

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF T. RAMSEY & ASSOCIATES

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District celebrates T. Ramsey & Associates on their 10-year anniversary. We thank them for their hard work in providing social impact consulting services to nonprofits, small businesses, and governmental entities across our region.

From 2015 to 2025, T. Ramsey & Associates has worked individually with each client to support and address their needs. From training services to speaking to groups on engaging topics, to consulting in mentorship, T. Ramsey & Associates has provided critical technical assistance to our communities. T. Ramsey & Associates has worked diligently to provide necessary services to grow non-profits and businesses. and we know that many have flourished as a result of their services. Our district is proud to recognize such a hard-working organization in our community for creating essential programming for our neighbors and community, organizational, and business stakeholders.

The 12th Congressional District congratulates T. Ramsey & Associates on all of their hard work and success, and hopes for many more years of celebration to come in community building.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRELIS MADDALENA

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mrs. Trellis Maddalena of Flower Mound, Texas.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. Maddalena has dedicated more than 13 years to the United States Postal Service, beginning her career as a mail carrier in Flower Mound. Demonstrating a commitment to professional growth, she completed the Customer Service Associate Supervisor Program in 2019 and went on to serve in supervisory and leadership roles across multiple Texas stations, including as OIC Postmaster.

In 2022, Mrs. Maddalena was appointed Manager of Consumer Affairs for the Southern Area, Texas One. In this role, she excels at overseeing customer policies, managing interactions with government offices, analyzing surveys and CRM systems, while fostering cooperative relationships. Her ability to work seamlessly with congressional offices, staff, constituents, and local boards of elections has made her an indispensable partner in addressing the needs of the community.

Her dedication has been recognized through multiple awards, including the USPS Outstanding Supervisor Award from the Coppell Post Office in the spring of 2022, the USPS Customer Service Award from the Consumer Advocate Headquarters in September 2022, and the USPS Chief FOIA Officer's Award in May 2023. Beyond these honors, Mrs. Maddalena has consistently gone above and beyond for our office and district, ensuring that passports are retrieved from the mail in urgent situations or assisting with time-sensitive case-work requests. Her unmatched availability and commitment have directly improved customer experience for countless constituents.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Mrs. Maddalena's extraordinary achievements and contributions. I thank her for all she has done.

RECOGNIZING WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ITS PRESIDENT, DR. VICKI P. KAROLEWICS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Wallace State Community College and its President, Dr. Vicki P. Karolewics, for their outstanding achievements and national recognition.

Wallace State was recently named one of the top three community colleges in the Nation by the Aspen Institute, earning the Rising Star designation in the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. It also became the first Alabama community college ever selected as a finalist for this prestigious award. Wallace State continues to fulfill its mission of "learning that transforms lives and communities," providing opportunities that strengthen individuals, families, and the State of Alabama.

Under the leadership of Dr. Karolewics, who has served as president since 2003, Wallace State has become a national model for excellence, innovation, and service. Student outcomes far exceed national averages, with graduation, persistence, transfer, and job placement rates among the best in the country. The college generates more than \$276 million annually in economic impact and supports more than 4,000 jobs across its region, while enrolling nearly 10,000 students each year in credit, workforce, adult education, and dual enrollment programs.

Dr. Karolewics herself has been recognized nationally and statewide for her leadership, serving on higher education boards and councils and receiving numerous awards for her contributions to education, workforce development, and public service. She demonstrates the transformative power of education and serves countless students while advancing Wallace State to national prominence.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Wallace State Community College and Dr. Vicki P. Karolewics for their impact on students, communities, and the State of Alabama, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved national recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Technology and Manufacturing Association. Founded in 1925 by eight Chicago area manufacturers, the organization has grown into a leading advocate and resource for small and midsize manufacturers that remain the backbone of our state's economy.

Illinois is home to nearly 13,600 manufacturers employing more than 724,000 workers. Manufacturing contributes over 135 billion dollars annually, roughly 12 percent of our state's GDP. Notably, three quarters of these workers are employed by manufacturers with fewer than 500 employees, underscoring the critical role of small and midsize businesses.

For a century, TMA has provided training, advocacy, and a network of support to help Illinois manufacturers remain strong, innovative, and competitive.

On behalf of Illinois' 16th District, I extend my congratulations to the members, leadership, and supporters of the Technology and Manufacturing Association. I thank them for a century of service and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, who visits the United States this week to receive the prestigious Templeton Prize. As the spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide and the longest-serving Archbishop of Constantinople in the Church's two-thousand-year history, His All-Holiness distinguishes himself as a global advocate for peace, reconciliation, and religious freedom.

Elected in 1991, Bartholomew leads efforts to unify the Orthodox Church and other faiths across national and cultural boundaries. He

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convenes councils, restores long-oppressed churches, and recognizes the independence of emerging Orthodox churches. His tireless efforts to bring together Christians of different traditions do not go unnoticed.

His All-Holiness is a champion for interfaith dialogue and a steadfast advocate for interfaith understanding. He builds meaningful relationships with Muslim and Jewish leaders in the Middle East, Europe, and beyond. He consistently speaks for peace and emphasizes that religious freedom and tolerance are essential to global stability, even as he faces persecution and harassment in his homeland.

