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#### RECOGNIZING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

#### HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is serving as the two hundred and seventieth Archbishop of Constantinople, New Roman and Ecumenical Patriarch, and to welcome him to our Nation's Capital of Washington, D.C. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's life is a testament to his unwavering commitment as a public servant and spiritual leader of more than three hundred million Orthodox Christians throughout the globe.

Born Demetrios Archontonis on February 29, 1940, on the Island of Imvros (Gökçeada, Turkey) to Christos and Meropi Archontonis, from an early age, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has viewed the protection and preservation of the environment as a deeply spiritual responsibility. In 1961, following his studies at Imvros and Constantinople, he enrolled at the renowned Theological School of Halki. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on August 13, 1961, and given the name Bartholomew at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Imvros by his Elder, the then-Metropolitan of Imvros and Tenedos.

On October 19, 1969, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was ordained to the Holy Priesthood, and later elected Ecumenical Patriarch in 1972 as its director. On Christmas Day, 1973, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was consecrated as bishop and remained as head of the Personal Patriarchal Office until his enthronement as the Metropolitan of Chalcedon on January 14, 1990, and later unanimously elected as Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome on October 2, 1991.

For more than three decades, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has traveled throughout the world, addressing global audiences and fostering spiritual connections. His leadership and theological background provide him with a unique perspective and inspire the values of unity, inclusivity, and mutual respect.

Mr. Speaker, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's spiritual leadership is a testament to his dedication to faith and public service, which has touched countless lives and made a profound impact throughout the globe. His work continues to inspire us all to embrace our shared heritage, stand up for the causes that matter, and celebrate the power of spiritual connection. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's commitment to fostering stronger global connections reminds

us of the importance of service, community, and the bonds that unite us across borders, and we are all better for it.

#### CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF STANLEY D. MOORE, SR.

#### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor celebrate the life and legacy of one of America's greatest civil servants, Mr. Stanley D. Moore, Sr. This September, Stanley will turn 90 years old and gather to celebrate the occasion with his family and friends in my hometown of Chicago.

Stanley's career with the Federal Government began in 1956 and within 4 years, he started what would be a lifelong career with the U.S. Census Bureau. While working as a systems analyst for the Bureau, Stanley continually displayed a dedication and work ethic that few people can match.

His work led him to be continually promoted until he was appointed as the regional director of the Bureau's Chicago Regional Office. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing all Census operations in the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Stanley developed the Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system (TIGER) and the Reaching Every Single Person on the Nation's Decennial (Operation RESPOND) program. His work on these matters revolutionized Census operations and continue to serve as part of the bedrock of Census operations to this day.

His work led him to receive accolades, including the Bronze Medal for Superior Service, the Silver Medal Award for Meritorious Service, and the Gold Medal Award for Exceptional Service. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Hammer Award for National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

In addition to his meritorious government service, Stanley was a powerful advocate for equality and justice throughout Chicago. In the 1970s, Stanley was instrumental in the desegregation of Chicago housing. His 4-year long legal battle against racial discrimination culminated in his success in court and the purchase of a new home in the Beverly community. Through his search for justice and equality, Stanley led the way for countless others to continue to work against the evils of segregation.

I would like to express my gratitude to Stanley for his service and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his 90th birthday.

#### HONORING GENO SHELTON'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN ENTERTAINMENT

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Geno Shelton, a pioneering promoter, radio personality, and

cultural visionary who has shaped the sound and soul of Indianapolis for 40 years.

Since arriving in Indianapolis in 1985 to join the team at WTLC-FM, Geno Shelton has been a driving force behind the city's live music and comedy scenes. From his early days spinning records on the airwaves to launching some of our city's most memorable concert series, Geno has used his platform to spotlight talent, uplift local artists, and bring world-class entertainment to Indianapolis.

