

Company and a deployment with the 38th Infantry Division, where she served as Executive Officer to the Commanding General. Prior to her most recent role, Lieutenant Colonel Chrysler served four years in Joint and Army Congressional Affairs at the National Guard Bureau, strengthening the relationship between Congress and our Citizen-Soldiers.

In addition to her military service, Lieutenant Colonel Chrysler has held a series of senior civilian leadership roles in Indiana. She served as Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Defense Development, as Chief Operating Officer and President of the National Center for Complex Operations, and earlier as Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. She also served as Legislative Director for Governor Mitch Daniels, where she was instrumental in advancing major initiatives on property tax reform, transportation infrastructure, and benefits for Hoosier veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Chrysler's career reflects a lifetime of commitment to service, leadership, and excellence. She has dedicated herself to strengthening our national defense, advancing Indiana's role in critical policy areas, and ensuring that the National Guard remains prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Danielle Chrysler for her outstanding service to Indiana and to the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. LESSIE SYLVEEN POINDEXTER CROSBY

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 today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lessie Sylveen Poindexter Crosby, a beacon of light in the City of Buffalo. Mrs. Poindexter Crosby's life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love and resilience.

Born September 7, 1935, in Buffalo, New York, to Issac Costello and Fannie Sue Poindexter Johnson. Mrs. Poindexter Crosby was raised to inspire everyone she met with her selflessness and compassion. Over the years, she has witnessed many changes in her life and community, yet her love for those around her has remained a constant source of strength. Mrs. Poindexter Crosby has consistently demonstrated Christian principles as a community member and spiritual leader in the Women's Ministry at First Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mrs. Poindexter Crosby's most rewarding roles have been those of a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. In 1953, Mrs. Poindexter Crosby married the late Mr. Excel Crosby. Their loving union blessed them with four community-minded children—Julie, Gary, Bridgett, and Lisa. Together, they built a home filled with love, respect, and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mrs. Poindexter Crosby, a woman of poise and resilience, whose influence extends beyond her beloved family and community. On this milestone birthday, we celebrate her extraordinary life, her enduring legacy, and the profound impact she has made on all who know her.

HONORING PHILLIP ARROYO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Phillip Arroyo is a distinguished attorney, advocate, and proud Puerto Rican whose life reflects a lifelong dedication to justice. Born in 1982 on a United States military base in Germany to a Puerto Rican father who served in the Armed Forces, he was raised with the values of resilience, service, and courage. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Arroyo served as special assistant to the Puerto Rico Secretary of State, Kenneth McClintock, and in the Puerto Rico Senate. He later addressed the international community, twice testifying before the United Nations in New York City on the island's unequal political status within the United States. In 2012, he was selected from thousands of applicants nationwide to serve as a White House intern under President Barack Obama's administration, where he worked in the office of then-Vice President Joe Biden, analyzing domestic policy.

Following his graduation from Florida A&M University College of Law, Mr. Arroyo chose to serve as a public defender, representing the poor and ensuring the constitutional rights of the most vulnerable were protected. In 2022, he transitioned into private practice, co-founding the Arroyo Law Firm in Orlando, Florida, with his wife and law partner, Josephine Arroyo. Under their leadership, the firm has become one of Central Florida's most respected criminal defense and immigration practices, recognized for zealous advocacy, service to underserved communities, and its particular commitment to assisting the Hispanic community.

In addition, Mr. Arroyo is a frequent commentator in both national and local media on issues of criminal justice, immigration, and civil rights. While many in the legal community have remained silent, he has consistently spoken up in defense of our Constitution and immigrant communities during these dark times.

His journey—from Puerto Rico to the United Nations, to the White House, and now to the courtroom—stands as a testament to perseverance, courage, and the enduring power of advocacy in the pursuit of justice for all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OFFICER KARL HAUGEN

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Officer Karl Haugen, who passed away recently while off-duty.

As early as high school, Karl expressed an interest in becoming a first responder. After attending the Law Enforcement Program at Alexandria Technical College and earning his Bachelor's Degree from Mankato State University, he began his public service career, work-

ing at the Minnesota Forensic Hospital in St. Peter. He later worked at the MN Correctional Facility—Faribault and served for two years as Henderson Chief of Police.

In 2008, he became an officer with the Le Sueur Police Department. Officer Haugen was well-known in the community for his humor, generosity, and compassionate approach to law enforcement. Despite the challenges and sacrifices of rural policing, he remained dedicated to public service and demonstrated a talent for seeing the good in people.

I offer my deepest condolences to Officer Haugen's family—his wife, Morgan, and his young children, Griffin, Aurora, and Teddy, and I thank him and the entire Le Sueur Police Department for their service to our community.

HONORING MS. HATTIE WHITE ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt birthday wishes to Ms. Hattie White as she celebrates her remarkable 100th birthday. Born in 1925, she lived in the vibrant Bedford Stuyvesant community in Brooklyn, New York. A community known for its rich African American heritage, social activism, and brownstone homes that reflected the pride of homeownership among neighbors. In fact, at a time when homeownership was not easily attainable, Ms. White owned a home where she provided her seven children with a stable and nurturing environment.

Ms. Hattie lived a life characterized by hard work, resilience, adaptability, and faith. Her life spanned historical events in our society, from the Great Depression, World War II, to the Civil Rights Movement, the cultural shifts of the 1960's and 70's and the advancements in technology. These events shaped her experiences and perspectives, further strengthening her resolve.

In addition to her family, Ms. Hattie has been and remains a devoted member of the Zion Shiloh Baptist Church. Her unwavering faith and commitment to the church community have made her a beloved figure among her fellow congregants. She is a respected elder of the church who is renowned for her years of leadership roles, community service, and guiding her congregation. Her compassion and generosity have touched the lives of many in Brooklyn, making her a true beacon of hope and inspiration.

