

Most recently, she served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, helping navigate some of the most complex challenges in today's global landscape.

Through all of this, what stands out most is not just her accomplishments, but her character. Ms. Kim has led with integrity, courage, and heart. She's been a mentor, a role model, and a steadfast public servant who gave her all, every single day.

Her legacy will not only be seen in policy or diplomacy, but in the people she inspired and the bridges she built. She's helped shape the world we live in, and we are all better for it.

We thank and celebrate Ms. Kim, and we wish her nothing but happiness and fulfillment in this next chapter of her life.

# FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS RELIGIOUS HERITAGE RESTORATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2025*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following letter of support for H.R. 2701 from National Commander Scott P. Stevens, CW04, USA, (R).

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA supports H.R. 2701, the Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act. JWV appreciates the leadership of Rep. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (D-FL) and Rep. MAX MILLER (R-OH) for their bipartisan introduction, as well as the support of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs and the Full Committee in moving this critical legislation to the House floor. JWV urges swift passage of H.R. 2701 to start the process of properly marking graves and honoring these brave Jewish American servicemembers.

The Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act requires the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to create a program to identify Jewish servicemembers buried with grave markers that do not reflect their faith and to connect with their descendants. This vital effort will correct the historical record and ensure our fallen heroes are remembered as they lived and served.

JWV understands that approximately 900 American-Jewish servicemembers who lost their lives during World War I and World War II and were buried in U.S. military cemeteries overseas (ABMC) were mistakenly interred under markers that do not represent their religion or heritage. JWV recognizes that most of these errors are unintentional; however, these mistakes hide the identity and legacy of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. American-Jewish servicemembers served with honor and bravery, playing a crucial role in winning the Allied victory. They deserve to be remembered with dignity and accuracy.

The United States has a solemn duty to ensure every fallen servicemember is honored correctly. Enacting H.R. 2701 helps ensure that the Star of David marks the Jewish graves of servicemembers, currently marked in error.

RECOGNIZING NAVIN KC, LUNA SHRESTHA, AND NABARAJ KC

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and include in the RECORD, three prominent community members in the Nepali American community who have contributed to cultivating arts, culture, and business around the country.

NAVIN KC

For more than twenty-five years, Navin KC has been a tireless force in the world of dance and choreography, introducing Nepali language, art, and culture to audiences both nationally and internationally. As the Founder and Director of KC Dance Center in Virginia, he has provided countless students, particularly second-generation children, with dance training that emphasizes not only technique but also cultural heritage and language. His choreography has been featured in films, theater productions, and music videos, while his students have performed across the United States in places such as Hollywood, New York, Texas, and Colorado. Since 2017, through his annual production, "Kollywood Night," Navin has created a powerful platform where emerging talent and celebrated artists come together to celebrate the richness of Nepali culture on stage.

LUNA SHRESTHA

With more than two decades of dedication to art, culture, and language, Luna Shrestha has made a profound impact as a performer, choreographer, and instructor. As Co-Founder and Director of KC Dance Center, she has trained students across Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. in dance, yoga, aerobics, and Nepali-inspired fitness programs. Luna's work is driven by her passion for preserving and sharing Nepali traditions in America and giving young performers the opportunity to showcase their skills on stages nationwide. She plays a key role in the production of the annual "Kollywood Night" show for new trainees and established artists.

NABARAJ KC

A community leader, humanitarian, and advocate, Nabaraj KC has earned recognition on local and national levels. As President of the College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association and the Dil Kumari KC Memorial Foundation, he has led initiatives that raised more than \$3 million worth of food, personal protective equipment, and other important resources to communities in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. His service has earned him several honors, including the REALTOR Spirit Award in 2022, Community Service Award in 2023, and COVID-19 Hero Award. He has also been named among Schneps Media's Queens Power List and Kings of New York. A proud New Yorker and son of Nepali immigrants, Nabaraj KC combines his professional and educational background with a dedication to community service.

WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome his All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States this week. My colleagues and I are honored to host him here in the House of Representatives and I know my Greek-Orthodox constituents are excited to have him visit our Nation's Capital. His All-Holiness is a champion of religious liberty, engaging in dialogues with leaders of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Moreover, he leads a congregation of 300 million church members worldwide and is the longest-serving Patriarch in the two-millennia history of the Church. We are blessed to have him here in Washington, D.C. this week.

HONORING DENICE HARLAN ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE GIDDINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor one of my dear friends, Denice Harlan, as she retires from her role as President/CEO of the Giddings Chamber of Commerce.

Denice moved to Giddings, Texas, in 1983 with her beloved husband, Wade. She opened Harlan's Restaurant in 1987 to provide delicious homestyle cooking. Her passion for service led her to join the Giddings Chamber of Commerce and serve as Chamber Director. In addition, Denice has also served on the New Horizons Lions' Club, Lee County Fair Association, and Rotary Club. She was most recently recognized with the Giddings Lifetime Achievement Award.

I want to thank Denice for the devotion she has demonstrated and her commitment to serving the constituents of Lee County. I am grateful for her leadership, and I send my best wishes to Denice as she begins this new chapter in life.

As a member of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to join her family and friends in congratulating Denice Harlan on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF EMMA WEIR

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2025*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emma Weir for her outstanding service as Communications Director and Senior Advisor for the New Democrat Coalition over the past four years.

As former chairwoman of the New Democrat Coalition, I had the privilege of working closely

with Emma. She brought strategic insight, professionalism, and a deep commitment to public service that strengthened our message, expanded our reach, and supported every member of the Coalition. During some of the most pivotal debates during the Democratic majority, Emma's creativity and instinct were instrumental in advancing New Dem priorities that helped improve the lives of Americans across the country. Her work has left a lasting impact on the New Dems and the values we fight for.

While we will miss her leadership, I am excited to see Emma take on a new role with Chairman PETE AGUILAR and the House Democratic Caucus. I know she will continue to serve with the same skill and dedication that made her so effective with the New Dems.

I thank Emma for her service, and I wish her the very best in this next chapter.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADDISON P. McDOWELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, on September 16, 2025, I regrettably missed a portion of the evening vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 270.

#### HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on September 17, 2025, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 17, 2025, answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

James B. Ayres, John H. Ball, Richard Banko, James T. Bator, Paul E. Bauer, Dallas Beecher, Jody R. Bennett, Larry G. Bird, Harvester Bond, Eddie. Jr. Brown, Manuel Castillo, Gilbert A. Cipriano, James Cole, Carl Conti, Gregory S. Craig, Thomas M.

Curran, William Davis, Jr., Eddie B. Davis, John E. Debnar, Thomas E. Duffy, Dwight C. Dwomik, John Engeriser, Kevin Fitch, Rodney E. Franklin, Jay R. Fredrikson, Walter L. Fullilove, John Green, Donald M. Gregory, Jr., Gregory Gremba, Frank F. Gudausky, William E. Haines, Micheal Heavrin, William A. Herod, Kevin M. Holly, Leigh Holzwart, Edward R. Howe, Joseph F. Inserro, Donald L. Iwanski, Robert D. Jarman, Robert A. Johnson, David B. Jones, William E. Kaczmariski, George Kartsounes, Robert A. Kosmicki, Melvyn J. Kovacic, Edward R. Koziorowski, Warren J. Kutlik, Francis J. Kwasny, Gordon D. Lauer, Cedric C. Lewis, Michael Liacone, William J. Lopina, John A. Mamak, Archangel Mastrangelo, Ernest R. McGee, James R. Mendenhall, Gerald E. Mertes, Jr., Arthur A. Moeller, Leslie J. Montag, Michael G. Moorehead, Raymond J. Morris, Darrell L. Morrison, Raymond D. Mucciante, Thomas Muth, William Muth, Emery E. Myers, Larry M. Narum, Harold Noftz, Arnold S. Oskin, John G. Pappas, Terrance W. Parr, Michael L. Passman, Dennis M. Perz, Joseph J. Pilch, Domenico Pinto, James T. Pioth, Warren Powell, Richard J. Provost, Robert T. Przybylinski, David E. Quigley, William J. Quinn, Jr., Peter A. Regnier, Scott R. Ripper, John Rohlfing, Robert J. Rucinski, Edward A. Sarnecki, Thomas L. Sbertoli, Michael R. Scott, Robert Shrulek, Leon E. Smith, Robert S. Smith, Robert Spencer, John Z. Stajcic, Michael G. Stalzer, Boykin L. Stewart, Jr., John S. Strama, Matthew J. Strama, Robert Strickland, Howard Strickler, John J. Tengeltisch, Anthony J. Thomas, Terrence J. Thompson, Sr., William A. Trader, Frank C. Trout, Douglass M. Vines, Leonard Vinyard, John A. Weiler, Paul Wiltjer, Robert M. Witt, Walter Yanta, David Yost, John Zaragoza, Thomas Zasadil, and Raymond F. Zipko.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GREATER HERNANDO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 100th anniversary—a remarkable milestone that reflects a century of steadfast service, economic leadership, and community commitment. Chambers of commerce are foundational institutions within our communities. They promote economic vitality, advocate for local businesses, and offer critical resources such as training, marketing, and networking. The Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce embodies these principles and has served as a vital engine of prosperity for generations.

