

On behalf of my constituents in South Carolina's 4th District, including the faithful at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Spartanburg, I extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. His presence in Washington is a reminder of the enduring bonds of faith, freedom, and shared values that unite people of all backgrounds.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROCK CHURCH OF TERRELL AND HONORING PASTOR GARY WEEMS

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of The Rock Church of Terrell's 20th anniversary and to congratulate Pastor Gary Weems on his retirement and transition to a senior bishop role. Since its founding in 2005, The Rock Church of Terrell has been a symbol of love, hope, and faith to people from all walks of life in my hometown of Terrell, Texas.

Pastor Gary began his ministry in Terrell in 1996, immediately offering himself and his family to the enrichment of our community. Alongside his wife, Jodi, Pastor Gary has dedicated his life to the service of the body of Christ and full-time ministry for 48 years. His faithfulness and love have made a profound and enduring impact on the Terrell community. In his absence, The Rock Church of Terrell will welcome a new generation of pastoral leadership. Pastor Gary's son, Ben, will assume the role of Senior Pastor, continuing his father's legacy of dedicated service. I wish the best for Pastor Ben and his wife, Chelsea, and Associate Pastor Bodie Jones and his wife, Stephanie, as they embark on this new journey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFFERSON SHREVE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 234, Perry of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 30.

HONORING PENINSULA FAMILY SERVICE AND COMMEMORATING ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peninsula Family Service and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of this impactful nonprofit, and its unique history and significance to my district.

Peninsula Family Service was founded on April 24, 1950, responding to a need to pro-

vide counseling for veterans who had returned from World War II and their families. The San Francisco Bay Area has evolved over many decades, and Peninsula Family Service has been there every step of the way—providing support, caring for neighbors, and becoming a deeply trusted part of our community. Peninsula Family Service is well-known for its ability to adapt and respond to local needs, and it provides support to program participants at every stage of life, from children and families to adults over 100 years young. The organization has more than 45 programs, sites, and services, reaching 10,000 of our neighbors in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in California. Today these services are more relevant than ever. The priority program areas for Peninsula Family Service are early learning, employment services, financial empowerment, and older adult services.

The scope of Peninsula Family Service programs is broad: Older adults can participate in any one of numerous exercise classes, including Tai Chi and Zumba, or get a nutritious lunch, which is provided each day at the organization's Fair Oaks Adult Activity Center in Redwood City. The Fair Oaks Center is part of the Peninsula Family Service's comprehensive approach to health, wellness and overcoming isolation for our older adults, all key components of its Overcoming Loneliness Initiative, through which the organization is a San Mateo County leader. Parents of children from birth to 5 years old are served at Peninsula Family Service early learning centers, of which there are soon to be eleven around San Mateo County. Each learning center provides high-quality child development and family support. One of these centers also provides programs for youth ages 6 to 12 years. All Peninsula Family Service centers provide this care and early learning to children of low-income families and households in poverty. Some children are unhoused and some may have experienced other trauma. Peninsula Family Service also offers financial education workshops for adults, and now also for teens ages 13 to 20 years of age.

To honor its 75 years of unwavering service to the Bay Area, Peninsula Family Service is hosting a year-long celebration throughout 2025 to recognize, thank and engage past, current, and future members of the Peninsula Family Service family. At the core of its 75th anniversary is a commitment to celebrating the many generations of program participants, staff, leadership, volunteers, auxiliaries, donors, and corporate and community partners, and their impact on our community.

I am proud Peninsula Family Service is part of California's 15th Congressional District. The organization stands as a testament to the power of responsiveness to community needs and the importance of providing support for our community. Peninsula Family Service honors all those who have been part of its past and looks forward to serving where community need remains great. As I reflect on the journey of Peninsula Family Service, I am reminded of the profound impact of nonprofits, such as Peninsula Family Service, that keep our communities healthy and strong. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating Peninsula Family Service's 75th Anniversary and wishing continued success in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, due to an illness, I missed the vote series on September 3, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; YEA on Roll Call No. 229; YEA on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on Roll Call No. 231; YEA on Roll Call No. 232; YEA on Roll Call No. 233; and YEA on Roll Call No. 234.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE HARIDOPOLOS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 227.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 234.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DAYTON DEPOT ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable landmark of our history from my hometown of South Dayton. For 150 years, the South Dayton Depot has been a center of connection, culture, and community spirit. Since its founding in 1875, the South Dayton Depot has welcomed generations of travelers and neighbors, serving first as a vital hub for freight and passenger service, and now as a museum where history is preserved for generations to come.

The South Dayton Depot has not only preserved our community's railroad heritage, but has also become a gathering place where neighbors connect and visitors experience the rich story of our region. From its role in major motion pictures like *The Natural* and *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, to its continued service through the *Movie and Rail Museum*, the South Dayton Depot stands as a living link between our past and present.

On September 6, 2025, the Village of South Dayton will celebrate the South Dayton Depot's 150th anniversary with a community celebration that honors both its historic legacy and its enduring role as the heart of the village. Thanks to the dedication of local leaders,

volunteers, and preservation groups, the South Dayton Depot continues to thrive as a source of pride for the entire region.

