

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

Study Group is so important. As the fifth such group established by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, the CSGI creates a dedicated, bipartisan forum for substantive discussions on trade, technology, energy, defense, and other issues that define the U.S.-India relationship. This initiative will not only strengthen our strategic partnership, but also build greater understanding and collaboration between our two great democracies at a pivotal moment in history. The CSGI represents an investment in the future, one that advances shared priorities like national security, global health, and climate stewardship, while also reaffirming the enduring bonds between the American and Indian people.

I would like to specifically extend my sincere gratitude to the Roundglass Foundation, established by Mr. Gurpreet “Sunny” Singh, for its marquee role in launching this groundbreaking initiative that will further strengthen the sacred bond between the United States and India. Under Mr Singh’s visionary leadership, Roundglass has already championed numerous efforts that have expanded access to athletics, education, women’s empowerment, and environmental stewardship, particularly for underserved communities. This new initiative is a shining example of that legacy, one that reflects Roundglass’ unwavering commitment to building a

healthier, more inclusive, and more sustainable future for us all.

As an Indian-American, I am deeply honored to recognize the work being done under Roundglass’ efforts to unlock the full potential of a strong U.S.-India relationship, one that can help build healthier and more resilient societies in both of our countries. The establishment of this Congressional Study Group on India holds the promise of guiding our nations toward a stronger, more cooperative future. For that, Mr Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Roundglass, to Mr. Singh, and to the additional partners who helped launch this groundbreaking program.