

lasted the rest of his life, no matter where he and his family lived.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctorate from the College of William & Mary, Mr. McGlothlin began a distinguished law career. This career track shaped his quick return to Buchanan County where he became cofounder of a law firm.

One of Mr. McGlothlin's greatest achievements was the founding of the United Coal Company, which became the building blocks for the United Company. Over time, the company specialized in coal, oil and gas, real estate, hospitality and finance. The company grew into a well-known and influential privately owned business in the Commonwealth which helped fuel economic growth in regions like Southwest Virginia.

Known for his generous philanthropy, Mr. McGlothlin supported many communities in Southwest Virginia, particularly children. His charitable efforts included his support of the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia, an institution where at-risk children can access special educational opportunities.

Mr. McGlothlin's tenure as a business leader and community spokesman are credited for the legalization of commercial casinos in Virginia and the subsequent founding of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Bristol, Virginia.

Other significant accomplishments and pursuits of Mr. McGlothlin included the creation of the William & Mary McGlothlin Teaching Award in 2016. He also continued to mentor students over the years, along with speaking about business, leadership and ethics. In 2015, he was granted with the Citizens-Lawyer award, the highest alumni distinction at William & Mary.

Besides his accomplishments at William & Mary, Mr. McGlothlin and his family have generously invested in the arts, education and health care. The McGlothlin American Art Galleries and McGlothlin Wings, well known for its beautiful artwork, were established in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. McGlothlin is survived by his loving wife, Frances, and his children, Martha Bowman (Mark), Tara Verkuil (David) and Gibson Verkuil (Dena); his six grandchildren, and his siblings, Michael McGlothlin and Tom McGlothlin.

I join my friends and public figures across Southwest Virginia in mourning the loss of a titan. Mr. McGlothlin leaves behind legacies of riches, friendships and inspirations that span much of Southwest Virginia. Through his actions as an entrepreneur, public servant and family man, he will be remembered as a leader, mentor and friend to many.

HONORING HALEY DENG ON BECOMING A UNITED STATES CITIZEN

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor one of my former interns, Ms. Haley Deng, who is taking the oath of citizenship and officially becoming a citizen of the United States.

Haley was born in China and moved at an early age to Marlboro, New Jersey, in my dis-

trict, where she grew up. From a young age, she demonstrated a deep curiosity about the world around her and a strong commitment to serving others. Today, she is pursuing degrees in Biological Sciences and Government at Cornell University, with the goal of entering public service and helping to improve our healthcare system.

This past summer, Haley brought her talents to my congressional office as an intern. She displayed a remarkable ability to understand and clearly communicate complex healthcare policies—always with empathy, clarity, and respect. She spoke compassionately with constituents seeking assistance, supported our caseworkers in processing inquiries, and participated in policy meetings with professionalism and a consistently positive attitude. Haley never hesitated to share her perspective, drawing from her experience growing up in an immigrant family and the challenges and opportunities that shaped her.

For Haley, one of her greatest aspirations was to become an American citizen. She fell in love with our Nation's freedoms and with our democratic system, even while acknowledging its imperfections. Today, she has fulfilled that dream. I am proud to say our country is stronger because of it. For when we welcome a new citizen like Haley, we reaffirm the promise that America is not defined by blood or birth, but by the shared belief that freedom and opportunity belong to all who seek them.

As a citizen, Haley will continue to apply her education, experience, and New Jersey values to the work of building a brighter and more inclusive future for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Haley Deng on this milestone in her life and in welcoming her as one of our Nation's newest citizens.

RECOGNIZING HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Hawaiian History Month this September, I want to again express the pride and appreciation of my Hawaii in the unique history, culture and contributions of the Native Hawaiian people.

Because of Hawaii's geographic distance from the continental United States and the general lack of education nationally about Hawaiian history, many Americans remain unaware that there are over 700,000 now who identify in whole or in part as Native Hawaiian. Roughly half continue to reside in their homeland of Hawaii, and I am deeply humbled to join my Hawaii Congressional delegation colleagues in our kuleana (responsibility) to represent them and their 'ohana (family) everywhere in Congress.

The Native Hawaiians, also known as Kānaka Maoli, trace their origins to the extraordinary voyages from their ancestral homeland of Kahiki—today's Tahiti and Marquesas—hundreds of years before the arrival of other recognized Pacific peoples in their homelands. By the time of first Western contact with Captain Cook in 1778, Native Hawaiians had developed a complete and vibrant

culture with their own language, religion, values and sophisticated systems of governance, agriculture and navigation.

