

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF GEOFFREY MARK ALLEN

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I honor this day the life and service of my dear friend, Geoffrey Mark Allen.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, Mark was a devoted husband, father, veteran, firefighter, business owner and man of steadfast faith whose dedicated service to others permeated every aspect of his life. Whether in his nearly three decades in the Louisiana National Guard, twenty-five years as a Shreveport firefighter, or as the founder of his company, Industrial Safety Solutions, he carried the values of integrity and faith everywhere he went and in everything he did.

During his military service, Mark was deployed to Iraq, where he successfully led his company in transporting equipment through combat zones while ensuring everyone returned home. His firefighting career was also marked by those same traits of heroism and courage, earning him commendations and recognition as Training Officer of the Year.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mark's deepest devotion was to God and his family. He and his wife Karen shared thirty-one incredible years of marriage, filled with traveling, laughter, and most importantly, raising their children, Drew and Maddie, in a home centered around Christ. Mark's favorite line of Scripture, Ephesians 2:8, was not only inscribed on his company's logo, but also written on the tablet of his heart.

It is my honor to dedicate a U.S. flag in honor of Mark and his legacy of service, faith, and love that will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. His absence will be deeply felt by myself and many others from our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TED CORRIGAN AFTER 35 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ted Corrigan on the occasion of his retirement. Through more than three decades of steady leadership at Des Moines Water Works, Ted has played a central role in ensuring clean, reliable water for families across Central Iowa.

Since joining Des Moines Water Works in 1990, Ted has been a trusted steward of one of Iowa's most critical resources. He helped oversee major infrastructure improvements, expanded watershed protection programs, and worked with partners across the region to

strengthen collaboration among local water providers. His leadership helped bring about the creation of Central Iowa Water Works, a new regional utility model built on cooperation and long-term planning.

Ted guided the DMWW through both steady progress and unforeseen challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when basic services could not be taken for granted, he made certain that more than 500,000 Iowans continued to receive safe drinking water without interruption. His leadership during that period and beyond earned the Water Works national recognition, including the 2024 Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Management from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.

Ted also understood that public service extends beyond pipes and pumps. He championed the transformation of Water Works Park into a welcoming community space, helping to lead the development of the Lauridsen Amphitheater and creating new opportunities for Iowans to gather, enjoy outdoor recreation, and build stronger community ties.

I have had the opportunity to work with Ted on matters of regional infrastructure and public health. His professionalism, clarity, and focus on long-term solutions made him a valuable partner to many, and his example has helped strengthen public trust in the institutions that serve our state.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ted Corrigan for his decades of committed service to the Des Moines community and to the people of Iowa. We extend our best wishes to him and his family as he enters this next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RONALD NUNN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ron Nunn. Born on April 8, 1933, Ron was a proud lifelong resident of Brentwood, California. He graduated from Liberty High School in 1951 as a three-sport varsity athlete and went on to play football at the University of the Pacific and Stanford University. He later played semi-pro football for the Antioch Hornets. Additionally, Ron courageously served in the Army and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, fighting in the Korean War.

After his time in service, Ron returned to Brentwood where he raised his three children alongside his wife, Shirley. Ron was a passionate advocate for education and a key member of our community. In recognition of his service on the Brentwood School Board, a new elementary school was named in his honor in 1991. Ron was also a very successful farmer and developer. He continued to lead his family's farming operations, a legacy that

dates back to the 1880's. Ron expanded operations to build RRS partnership, which manages thousands of acres of farmland, including the largest wine grape operation in Contra Costa County. Ron also led the development of over 5,000 homes in the area through his partnership with the Blackhawk Corporation. Beyond his professional pursuits, Ron enjoyed many interests including cars, wine making, flying planes, and skiing with family and friends.

Sadly, Ron passed away on August 8, 2025 at the age of 92. Ron will be remembered for his leadership, dedication to his family, and for his incredible impact on East County. Please join me in honoring Ron Nunn for his many contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LILLIAN BENJAMIN "LIL" BOYSEN

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Lillian Benjamin Boysen, affectionately known to all as Lily Belle or just "Lil". Born on October 16, 1944, in Windber, Pennsylvania, Lil was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and overall, a friend. With profound sadness, we honor Lil following her passing on August 12, 2025. Lil was a woman whose warmth, leadership, and unwavering compassion profoundly impacted all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

Lil was a patriot whose love for her community and her country guided everything she did. After high school, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a secretary for the Judge Advocate General. However, her greatest calling was at home, where she and her beloved husband, Rob, and four children, built a family that grew to include ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lil was a passionate public servant and devoted herself to service, becoming a true pillar of faith and civic life in Lower Bucks County. At Trevoze United Methodist Church, she helped guide the congregation as a member of the Board of Directors. Supporting the programs for families and youth, mentoring younger members, and giving countless hours to strengthen the church community until its closing in 2011.

Beyond the church, she played a vital role in organizing civic efforts across our community, bringing neighbors together, encouraging participation, and engaging people in the issues that shaped their families and their future. She gave her time freely to charitable causes, offered guidance and encouragement to those in need, and worked to create spaces where community voices were heard and respected.

The lesson of Lil's life is that service is not an obligation, it is a way of living. She lived

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her faith not only in words but in action; through her generosity of spirit, her gift of time, and her devotion to others. She believed in unity—bringing people together, strengthening families, and building community. Her patriotism was steady and genuine, rooted in love of neighbors and love of country. Lil showed us that a meaningful life is not measured by titles or recognition, but by the compassion we show, the people we help, and the community we leave stronger and more united than we found it.

