

stronger thanks to his work, and we wish him health and happiness throughout his well-earned retirement.

**WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW**

HON. SETH MAGAZINER

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States to accept the distinguished Templeton Prize. As the Representative for Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District, I welcome Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on behalf of the vibrant Greek Orthodox constituency in my district, including at the Church of the Annunciation in Cranston, Rhode Island.

The Church of the Annunciation was the first Orthodox Parish established in Rhode Island, and it now consists of over 600 families throughout the state. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's dedication to his faith, raising concern for the environment, and promoting peaceful coexistence is a blessing to us all that spreads optimism for a brighter future.

**RECOGNIZING WILSON DAM ON ITS
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special anniversary in Alabama's 4th Congressional District. One hundred years ago, on September 12, 1925, Wilson Dam began commercial operations. As a part of the Tennessee Valley Authority's network of hydroelectric dams, Wilson Dam supports TVA's mission of providing low-cost, reliable power, flood control, and navigation of the Tennessee River. Over the past 100 years, Wilson Dam has powered communities, enabled river commerce, and driven economic growth throughout the Tennessee Valley.

Located in Florence, Alabama, Wilson Dam has 21 generating units, capable of producing up to 663 megawatts of electricity and powering over 350,000 homes and businesses in north Alabama.

Wilson Dam is a National Historic Landmark and an engineering feat. It stretches nearly a mile—more than 4,500 feet—across the Tennessee River. The site plays a crucial role in the movement of goods through our country. The main lock has a maximum lift of 100 feet, making it the highest single-life lock east of the Rockies. More than 3,700 vessels on average and 11.4 million tons of goods pass through Wilson Dam's locks each year.

The associated Wilson Dam Reservoir includes over 160 miles of shoreline and covers 15,500 acres, providing ample opportunities for recreation. This makes North Alabama a destination for those looking to fish, boat, kayak, and enjoy our beautiful state, while driving economic activity and jobs in Alabama.

In a testament to the role Wilson Dam plays in the system, TVA is in the process of ex-

tending the life of the plant for decades. As part of the Hydro Life Extension Program TVA is refurbishing units to improve dam safety and increase hydro generation output. Wilson Dam has fulfilled—and continues to fulfill—TVA's mission statement of serving the people of the Valley region.

I hope my fellow Alabamians will join me in celebrating all that Wilson Dam has done for our state, and our region, for one hundred years. Here's to the next 100.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT THOMAS MCCALL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas McCall of Frisco, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. He has served and uplifted our community through his leadership and dedication.

Tom was born and raised in Yonkers, New York. Due to life hardships, he was quickly educated in the meaning of mortgage payment and food on the table. He attended Manhattan College, graduating in 1972 with a BSBA in Accounting and his CPA designation, which led to the beginning of a long and prosperous career in which he earned a reputation as a determined accountant and executive. Over 30 plus years of work, Tom had multiple assignments but only 3 employers. He launched his own business, McCall Asset Management, in 1998 in Frisco, Texas and it is still going strong. Tom met his wife, Karen, during college and they married in 1975. They raised 2 kids and have 2 wonderful grandchildren.

Throughout his career, Tom has been present in his community through his charitable giving of time, talent and treasure as seen in his involvement with Boy Scouts of America, Leadership Council, St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Research, Hope for Vision, and Serving HIM (Healthcare International Ministries). A devoted man of faith, Tom attends Holy Cross Catholic Church The Colony with his wife, Karen, where he serves as Volunteer Finance Chair, on the Pastoral Council and as an Educator. Since 1985 he has been actively involved with Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, and is a past Trustee. He lives the Catholic Christian life of servitude. I am proud of Tom's lifelong contributions to our community, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Tom with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF STOCKTON

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. HARDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 160th anniversary of the First

Congregational Church of Stockton—a steadfast pillar of faith, fellowship, and service in the heart of the Central Valley.

For over a century and a half, the First Congregational Church has nurtured generations of Stockton families, offering not only a place of worship, but a community rooted in compassion, justice, and shared purpose. From its earliest beginnings in the aftermath of the Civil War to its continued presence today, the church has grown alongside Stockton, adapting and expanding to meet the spiritual and civic needs of its neighbors.

What began as a small gathering of individuals committed to living out their faith in community has become one of the city's enduring institutions. Over the years, the church has called several sanctuaries home—each one a reflection of its growing and evolving congregation. Through every chapter, the church has remained unwavering in its mission to provide spiritual guidance, inspire moral courage, and serve those in need.

Beyond the pulpit, the First Congregational Church has played a vital role in the cultural and social life of Stockton. Its members have long championed education, civic engagement, and social justice—offering programs and outreach efforts that extend far beyond its walls. Whether through fellowship events, support groups, or charitable initiatives, the church continues to be a source of hope and healing for the broader community.

In marking 160 years of ministry and service, we celebrate not just a building or a date, but a living legacy of faith in action. The First Congregational Church of Stockton remains a guiding light, grounded in its values and open to all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this milestone and in expressing our deepest gratitude to the First Congregational Church of Stockton for its profound and enduring contributions to our region.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REDFORD TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District of Michigan celebrates a century of service for the Redford Township District Library. While the original Redford Township District Library building first opened its doors in the 1960's, their mission of inspiring ideas, enriching lives, and creating community began much earlier. The library started its service using bookmobiles in the 1920's before receiving generous workplace expansions, book donations, funding, and material support over numerous decades. The services offered by the library today are a testament to the power of community and charity.