Yet, like so many other indigenous peoples, post-contact Native Hawaiians endured marginalization, suppression and loss of their traditions in their own homelands. While estimates vary, it is believed that there were more than 300,000 Native Hawaiians prior to the arrival of Captain Cook, but by 1920, that number had fallen to just under 24,000, on the verge of losing bedrock cultural practices such as hula, traditional chanting called oli and the Hawaiian language itself due to mass population loss and laws preventing the teaching of Hawaiian.

But beginning in the 1960s–70s, a cultural renaissance took hold. Kumu hula (master teachers in the art of hula) like George Na'ope, who founded the Merrie Monarch Festival, worked tirelessly to preserve and revive ancient hula traditions. Language advocates like Larry Kimura launched 'Aha Pūnana Leo preschools to nurture a new generation of 'Ōlelo Hawaii (Hawaiian language) speakers. The Polynesian Voyaging Society, through the construction and voyages of the Hōkūle'a, reawakened the ancient art of navigation and connected Native Hawaiians with their voyaging ancestors.

Today, Native Hawaiians continue to embody resilience and leadership. Their revival across all enriches not only Hawaii but also the entire Nation, offering a living example of perseverance, identity and contribution. We see this in the half-century now of traditional navigation of Nainoa Thompson, the first Hawaiian master navigator in 600 years, the music and cultural leadership of Keali'i Reichel and Kumu Hula Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, the athletic achievements of Max Holloway and Akebono Taro, and the groundbreaking scientific work of Dr. Isabella Abbott, the world's foremost expert on Pacific marine algae.

As we mark Hawaiian History Month, let us honor the Native Hawaiian people, recognize their unique history and culture, and recommit ourselves to ensuring that this heritage remains a living, thriving part of our shared American story.

HONORING ASHLEY MILLER FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE 2025 3M CLASH OF THE GRINDERS COMPETITION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ashley Miller, who placed 2nd in 3M's 2025 Clash of the Grinders, a national welding and fabrication competition.

The Clash of the Grinders competition is an annual event hosted by 3M's Abrasive Solutions division at FABTECH, North America's largest metalworking trade show. This metalworking competition challenges the skill and speed of welding school students across various applications in welding and grinding. It serves as an inspiration for young individuals to pursue careers in skilled trades. This year, only six applicants from across the Nation were invited to compete in the competition to showcase their skills.

Ashley is from Hanover, Pennsylvania and was inspired to pursue welding by her father. Although she didn't know any welders personally, a high school welding course sparked her interest, leading her to enroll in the fabrication and welding program at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. At Thaddeus Stevens, Ashley has advanced her skills in Shielded Metal Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding, also known as Metal Inert Gas welding, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, commonly called Tungsten Inert Gas welding, and oxyacetylene welding.

Ashley placed 2nd at this year's Clash of the Grinders competition, an amazing achievement. For her great work, she was awarded a \$9,000 cash prize. Outside of welding, Ashley enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and dogs, cherishing the joy and memories they bring. Upon completing her program at Thaddeus Stevens, Ashley plans to start her career in a shop or field setting to build her skills and has an interest in Non-Destructive Testing.

I commend Ashley for her amazing work and her interest in pursuing a career in the trades. It is thanks to young people like Ashley, who will drive our Nation's economy for decades to come. It is important that we recognize and encourage young people to participate in the skilled trades and competitions like the Clash of the Grinders are crucial to increasing visibility for these in-demand industries.

I congratulate Ashley on her 2nd place finish. I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF
DIRK KEMPTHORNE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of one of Idaho's most distinguished public servants, my dear friend of over 40 years, Dirk Kempthorne.

Dirk's career has been a testament to selfless dedication, from the halls of local government to the highest echelons of national service. Born in San Diego, California, in 1951, Dirk graduated from the University of Idaho in 1975 with a degree in political science, where he served as Student Body President, a fitting prelude to a lifetime of leadership. He began his public service as Mayor of Boise from 1985 to 1993, guiding our capital city through a period of remarkable growth and economic vitality. From there, he ascended to the United States Senate, representing Idaho from 1993 to 1999 with a steady hand and unyielding commitment to Western values. Elected Governor in 1998 and reelected in 2002, Dirk served until 2006, championing fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship. Capping his tenure in elective office, he was confirmed as the 49th Secretary of the Interior under President George W. Bush, where he balanced conservation with economic opportunity across our vast public lands.

But to me, Mr. Speaker, Dirk has never been just "Mr. Mayor," "Senator Kempthorne," "Governor," or "Mr. Secretary." He is simply Dirk—a loyal confidant, a steadfast ally, and a

friend I was lucky to meet in the arena of Idaho politics more than four decades ago. We met in the mid-1980's, as I began my service in the Idaho State Legislature and Dirk launched his mayoral campaign. From those early days, our friendship deepened through shared battles and bipartisan collaborations on behalf of Idahoans. Dirk's endorsement and unwavering support were instrumental in my own 1998 campaign for this House seat, a debt of gratitude I carry to this day. He didn't just help get me elected; he helped shape the principled conservative I strive to be, always reminding me that public service is about people, not politics.