The Chamber traces its origins to 1925, when local leaders first organized a community chamber under the guidance of Frederick Williamson, its inaugural president. Despite the challenges of the Great Depression, the Chamber persevered and experienced a revival in 1938, led by visionary banker Alfred McKethan—a pivotal figure in Hernando County's economic history. As the county grew rapidly in the latter half of the 20th century, particularly with the development of new communities like Spring Hill, the business landscape became increasingly diverse and fragmented.

In a decisive moment of unity and forward-thinking, leaders Morris Porton, Steve Emerson, and Vince Vanni worked to consolidate the business community. Their efforts culminated in the formal establishment of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce on December 22, 1992.

Over the past 100 years, the Chamber has evolved and expanded to meet the changing needs of Hernando County's business community. Guided by its Pillars of Success—Advocacy, Marketing, Networking, and Training—the Chamber has become the largest and oldest business organization in Hernando County. Its influence has been recognized across the region, including by the Tampa Bay Business Journal, which named it one of the largest chambers in the Tampa Bay area. The Chamber represents a broad and diverse membership spanning vital sectors such as professional services, construction and trades, real estate, healthcare, finance, education, retail, hospitality, transportation, manufacturing, and nonprofit organizations. It also leads impactful programs, including Leadership Hernando, a premier leadership development initiative that has graduated over 525 community leaders since its inception in 1992. The Chamber's enduring commitment to economic development, collaboration, and community enrichment has played an essential role in shaping Hernando County into the thriving place it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce on its centennial anniversary. May its legacy of service continue to strengthen our communities for generations to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL REDEDICATION OF DENVER EAST HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denver East High School—an institution that has been at the heart of my district for a century and a half—as it celebrates the centennial rededication of its historic building.

East High opened its doors 150 years ago in 1875 as Denver's first high school, setting a foundation of excellence that continues to this day. The current building, designed by George H. Williamson, a proud member of East's Class of 1893, was completed in 1925.

Its iconic 162-foot clock tower, modeled after Independence Hall in Philadelphia, has stood as an iconic beacon. In 1991, the building was recognized as an official Denver Historic Landmark.

Over the past 150 years, East High has shaped leaders, artists, athletes, and innovators. From First Lady Mamie Eisenhower, to Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Philip Bailey and Larry Dunn of Earth, Wind & Fire, to aerospace leader Norman Augustine, to head coach of the Detroit Pistons J. B. Bickerstaff, East alumni have left an indelible mark on our city, our country, and our world.

Equally impressive is East's storied athletic tradition, with the Angels earning 99 state championships, the third most of any high school in Colorado. Generations of students