organizations, and corporate leaders in both the immediate aftermath of disasters and throughout the long recovery process.

With increasingly frequent and severe weather events, public health crises, and other large-scale emergencies, the ability to respond quickly and efficiently has never been more critical. Good360 and its partners ensure that life-saving assistance and high-quality supplies reach those who need them most.

Good360 collaborates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Donations Unit as well as a wide range of national nonprofits and local community organizers to fill critical gaps in disaster response and recovery by leveraging private sector resources. Moreover, Good360's preparedness model reduces waste, improves efficiency, and strengthens the capacity of frontline communities to withstand and recover from future disasters.

Good360's innovative use of advanced data and resource matching technology accelerates donation routing and optimizes logistics. This system enables the delivery of critical goods up to three times faster, while minimizing environmental impact and ensuring that the right

products reach the right communities at the right time.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Good360 for its dedication to disaster recovery, preparedness, and innovation. Their extraordinary work exemplifies the spirit of National Preparedness Month—it is a reminder that true readiness is built on effective partnerships, creative solutions, and neighbors helping one another. As we prepare for the challenges ahead, I encourage my colleagues to support initiatives like those sponsored by Good360, which make a measurable difference in disaster resilience and recovery across our Nation.

CELEBRATING RAYMOND "RAY" DUFFY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Raymond "Ray" Duffy as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Born on August 16, 1925, to parents R. Francis and Marie Duffy, Ray was raised in Boston, Massachusetts, alongside his brother, Bob. Ray and his family spent their summers in Rocky Nook, a neighborhood in the coastal Town of Kingston, where Ray enjoyed digging clams. When he was 12, Ray started rowing his dingy down the Jones River to work with George Shiverick and help George build his award-winning ships.

At the age of only 16, Ray graduated at the top of his class from the Boston Latin School in 1941. Ray then began studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pursue his dream of becoming a naval architect. He paid for his first year by digging clams at Rocky Nook over the summer.

In the spring of 1942, Ray enlisted in the United States Navy after being assured that he could finish the school year at MIT. However, he received a telegram two days later with instructions to report for training. During his years of service, Ray received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Cornell University as part of the Navy's V12 program and served as an ensign on the USS *Randall* in San Francisco.

Following his service in the Navy, Ray returned home to Boston, where he met his wife Martina "Marty" at a dance. The couple was married on June 26, 1948, and in 1952, they purchased a plot of land in South Weymouth where they would build a home and raise their five children. Over the years, Ray built a successful career as a sales engineer and later as Vice President of Sales for the Tubular Rivet and Stud Company, before he founded his own company, RF Duffy Associates Inc. Duffy Associates grew into a larger and diverse business that included Duffy International, an electronics distribution company.

Known affectionately as the "Admiral" by his family, Ray continued to spend his summers in Rocky Nook after he and Marty purchased his parents' home. Throughout the years, Ray took his family on legendary sailing and boating trips and became an avid lobsterman. He continued lobstering well into his late eighties.

Beyond his professional success and passion for the sea, Ray remained deeply involved in the community. He served as a

lector at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church and St. Francis Xavier Parish, where he was President of the Knights of Columbus. Ray was also a member Weymouth Rotary Club, before moving and joining the Braintree Rotary Club, where he served as President for many years. Additionally, Ray was elected as a town meeting member for the Town of Braintree and greatly enjoyed participating in town governance and supporting the community.

Sadly, Ray's wife, Marty, passed away in 2008, but Ray continued to be active with the Braintree Rotary Club and throughout the South Shore community. Today, Ray enjoys spending time with his grandchildren in Rocky Nook as well as Naples during the winter. On August 16, 2025, Ray will celebrate his 100th birthday with his family in Rocky Nook.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ray Duffy, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a century well lived and wishing Ray many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING BESSIE PELLO

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brunswick native, Bessie Mabel Mumford Pello.

Bessie was an upstanding member of both Morningside Baptist Church and Beverly Shares Baptist, where she served in multiple leadership roles and utilized her artistic talents to teach Sunday School.

She was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War, and she was one of the first enlistees of the Women's Army Corps (CORE).

After her military service, she married her husband Dan, and they started their family.

Once the children and grandchildren were out of the house, Bessie went to work for her son Steve at Pello Body Shop, where she remained for over 30 years.

Today, we honor a remarkable woman who was a faithful servant to her Lord and Savior, a leader, and a pillar of the Brunswick community.

REPORT (H. REPT. 119-199) TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE RESOLUTION 580

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee report (H. Rept. 119-199) to accompany House Resolution 580 should have included in its waivers of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3633 and S. 1582 a disclosure of the following violation:

Section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority, a change in revenues, or a change in the public debt limit, for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" WEBB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mr. Charles "Charlie" Webb. Charlie graduated high school in Colorado in May 1970 and in August 1970 reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at the Armor School. He was assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in January 1971 in Bindlach serving as border patrol between Germany and Czechoslovakia. He and his company referred to themselves as The Speed Bump because "that's what it would have looked like if the WARSAW Pact had decided to come across." This was his favorite assignment.