Mr. Speaker, our professional paths intertwined time and again, yielding results that strengthened Idaho and the West. As Mayor, Dirk and I worked together to tackle local challenges. When Dirk became Governor, I had the honor of being elected to represent Idaho's 2nd Congressional District. Together with the Idaho Delegation, we built a productive relationship with the State of Idaho, delivering federal results for Idahoans across the state.

I appreciated the priorities Dirk established while serving as Secretary of the Interior, and when I was Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. Although Republicans did not have the majority in the House, I had the honor of working with Dirk to advance priorities vital to Idaho. From working on the Endangered Species Act to protect property rights while safeguarding habitats, addressing water rights and tribal sovereignty, and promoting multiple-use policies for our public lands, Dirk's leadership ensured that federal policies respected the unique needs of the West.

Among these efforts, one stands out that holds a place closer to our hearts—that is, the Peregrine Fund and its World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise. Dirk has been its tireless advocate for this Center, just as he was during his time in public service. The Peregrine Fund has pioneered species recovery efforts, including the delisting of the peregrine falcon from the endangered list. I was proud to secure federal funding for the Center's vital work, and even prouder to do so alongside a friend who supported these efforts.

Through it all, Dirk has remained one of Idaho's fiercest champions. Even now, as he faces a personal battle with cancer with the same determination that defined his public life, Dirk continues to inspire us all. His story reminds us that true leadership endures beyond the ballot box, rooted in faith, family, and dedication.

I am grateful for Dirk's decades of service to our state and Nation, as well as his friendship all these years. I extend my deepest admiration and gratitude to Patricia, his wife, as she has also sacrificed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and honoring Dirk Kempthorne for his decades of service, loyalty, and the lasting impact he has had on Idaho and America. May Dirk's legacy soar as high as the raptors he has so nobly protected.

RECOGNIZING THE PHYSICIANS AT
DALLAS ENDOSCOPY CENTER

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of the physicians at Dallas Endoscopy Center (DEC) to the health and well-being of the residents of Texas' 30th Congressional District. For almost two decades, these dedicated healthcare professionals have profoundly impacted our community through their commitment to providing exceptional, cost-effective outpatient surgical services, including colonoscopies and endoscopies.

The founders' vision of delivering safe and effective surgical care through innovation and technology culminated in the opening of this critical facility in September 2005. Moreover, patients and employees have remained at the forefront of DEC's mission. As Susan Cheek, DEC's Administrator, put it: "Our longevity is a testament to our commitment to patients and employees. Multiple individuals, such as myself, have spent the majority of their careers here, directly impacting the lives of tens of thousands of patients. By prioritizing quality and efficiency, we've cultivated a strong, dedicated team that has been instrumental in our continued growth."

Ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs), such as DEC, are critical in delivering timely preventative care, including vital screenings like colonoscopies and endoscopies. These facilities offer efficient and accessible procedures, often with short wait times and low costs. By providing quick access to these screenings, ASCs can help identify potential health issues early, when treatment is most effective.

It is important to highlight the role of ASCs in serving underserved populations. These centers can offer increased accessibility for individuals facing barriers to care, such as lack of insurance or transportation difficulties. By providing convenient and affordable options, ASCs can help to reduce health disparities and improve overall community health.

I want to acknowledge the following physicians for their exemplary work specifically, Christopher J. Vesey, M.D. (Founder), W. Gregory Hodges, M.D. (Founder), Rajeev Jain, M.D. (Founder), Michael J. Nunez, M.D. (Founder), Kimberly M. Persley, M.D. (Founder), Esmail Elwazir, M.D. (Founder), Bhavani Moparty, M.D., Abrar Ahmed, M.D., Ben Kahn, M.D., Jason Martin, M.D., Jason Martin, M.D., William E. Stevens, M.D. (Founder), Robert Jacobson, M.D. (Founder), Paitoon Tulanon, M.D. (Founder), Peter Loeb, M.D. (Founder) in Gastroenterology as well as F. Clark Odom, M.D. (Founder) and Roberto Rodriguez Ruesga, M.D. (Founder) in Colorectal Surgery.

These physicians are invaluable assets to our community, and their dedication to patient care is commendable. By providing accessible and high-quality outpatient services, they have improved the lives of countless individuals in our district. I, again, proudly recognize the exceptional work of all the healthcare providers at Dallas Endoscopy Center.