Ms. Hattie White exemplifies a remarkable legacy of longevity, resilience and a proud spirit of service. She is cherished by her family and friends, who are deeply grateful for her unconditional love and friendship.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Hattie White, one of our Nation's Centenarians, on this special occasion of her 100th year birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE SEMICENTENNIAL OF THE WOOD COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Semicentennial of the Wood County Committee on Aging. For five decades, the Committee has been dedicated to service, community, and care for all seniors in Wood County. The hard work and spirit shown by staff at the Committee have made it possible for countless older adults to remain independent and improve their quality of life.

Founded in 1975, the Wood County Committee on Aging was established to provide comprehensive services to the county's seniors. These services have grown over the decades to include programs for home-delivered meals, medical transportation, health and wellness initiatives, caregiver support, and much more. With senior centers across the county, the Committee has been able to help elderly adults and their families navigate the challenges that can arise while aging.

Mr. Speaker, by celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Wood County Committee on Aging, the county can recognize the outstanding achievements of the staff and pride the patrons have for their senior centers. I congratulate the Committee on Aging on this momentous milestone. I thank them for all they do for our county's seniors.

HONORING MR. DAVID CATTLER FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Cattler for his extraordinary career and over 30 years of federal service to our country. Mr. Cattler is set to retire from the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) on September 30th.

Mr. Cattler began his journey at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and then going on to earn a Master of Policy Management from Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of the National Intelligence University, the US Naval War College, and was a Senior Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI: Foreign Politics, International Relations and the National Interest.

His career in public service began as a naval surface warfare officer, where he served aboard two Aegis cruisers, USS *Antietam* and USS *Chancellorsville*, and ashore as a military and civilian officer with the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Throughout the years, Mr. Cattler has held many prestigious positions. He served as the Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security at NATO, where he played a key role in shaping and securing critical NATO decision-making. He also served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Regional Affairs

within the National Security Council, helping to coordinate national policy. Additionally, he provided critical advising as a senior advisor to the Director of National Intelligence in various roles, including Chairman of the National Intelligence Management Council, National Intelligence Manager for the Near East, and Principal Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Military Issues.

Throughout his career he has been recognized by numerous national and international awards, including the Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award; the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana of Estonia (Third Class); the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of Poland; the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise of Ukraine (Fifth Degree); the Order of Merit of the Ministry of Defence of Estonia (Second Class); Medal of Noble Partner of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia; Medal of Honorary Recognition of the Ministry of Defence of Latvia; Medal of the Defense Intelligence Service of Lithuania; Medal of Partnership of the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine; the DNI Distinguished Service Award; the DIA Director's Award; 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award of the Amphitheater School District (Tucson, Ariz.); Navy Commendation Medal (with one gold star); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Navy Achievement Medal (with one gold star); and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

I want to personally extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Cattler for over 30 years of service to our country. His unwavering commitment to national security has shaped our entire nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. Cattler's remarkable legacy and authentic leadership. We are grateful for his leadership, courage, and vision.

HONORING MATT AND MORGAN YEAKLEY

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Yeakley, and his wife Morgan, for their extraordinary service and leadership during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene in Marshall, North Carolina.

When Hurricane Helene struck, downtown Marshall was left heavily damaged, with streets blocked, buildings impacted, and the community in urgent need of coordination and support. From the very first morning after the storm, Matt and Morgan stepped forward without hesitation to organize and lead the town's volunteer cleanup efforts. Matt focused on heavy equipment and debris cleanup, while Morgan coordinated volunteers and addressed medical needs.

Drawing on their leadership skills and deep knowledge of the community, Matt and Morgan quickly established a volunteer coordination hub in front of the courthouse. They identified critical areas needing attention, organized volunteers into specialized teams, and ensured every person, local or visiting, had a meaningful role to play in the recovery.

Their calm demeanor and logistical efficiency transformed a chaotic and uncertain situation into a coordinated, effective response. The safety and productivity of every cleanup

crew were always a priority. Volunteers from across the region praised Matt and his wife for their clarity, professionalism, and kindness.

Thanks to their tireless efforts, downtown Marshall was cleared and stabilized within days, allowing businesses owners and residents to access their properties and begin their own recovery efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to Matt and Morgan Yeakley as their dedication, humility, and leadership during this time of crisis exemplify the very best of community service.

CELEBRATING UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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 join the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian communities around the world in celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day, observed annually on August 24th. It acknowledges a day of triumph and persistence through the courage and unity of the Ukrainian people.

On August 24, 1991, members of the Ukrainian Parliament replaced the red and blue flag of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic with the current blue and yellow Ukrainian flag following a failed coup in the Soviet Union. In response, pro-democracy leaders chose to push for Ukraine's Independence despite the risks—truly living up to their historic motto "Come what may."

Ukrainian Independence Day is celebrated with a national address and flag-raising ceremony in Kyiv by the President of Ukraine, followed by military parades, cultural performances, and patriotic songs. The blue and yellow Ukrainian flag is proudly displayed across the country and in Ukrainian communities around the world. It is a day of national pride and reflection, where citizens honor the struggles of their ancestors, celebrate their sovereignty, and express solidarity with Ukrainians everywhere.

As we celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day, let us acknowledge and celebrate the sacrifices made by the countless brave souls and citizens who fought for a future of liberty and independence. Let us also take this moment to recognize the vibrant Ukrainian-American community throughout our country. Their cultural contributions enrich our nation, and we are all the better for it.

HONORING DILIA CASTILLO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dilia Castillo was born in Manhattan, New York, to parents from the Dominican Republic. In 1989, she moved to Florida, where she began her career as a freelance photographer, focusing on community events, newspapers, and magazines. Due