His contributions are as historic as they are heartfelt. He hosted the now-legendary "Hots" dance parties at the Walker Theatre, brought jazz to the Vogue, and opened doors for Black comedians through the "Hip Hop Comedy Shop" series. Over the years, his stages have featured some of the biggest names in music and comedy. Yet Geno has always made it a priority to showcase homegrown talent and create meaningful opportunities for local artists to shine. His approach has not only launched careers, but also strengthened the creative fabric of our city.

This year, Geno celebrates his 40th anniversary with a two-night showcase at Clowes Memorial Hall, featuring both Funk Fest and Comedy Jam during Circle City Classic weekend. Rather than simply marking a personal milestone, he is using this moment to offer a heartfelt thank-you to the community that has supported him every step of the way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Geno Shelton for his outstanding contributions to arts and culture in Indianapolis. His vision, perseverance, and generosity have enriched our city and empowered generations of entertainers.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF CHOSIN RESERVOIR

#### HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir and recognize the heroic veterans of the Chosin Few.

Seventy-five years ago, in the bitter winter of 1950, 30,000 United Nations forces, most of them United States Marines, were surrounded by more than 120,000 Chinese troops near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Facing the freezing conditions, overwhelming odds, and heavy casualties, these men executed a successful fighting retreat to the port of Hungnam. In doing so, these heroes evacuated over 100,000 troops and civilians, through unyielding courage, sacrifice, and determination.

The Battle of Chosin Reservoir is remembered not only for the extreme conditions that were faced, but more importantly the courage of those who fought. Over the course of 14 days, 17 Medals of Honor and 78 Service Cross Medals were awarded to these men for their actions in combat.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the Chosin Few and in recognizing the enduring legacy of courage, sacrifice, and freedom that their service represents.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF LIEUTENANT ROBERT JOHN  
HEANEY

**HON. APRIL McCLAIN DELANEY**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Robert John Heaney was born on September 24, 1975, in Parlin, New Jersey. He later moved with his family to Derwood, Maryland, where he graduated from Colonel Zadok Magruder High School in 1993. From a young age, Robert demonstrated a strong commitment to service, a trait that would guide the course of his life and career.

On October 10, 2000, he joined the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. Following the successful completion of his recruit training, he was assigned to Engine Company 14 in the Fort Totten area of Washington, D.C., in February 2001. Over the next two decades, he served with distinction in some of the department's most challenging and demanding assignments.

Rob was a proud and dedicated member of the Trinidad firehouse, known as the "House of Pain," a firehouse which was repeatedly recognized as the busiest in the entire United States. It was there that he earned a reputation for courage, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to those he served alongside. He later rose to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to Rescue Squad 2, one of the most elite companies within the department.

In 2023, Lieutenant Heaney was diagnosed with bladder cancer, a condition now recognized as an occupational illness associated with the fire service. Despite his diagnosis, he continued to show up with determination and resolve, remaining steadfast in his dedication to the job and his colleagues. On January 22, 2025, at the age of 49, he passed away from occupational cancer. His death was formally recognized as a line-of-duty death.

Lieutenant Heaney is survived by his loving wife, Beth Heaney, and their two children, Molly and Finn. He also leaves behind his father, Robert Heaney Sr., his brother Sean, and his sister, Kellie.

Lieutenant Robert John Heaney's legacy is one of service, sacrifice, and honor. His memory lives on through his family, his colleagues, and the countless lives he touched throughout his career. It is an honor to enter Lieutenant Heaney's legacy in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and I extend my deepest gratitude for his devotion to others.

HONORING REV. DR. JEANETTE  
SALGUERO AS A DISTINGUISHED  
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Rev. Dr. Jeanette Salguero is a pastor, educator, and nonprofit leader whose work has transformed Florida's Ninth Congressional District. As co-lead pastor

of The Gathering Place Church in Orlando, she has built a thriving, multicultural congregation committed to restoring lives, families, the city, and the world. She is co-leading the creation of a Dream Center Campus in Central Florida, designed to provide comprehensive services for families in need. Dr. Salguero is the creator of the Oikonomia Initiative, a groundbreaking program that equips pastors and nonprofit leaders with financial literacy, debt-relief resources, and leadership excellence funds. Through this initiative, Central Florida pastors and leaders have been empowered to pay down personal debt, stabilize their finances, and strengthen their capacity to serve their communities.