It is through the work of people like Lil that our communities thrive, and our Nation grows stronger. Her service, given without expectation of recognition, stood as a testament to the belief that one individual's dedication can positively ripple through the lives of many, sparking change, fostering resilience, and inspiring hope. We remember Lil not just for her remarkable deeds but for who she is—a true hero in every sense of the word.

May we all strive to embody the same compassion and commitment to lifting others up that Lil demonstrated throughout her life. She will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, as we say farewell to Lillian Benamin Boysen, we celebrate a life beautifully lived and deeply loved. Her spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her, and her contributions to the world will be long remembered. As a woman who served her community and loved her family, it is with deep respect that I honor her memory today. I send my heartfelt condolences to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

RECOGNIZING HIS ALL-HOLINESS
BARTHOLOMEW

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, His All-Holiness Bartholomew.

Born Demetrios Arhondonis in 1940 on the island of Imvros (today, Gökçeada, Turkey), His All-Holiness Bartholomew was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year-old Church founded by the Apostle Andrew. His formal office is Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch, a historic title dating to the sixth century.

The role of the Ecumenical Patriarch as the primary spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian world and transnational figure of global significance has increased exponentially during the tenure of His All-Holiness.

He has co-sponsored international peace conferences, as well as meetings about racism and fundamentalism, bringing together Christians, Muslims and Jews for the purpose of advancing greater cooperation and mutual understanding. He has advanced Christian-Muslim relations in such places as former Yugoslavia, advocating for peace-building measures to diffuse global conflict in the region, while supporting many traditionally Orthodox countries emerging from decades of wide scale religious persecution and oppression behind the Iron Curtain. Moreover, he has initiated international meetings and theological

conversations with Muslim and Jewish leaders to promote mutual respect and religious tolerance on a global level, proving a pioneer in interfaith encounters and traveling to Muslim countries rarely visited by Christian leaders.

He has organized international, inter-faith and inter-disciplinary symposia and summits to address ecological problems of the world, earning him the title "Green Patriarch" and prestigious international awards. His efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights, his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, together with his work toward international peace and environmental protection, have justly placed him at the forefront of global visionaries as an apostle of love, peace and reconciliation.

In 1997, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the United States Congress. The Guardian recognized him as one of the world's leaders in raising environmental awareness. And, in its category of Leaders and revolutionaries, Time Magazine named him as one of the world's most influential people. Now, he is being rightfully honored with the Templeton Prize, previously received by Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among others. Congratulations to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on this honor and I thank him for his life of service.

RECOGNIZING DELTA AIR LINES'
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Delta Air Lines, a remarkable milestone for one of the world's most innovative and enduring airlines.

As Delta commemorates a century of service in 2025, we in Minnesota are especially proud to reflect on the deep roots this company has in our state through the history and legacy of Northwest Airlines. Founded in 1926, Northwest Airlines grew from humble beginnings into a global carrier headquartered in the Twin Cities. Northwest played a central role in shaping Minnesota's economy, creating tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, and connecting our communities to the Nation and the world. Its story is inextricably linked to our state's modern history.

One of the earliest chapters of that story is written at Holman Field in Saint Paul, the city's historic downtown airport. Holman Field bears the name of Charles "Speed" Holman, the pioneering aviator and Minnesota native who was hired as Northwest's first pilot in 1926. Holman's legacy as a fearless pilot and a trailblazer in American aviation is preserved every time a plane lands at that field along the Mississippi River.

In 2008, when Delta and Northwest Airlines merged, it marked not the end of Northwest's legacy, but its continuation. Delta wisely built upon Northwest's deep roots in Minnesota and throughout the Upper Midwest, ensuring that the Twin Cities would remain a vital hub for international travel and commerce. Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP) now stands as one of Delta's largest hubs, carrying forward a proud tradition of service,

safety, and innovation that began nearly a century ago.

That same spirit of innovation continues today through the Minnesota Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Hub at MSP. This partnership, led by Greater MSP, brings together partners such as Delta, Ecolab, Xcel Energy, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission in the Nation's first large-scale hub committed to scaling production of sustainable aviation fuel to replace conventional jet fuel. As an anchor partner of the Minnesota SAF Hub, Delta is helping to create an industrial-scale supply chain for sustainable aviation fuel, anchored in Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, Delta's 100th anniversary is not only a milestone for the company, but also a moment to honor the people who make up Delta's legacy and current workforce. From Charles "Speed" Holman and the thousands of dedicated Northwest employees who made aviation history, in Minnesota, to the tens of thousands of Delta's current employees—many of whom belong to a union—pilots, flight attendants, customer service agents, and the skilled technicians, engineers, and mechanics who ensure Delta flights are safe and enjoyable—this centennial reflects a shared story of vision, resilience, and progress.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota's 4th Congressional District, I extend my warmest congratulations to Delta Air Lines on 100 years of service and innovation, and I look forward to its continued success in the century ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call vote No. 236, On Agreeing to the Amendment of Perry of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 32, I would have voted NAY.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Stockton, a congregation whose presence has helped define the heart and history of the city since 1850.

Founded the same year Captain Charles M. Weber established the City of Stockton, St. John's stands as one of the oldest Episcopal churches on the West Coast and one of the few that remains on its original site. The church's legacy is not only one of remarkable longevity, but also of deep service and enduring community impact.

Its original Gothic brick building was consecrated in 1858. The current Norman-style sanctuary, completed in 1892, preserved several historic elements—stained glass windows