As we celebrate the spirit of generosity that has enabled the Redford Township District Library to grow and vitalize our community, we look ahead with confidence that it will continue to serve as a beacon of learning, connection, and opportunity. We honor and celebrate this momentous occasion and stand in solidarity to ensure that our learning institutions thrive and continue to provide a safe space for learning for all communities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF PATRICK L. "PAT" KANDA**HON. JEFF HURD**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Patrick L. "Pat" Kanda, a devoted public servant and community leader from Grand Junction, Colorado, who passed away on March 18, 2025.

For over thirty years, Pat served as Finance Manager at Grand Valley Power, where his leadership was crucial in navigating various financial challenges. A proud alumnus of Colorado Mesa University, he exemplified excellence and integrity throughout his career.

Pat's commitment to the community was evident through his mentorship of students as a substitute teacher and tutor, his service on the local school board, his leadership in the Orchard Mesa and Clifton Lions Clubs, and his work as treasurer for the local Republican Party. Pat was known for his generous spirit, often saying, "If there's anything I can do for you, let me know," and he actively supported his students and neighbors in need.

Pat Kanda's legacy of generosity and commitment to service will endure in the lives he touched. Carrying on this legacy is Pat's sons John and Michael Teck and his grandsons Landon and Grant Teck.

On behalf of Colorado's 3rd District, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Pat Kanda, whose contributions enriched the lives of many in Western Colorado.

CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN
TYPE CULTURE COLLECTION**HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) on their 100th anniversary of operations.

The American Type Culture Collection is one of the world's leading non-profit biological resource and standards organizations, supplying scientists at home and abroad with bio-materials that contribute to scientific breakthroughs and discoveries. For over one hundred years, the ATCC's mission has been to protect public health and help scientists mitigate global emerging infectious diseases.

I had the pleasure of visiting ATCC's repository and laboratory wing in Manassas, Virginia on May 12, 2025. This wing is one of the many ATCC centers that produces innovative scientific products used in countless research areas to address health concerns across the globe.

ATCC plays a crucial role in maintaining and advancing critical R&D functions in partnership with agencies like the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Defense, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It was also vital in responding to the Zika virus, COVID-19 pandemic, mpox, and avian flu.

ATCC's reference materials are used as a standard across prominent federal and global organizations including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the World Health Organization. In addition to reference materials, ATCC produces a wide range of cell and microbe products that are used in prominent areas of research including cancer research, genetic disorder research, and infectious disease research.

American Type Culture Collection was named one of Prince William County's Best Places to Work in 2025 for their rewards and recognition program, diverse workplace community, and prioritization of employee well-being. Whether it be at the office or across the world, ATCC is committed to improving lives and communities.

Congratulations to ATCC on their 100-year milestone. I thank them for their valuable contributions to the scientific community, understanding of threats to public health, and advancements in scientific knowledge.

WELCOMING THE ECUMENICAL PA-
TRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW OF
CONSTANTINOPLE TO WASH-
INGTON, D.C.**HON. SHRI THANEDAR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, the leader for Orthodox Christianity worldwide, who is here in Washington, D.C. after accepting the distinguished Templeton Prize earlier this year.

The Templeton Prize is awarded to those who demonstrate exemplary philanthropic contributions. His relentless leadership has been recognized by a variety of organizations such as the United Nations, UNESCO, and the World Economic Forum. He has also dedicated his time serving on the Executive and Central Committees and Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.

Patriarch Bartholomew has a focus on creating advocacy for environmental issues and in his time launched a series of initiatives to help start conversations worldwide. Among these initiatives were a variety of trips with political leaders and accredited scientists discussing issues such as water pollution in the Black Sea, for which he went on to receive Norway's Sophie prize in 2002.

Michigan's 13th Congressional District has a beautiful community of Greek Orthodox constituents at St. George Greek Orthodox Church and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. They continuously work to create welcoming spaces in our community by hosting celebrations such as festivals, luncheons, and more. I am honored to keep my constituents in mind as we welcome Patriarch Bartholomew in Washington, D.C.

WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BAR-
THOLOMEW**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians and the head of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

As the spiritual leader of the second-largest Christian Church in the world, His All-Holiness carries a message of peace, reconciliation, and interfaith dialogue that resonates deeply across all faith traditions. His enduring commitment to religious freedom, environmental stewardship, and global unity has earned him recognition as a moral voice not only for Orthodox Christians but for people of all faiths.

Many of my constituents in the Greek Orthodox community, and Orthodox Christians across the United States, look forward to his visit to Washington, D.C. with great pride and reverence. They view his presence here as an opportunity to celebrate the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of Orthodox Christianity and to reaffirm the strong bonds between the United States and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

It is my honor to welcome His All-Holiness to our Nation's capital and to recognize his tireless efforts in promoting peace, human dignity, and spiritual leadership across the globe.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this important visit and in celebrating the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

WELCOMING THE ECUMENICAL PA-
TRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to our Nation's Capital and to recognize him for his acceptance of the distinguished Templeton Prize.

Born Demetrios Arhondonis in 1940, His All-Holiness Bartholomew completed his undergraduate studies at the historic Theological School of Halki. He would also pursue graduate degrees in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Greece. Before being ordained to the Diaconate in 1961 and to the Priesthood in 1969, he was a founding member of the Society of Canon Law of the Oriental Churches.

The Ecumenical Patriarch served as Assistant Dean at the Theological School of Halki from 1968 to 1972 before his appointment as Personal Secretary to the late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios. In 1973, he was elected as Metropolitan of Philadelphia and, in 1990, Metropolitan of Chalcedon. Finally, he was elected in October of 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year-old Church founded by the Apostle Andrew.

As the spiritual leader to 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is known as a transnational