Bartholomew is also a steward for the environment who organizes international ecological symposia and advocates for waterway preservation. His call for September 1 to be a day of prayer for the environment earned him the title "the Green Patriarch," a role he continues to embrace.

His relationship with the United States is long and distinguished. He received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Bill Clinton in 1997 and has since met Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden, as well as other U.S. leaders, in recognition of his contributions to global peace and understanding.

As His All-Holiness is in our Nation's Capital once again, his visit highlights his extraordinary leadership. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew continues to devote his life to advancing peace, fostering understanding across faiths, and promoting human dignity. His leadership continues to inspire communities in the United States and around the world.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DR.
PERRICO J. ROBINSON, SR.

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District celebrates Reverend Dr. Perrico Robinson, Sr., as the newly appointed Pastor to the Womack Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of Inkster, Michigan.

Reverend Robinson is a passionate figure in the ministry and began preaching at the age of 14 in his home state of Tennessee. He began his education at Freed-Hardeman University, where he received a bachelor's degree in biblical studies. He also holds a Master of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from Rawlings School of Divinity and a Doctorate from Andersonville Theological Seminary.

With over two decades of ministerial experience, Reverend Robinson has held several leadership roles in churches across our country, including Louisiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Dr. Robinson is known for delivering powerful sermons. His favorite biblical passage is Ephesians 3:20, which states, "Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

The 12th Congressional District is pleased to welcome Reverend Robinson and look forward to his contributions to our community. We wish him all the best in his leadership and ministry and look forward to the significant impact he will have on the C.M.E. Church and our district.

WELCOMING THE ALL-HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BAR-
THOLOMEW

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity worldwide.

At 85 years old, All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew remains at the forefront of the global struggle for religious freedom. Known as the "Bridge Builder" and the "Patriarch of Peace," he has worked tirelessly to foster dialogue, reconciliation, and cooperation across nations and faith. He has stood firmly against racism, extremism, and fundamentalism, championing peace-building measures to help defuse conflicts in some of the world's most volatile regions.

In addition to his leadership on matters of faith and peace, All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been a pioneering advocate for environmental stewardship. Often called the "Green Patriarch," he has elevated ecological awareness to the forefront of his ministry, inspiring both individuals and institutions to act with moral urgency in protecting our planet.

This month, he is visiting the United States to receive the Templeton Prize—the most prestigious award at the intersection of religion and science. He joins a distinguished group of past recipients, including Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

As the longest-serving Archbishop of Constantinople in over two millennia, All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew embodies the values of faith, service, and moral leadership. His life's work is a testament to the power of courage, compassion, and conviction, and I am honored to welcome him to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF HIS ALL-HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BAR-
THOLOMEW

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I join the global community in celebrating the remarkable achievements of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, which now include the 2025 Templeton Prize.

Patriarch Bartholomew has long been a voice of spiritual clarity and moral courage. His leadership in advancing interfaith dialogue, human rights, and especially environmental stewardship, has earned him the nickname "The Green Patriarch." The Templeton Prize recognizes his decades of work urging the world to see care for creation not just as policy, but as a sacred duty.

In Riverside, we are blessed with a vibrant Orthodox Christian community. Parishes such as Saint Andrew Orthodox Church remind us of the enduring presence of Eastern Orthodox

faith in Southern California. These communities embody the values Patriarch Bartholomew champions—reverence, beauty, responsibility, and peace.

His visit to our Nation's capital is not just a symbolic moment; it is an opportunity for our country to honor a global religious leader who is known for his phrase: "War in the name of religion is war against religion."

On behalf of Riverside, I extend congratulations to His All-Holiness. May his work continue to inspire, and may our communities reflect his vision of faith in action.

HONORING THE EL CERRITO HIS-
TORICAL SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the El Cerrito Historical Society on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. For half a century, the Society has preserved, promoted, and shared the rich history of El Cerrito, California, ensuring that future generations understand and appreciate the stories that have shaped this community.

Since its founding in 1973, the El Cerrito Historical Society has gone far beyond existing as a historical organization. It has hosted hundreds of programs and tours, curated both temporary and permanent exhibits, and produced books, pamphlets, journals, and even historical films. Its work has illuminated the cultural and social history of El Cerrito, from early settlement to the city's role in California's diverse story.

The Society has also been instrumental in preserving important local landmarks, including one of the earliest homes in El Cerrito, tied to the Italian-American community; a Japanese-American floral shop representing the city's once-thriving flower-growing industry; and the beloved Cerrito Theater. These efforts stand as enduring reminders of El Cerrito's cultural and historic fabric.

Thanks to the generosity of founders Sundar and Dorothy Shadi, the Society has established a permanent home in City Hall, where it maintains an archive and hosts community meetings. This partnership with the City of El Cerrito underscores the Society's enduring civic role and commitment to public engagement.

For 50 years, the El Cerrito Historical Society has served as a steward of the past and a guide for the future. On behalf of the constituents of California's 8th Congressional District, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of the El Cerrito Historical Society and extend my sincere gratitude for their generations of service to our community. May it continue its vital mission for many more years to come.