He was then assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, with the 10th Cavalry (part of the 4th Infantry Division). It was while he was there that he met his wife, Mary. His next assignment was back to Germany with the 1st Battalion 64th Armor Regiment for three years. During this time, he transitioned to the M1 series tanks.

Later he was assigned to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was there for a year and transferred to Fort Hood, Texas, because they already had M1 tanks. At Fort Hood, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry Regiment, part of the 1st Cavalry Division. He served as a Platoon Sergeant, and eventually, as the First Sergeant for D Company. While serving as the 1st Sergeant, he was notified he'd be attending the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. It was there, in January of 1990, he went back to Fort Bliss for six months of school.

After graduation, he expected to be assigned to Korea since he had never done a tour there, but instead, he was retained as faculty at Fort Bliss for the next three years as a lesson writer and instructor.

In December 1992, Armor Branch contacted him concerning his next assignment. The Assignments person gave him a choice; he could be the First Sergeant of a tank company with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, or a tank company supporting the Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Neither choice was a desirable option, so he chose to retire and in 1993, he moved to Anniston, Alabama, to work at Fort McClellan. However, he had no intentions of ending his service to the United States. Here, he was responsible for running the Battle Simulation Center for the Chemical School. When Fort McClellan was closed, the Anniston Chemical Demil Facility (ANCDF) was being built, and Charlie was hired there in July 1999. While working at ANCDF, he had an interest in making a scale model of the plant. Because cameras weren't allowed on site, he observed and documented, from memory, the layout of the facilities. He worked on a model at home for over four years. The model is one of a kind, and the only one in existence. He donated the large-scale model to the Army and it's on display at the Museum Support Center in Anniston Alabama (MSCA).

Charlie worked from July 1999 until the completion of the ANCDF mission and left in

August 2013. He started in April 2014, as a volunteer at MSCA and is still volunteering today. Charlie's vast knowledge and dedication to detail has enhanced the effectiveness of the museum. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Charlie and thanking him for his service to our country and his dedication to the MSCA.

CONGRATULATING ANNE MATTHEWS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Anne Matthews, the first female Vice President of Rotary International, on being awarded South Carolina's highest civilian award, The Order of the Palmetto.

Authorized by Governor Henry McMaster, The Order of the Palmetto is awarded to the State's most accomplished and esteemed individuals who make a significant contribution to a particular community. Anne represents all that this award entails as she has devoted her life to helping those in need.

As a fellow Rotarian myself, I have witnessed Anne dedicate her life to serving the people of South Carolina and beyond in many capacities in business, Rotary International, and more.

Having degrees from Coker College, Appalachian State University, and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina, Anne also excelled in education, including as President of the National Business Education Association.

Additionally, she served as president, chair, and/or board member of numerous national and state boards, promoting and speaking across America and internationally on critical educational issues and the need to serve the less fortunate.

Anne has worked in 73 countries, championing humanitarian efforts, and promoting South Carolina values. Notably, as chair of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for America, where we worked together with other members of Congress to raise over four billion dollars for the global fight against Polio.

Anne embodies leadership, compassion, and service. She has achieved many accomplishments and has contributed greatly to the state.

I send my warmest congratulations and best wishes. I am appreciative for all she has done for South Carolina.

HONORING CONNOR DANIEL

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the amazing sporting days achievements of Connor Daniel.

Connor has been competing worldwide representing team USA in England and Cyprus.

While competing Connor placed in the top 20 both times overall and won the World English Sporting Junior Championship and the World FITASC championship.

Connor was also a member of the USA team which took home the World English Sporting Junior and World FITASC Junior team championships.

His performances in these tournaments earned him the FITASC Junior World Cup as well.

Connor has also recently committed to Georgia Southern to compete on their clay shooting team.

Today, we celebrate Connor and his amazing achievements in the world of clay shooting.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity. Recognized as "First Among Equals" among Orthodox bishops, he is visiting our Nation's Capital to receive the Templeton Prize—the world's most prestigious award honoring contributions to religion and science.

As Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All-Holiness leads the world's second-largest Christian church. Since assuming this role in 1991, he has earned global respect for his spiritual leadership and commitment to peace. Guided by his belief that "war in the name of religion is war against religion," Patriarch Bartholomew has built strong relationships with religious and political leaders in every continent to promote unity among faiths.

In 1997, Patriarch Bartholomew became the first Ecumenical Patriarch to visit the United States, and it is our great pleasure to welcome him back as he meets with the President, the Secretary of State, and Congress. I recognize and celebrate his lifelong dedication of peace-making and his steadfast efforts to build bridges between East and West, Christian and Muslim, and all people of good will. May his presence here remind us of our commitment to remain "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I extend my warmest welcome to His All-Holiness and pray that his visit will be blessed with success, fellowship, and hope for the future of our common humanity.

COMMEMORATING MR. JEFF AND MRS. DIANA MERRITT OF OPERATION WE CARE

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two selfless, hardworking constituents from Salisbury, Maryland, Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Diana Merritt. They began Operation We Care in 2007, an organization providing more than 2,000 care packages annually to deployed military personnel. They also work to