She also founded the Avance Initiative, which brings together Latino leaders and entrepreneurs for capacity development, strengthening their organizational infrastructures and expanding their community impact. As executive director of the Carrión Hispanic Leadership Center at Southeastern University, Dr. Salguero has helped expand access to affordable, high-quality education for over 200 Latino students.

She also serves as co-founder and vice president of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NaLEC), headquartered in the district, where she mobilizes a national network of over 3,000 leaders around issues such as poverty alleviation, immigration, and educational equity. With a pastoral heart and prophetic vision, Dr. Salguero has secured multi-million-dollar philanthropic investments, built bridges across sectors, and brought national visibility to Florida's Ninth District as a model for church-based and nonprofit-led community transformation.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE ERIE CANAL  
AND THE 2025 WORLD CANALS  
CONFERENCE

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 2025 World Canals Conference, being held in Buffalo, New York, where the opening of the Erie Canal changed the world. This is an event where experts and enthusiasts from all over the globe share innovative practices related to economic and community development, waterway management, tourism, and historic preservation along inland waterways.

For decades, the World Canals Conference has brought together the brightest minds working on inland waterways to share ideas and inspiration for the future of their field of work. Established in 1990, the World Canals Conference plays an important role in highlighting how canals and inland waterways contribute to cultural and historical preservation, and environmental revitalization.

Hosted this year in the City of Buffalo, this unique conference will see community members and visitors gather at the Erie Canal, the first all-water link between the Atlantic Ocean and the upper Great Lakes. The Erie Canal serves as a testament to the vision of the Empire State and those who imagined a narrow ribbon of waterway, carved through nearly four

hundred miles of forests and wetlands that transformed our state and nation, carrying food and materials from the heart of North America to the global market.

This week, we celebrate the World Canals Conference and its steadfast commitment to commerce and water management across the globe. May this week continue to inspire future generations to uphold historical preservation and remind us to work together for a stronger, more connected world.

THANKING ALEKSI KNEPP FOR  
HER SERVICE TO ILLINOIS' 13TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of and express my deep gratitude for my agriculture policy advisor, Aleks Knepp, for her outstanding service to my office over the past 2½ years.

Since joining my team in 2023 as legislative assistant, Aleks has been entrusted with a wide portfolio of issues, but her leadership on agriculture and education policy has made a lasting mark on my office and Illinois' 13th district. In these roles, she has not only proved invaluable to me and my staff but has also served as a direct voice for my constituents in Illinois' 13th district.

Aleks has been at the center of some of the most important legislative and district activities I have undertaken. She has guided my office through farm bill negotiations and markups, ensured that our team was well-prepared for the annual Farm Progress Show, and represented my office with diligence and skill at countless other hearings, briefings, and stakeholder meetings. Regardless of what policy issue she was tasked with solving, Aleks approached every task with a sense of dedication, professionalism, and passion for public service.

As the daughter of central Illinois farmers, Aleks brings to her role not only technical expertise but also lived experience. She understands first-hand the challenges faced by family farmers and rural communities across Illinois. She has carried that perspective into this role, always keeping in mind the voices of those who are too often left out of debates in Washington.

Outside of her incredible policy contributions, Aleks has been an integral member of our team, helping to build a culture of collaboration, camaraderie, and hard work.

While I am saddened to see Aleks depart from my staff, I am so proud that she will be continuing her service to the public on the House Committee on Agriculture, where she will have the opportunity to work on behalf of growers and producers from across the Nation.

I want to once again thank Aleks Knepp for her service to my office and my constituents. While she will be missed in my office, I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role, and I know that she has a bright future ahead of her in public service.