I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring the enduring legacy of the South Dayton Depot and congratulate them on this important milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL S. GOLDMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 due to an important personal matter. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 224; NAY on Roll Call No. 225; NAY on Roll Call No. 226; NAY on Roll Call No. 227; NAY on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; NAY on Roll Call No. 231; NAY on Roll Call No. 232; NAY on Roll Call No. 233; NAY on Roll Call No. 234.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD TINDALL

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Desha County Judge Mr. Richard Tindall, a dedicated Arkansan, faithful Christian, lifelong learner, and beloved public servant, on the occasion of his passing on Friday, July 11, 2025, at the age of 79.

Mr. Tindall was born on September 13, 1945, in Monticello, Arkansas and graduated from McGehee High School, where he met his wife of more than sixty years, Mrs. Sandy Tindall. Mr. Tindall held a deep commitment to his family and was an adored father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Tindall is fondly remembered for his innovative spirit and held a variety of occupations, including a small business owner, a licensed contractor, and a farmer. He also possessed an array of interests as an avid outdoorsman, tournament fisherman, and horse showman. He became one of the first to attempt to raise saltwater shrimp in freshwater in southeast Arkansas.

In 2018, Mr. Tindall ran for Desha County Judge, and thanks to the broad support of Desha County citizens, he was elected to serve. After taking office in January 2019, Judge Tindall led Desha County through numerous disasters, flooding events, and the COVID-19 pandemic. He held this role with great dedication and integrity until the day he passed.

In his role as County Judge, Mr. Tindall developed relationships with local, state, and federal agencies to aid county residents through disasters. He was also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county, which included management of various departments, oversight of over \$5 million in assets, 500 miles of county roads, and an annual budget of over \$7 million.

Mr. Tindall strove to make his community a better place. He was a man who believed in the importance of family and faith above all else and worked tirelessly to support his community, which he loved deeply. His kindness, loyalty, and service will forever be remembered. Let us continue to honor his legacy by carrying forward these values that he lived by. Desha County residents will deeply cherish Judge Tindall's memory, and he made a profound impact on all who knew him.

HONORING LT. COLONEL DEIDRE D. SMITH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Lt. Col. Deidre D. Smith, Director of Public Affairs for the Mississippi National Guard. In this role, she provides critical counsel to the Adjutant General and senior leaders on command information, community outreach, and media engagement, ensuring the Guard remains connected to the citizens of Mississippi.

A Hattiesburg native, Lt. Col. Smith has served across the United States, Europe, and overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Throughout her distinguished career, she has taken on leadership roles in Human Resources, Public Affairs, Information Operations, and Equal Opportunity, demonstrating versatility and excellence in every assignment. Within the Mississippi Army National Guard, she has held several key positions, including State Director of Public Affairs, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and Director of Outreach Services. Her dedicated service has earned her numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, reflecting her professionalism and commitment to duty.

Lt. Col. Smith is a graduate of Marion Military Institute, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Oklahoma. She has also completed advanced military education through the Command and General Staff College, the Defense Information School, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. In addition to her military achievements, she was selected for Leadership Mississippi in 2018 and named among the Mississippi TOP 50 in 2022.

She resides in Brandon with her husband, Maj. James Kevin Polk of the 172nd Airlift Wing, and their daughters, Pfc. Harley Smith and Pvt. Lyndi Polk, both newly enlisted members of the Mississippi Army National Guard, continuing their family's proud tradition of service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUE VEER

HON. SHERI BIGGS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career

and dedicated leadership of Sue Veer, who sadly passed away after nearly two decades of service as the president and CEO of Carolina Health Centers in Greenwood, South Carolina. She has left behind a strong legacy through her purposeful mentorship and healthcare advocacy.

As president and CEO, Sue led 19 medical practices that provide care for more than 26,000 patients combined. Her colleagues, patients, and partners in the healthcare space admired her innovative goals for community health centers. She is said to have inspired those around her to aim higher and make a difference.

Sue was a dedicated board member of the National Association of Community Health Centers and the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association. She championed local, state, and national priorities in the health center movement and will be remembered as a committed visionary. In her national work, she was a founding member of a lobbying group called 340B Working Table, which represents hospitals, drugmakers, and various health interests that work together to advance bipartisan 340B legislation. She testified before Congress several times to advocate for 340B programs and affected patients.

Prior to her career in community health, Sue faced a life-threatening tragedy. A devastating dam failure caused extensive damage and heavy flooding in her town. This disastrous incident took the life of her young daughter. According to Sue, the kindness demonstrated by the healthcare professionals who treated her injuries and helped her move forward proved to be an inspiration. Her survival story, and the healthcare professionals at the forefront, led her to pursue a career in community health and sympathize with patients every step of the way.

Her compassionate "Monday Messages" of encouragement to colleagues and friends will be cherished and fondly missed. She is said to have cultivated many deep connections, and I pray for her family, friends, and loved ones as we all mourn her loss.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to represent the 3rd District of South Carolina and to celebrate the legacy of Sue Veer and others who serve people in need and inspire their community.

CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUP ON INDIA (CSGI)

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the launch of the Congressional Study Group on India (CSGI), and to applaud the visionary leadership of the Roundglass Foundation and its partners in standing up this groundbreaking initiative.

Congressional Study Groups provide a vital platform for bipartisan exchanges that enable Members of Congress to engage in substantive policy discussions focused on strengthening America's relationships with its partners, friends, and allies.

India and America are crucial strategic partners, and that is why this new Congressional