

HONORING DR. CORINTHIA
RIDGLEY BOONE AS A 2025 SHE
LEADS AMERICA CHRISTIAN
WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Corinthia Ridgley Boone as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

Dr. Corinthia Ridgley Boone is an author, bridge builder of unity, and an ambassador of prayer and reconciliation, both in the United States and internationally. She earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy and Counseling from Union University and devoted 25 years of service to the Prince George's County School System as a teacher, principal, and instructional specialist.

In 1987, Dr. Boone founded Together in Ministry International to foster international and interracial relationships among pastors and churches in the capital region. Building on that vision, she established the International Christian Host Coalition in 1996 to coordinate churches, ministries, and organizations in reconciliation efforts, evangelistic outreach, and compassionate service.

Since 1985, she has faithfully chaired the Capital City National Day of Prayer, uniting believers across denominational and cultural lines. Her leadership was recognized in 1988 when she was honored in *Who's Who* in Women's Ministry, and in 2025 is being honored as a She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Boone has served tirelessly on numerous national and regional boards. She has spoken widely across the U.S. and abroad, emphasizing unity, prayer, racial reconciliation, and generational bridges. She continues to serve as God's ambassador of prayer and reconciliation in this generation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
COLONEL TRENTON N. TWEDT

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Trenton N. Twedt of the Iowa National Guard, whose nearly four decades of distinguished service in uniform exemplifies unwavering commitment to our state and our country.

Colonel Twedt began his military career in 1986, enlisting in the United States Air Force as an avionics specialist. From those early days working on aircraft systems to later roles in command, he carried a steadfast dedication to mission and to the Airmen and women with whom he served.

After earning his degree from the University of Iowa, Colonel Twedt received his commission in 1999. This marked the beginning of a new chapter in a remarkable career that advanced from the enlisted ranks to the highest

levels of leadership within the Iowa Air National Guard.

His service carried him to many parts of the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, and Germany. Yet through all his overseas assignments, his heart remained in Iowa, where he guided and mentored Guardsmen to ensure they were trained, supported, and prepared to serve. His mentorship, including to myself as a Squadron Commander, where he imbued his leadership traits upon the next generation of Air Force officers as our Group Commander, reflects his enduring commitment to building leaders of character and service.

Over the years, Colonel Twedt has been a steady hand in moments of challenge, a trusted advisor to his peers, and a mentor to the next generation of Air Force leaders. His leadership has been recognized with the Legion of Merit and many other commendations. However, his most enduring legacy will be found in the lives he has influenced, the careers he has shaped, and the high standard of integrity he has upheld throughout his service.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Trenton N. Twedt has lived a life of service that exemplifies the very best of the Iowa Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for his dedication to duty, his leadership through decades of change, and his contributions to our state and our Nation.

HONORING SIDEWINDER OF TEXAS
FOR 41 YEARS OF MUSIC AND
SERVICE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate and recognize Sidewinder of Texas, a legendary band from Los Fresnos, for bringing joy and pride to South Texas for over four decades. Their music embodies the Valley's resilience, creativity, and pride, reminding us that "time flies when you're having fun."

Since its founding in 1984, Sidewinder of Texas has been a defining part of the Rio Grande Valley's music scene, blending their signature "Texas Style Rock and Roll" with deep community roots. Formed by David Valdez, Paul Pederson, Rey Ybarra, and Raul Garcia, they quickly earned recognition across the state and beyond with hits like *Cruisin' on the Levee*, *Ready to Rock*, *Can't Take my Dreams*, and *My Country*. Their music has reached audiences on radio, at the South by Southwest Music Festival, and through countless live performances.

Beyond their musical achievements, Sidewinder of Texas has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the community. They have donated their time and talent to many charitable causes, including Toys for Tots, the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Wounded Warrior Project. Their generosity and service reflect the spirit of unity and compassion that defines the people of Los Fresnos and the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Texas, I join the City of Los Fresnos in

honoring Sidewinder of Texas for their outstanding contributions to music, their dedication to service, and their commitment to representing our community with heart and pride.

CELEBRATING THE TOWN OF
DAVIE, FLORIDA

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Town of Davie, Florida's Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Trailblazing.

A century ago, visionaries and pioneers laid the foundation of Davie with hopes, dreams, and a commitment to building a better future. And that vision has certainly come to life. Over the years, the people of Davie faced challenges, embraced change, and celebrated countless achievements. It is truly a town known for its spirit, resilience, and diversity.

The Town of Davie is home to nearly 107,000 residents who live across a lush 35 square miles within central Broward. The Town's rural atmosphere, western-themed district, and sprawling educational complex foster an environment that separates Davie from all other municipalities in Broward County. Green open spaces, numerous parks, over 165 miles of trail system, and the opportunity to live an equestrian lifestyle are amenities you won't find in today's growing South Florida.

The Town of Davie is also the nexus of higher education in South Florida where several nationally known colleges, technical institutes, and universities make up the South Florida Educational Center. And Davie's business climate ranges from entrepreneurial small businesses to the headquarters of Fortune 500 firms.

And the Town of Davie holds a special place in my heart. It's where my husband Steve and I bought our first home as we began our life together.

This 100th anniversary is a time to honor the past and the efforts of those who came before us, as well as celebrate the achievements of today and the next 100 years.

Congratulations to Mayor Judy Paul and the Town Council for working tirelessly to ensure Davie remains a warm, close-knit community with a hometown ambiance for all who live, work, and visit.

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER SEVILLA
KORN FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE
AND LEADERSHIP

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer Sevilla Korn for her public service and leadership.

A native of East Los Angeles and a proud Marine Corps spouse, Jennifer is a national conservative leader, policy expert, and political strategist whose faith has guided her throughout a distinguished 20-year career in public service. She helped elect and advise two U.S.

Presidents and two U.S. Attorneys General while leading national grassroots and communications efforts that achieved historic gains among minority, veteran, and faith voters.

Appointed by President Trump as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the newly created White House Faith Office, Jennifer works to protect religious freedom, ensuring Americans of all faiths have a voice in their government. She advises the President on matters of faith at home and abroad. Previously, she co-founded the National Faith Advisory Board, the largest faith coalition in the United States, representing leaders from every state, denomination, and ethnic background.

Her earlier career includes serving as Deputy Political Director at the Republican National Committee, Director of Hispanic and Women's Affairs in the George W. Bush White House, and Senior Advisor to two U.S. Attorneys General at the Department of Justice. As a She Leads America honoree, Jennifer believes leadership is a calling to serve others with both truth and compassion, empowering individuals, strengthening families, and preserving freedom for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman for her public service and leadership.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALMA FAMILY SERVICES IN BOYLE HEIGHTS

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th Anniversary of Alma Family Services located in the Boyle Heights community of East Los Angeles.

Since 1975, Alma Family Services has been a steadfast advocate for families and individuals with special needs. Founded by parents in East Los Angeles with the mission of providing multilingual and culturally competent services to their communities, Alma Family Services has become a trusted service provider with 18 locations across Los Angeles County. Every year, the organization serves over 15,000 individuals with mental health services, substance abuse support, youth development, and many more resources.

Over the last 50 years, Alma Family Services has expanded their services to provide multigenerational support for our neighbors of all ages. Through an extensive network of connections spanning across various levels of government, businesses, and fellow organizations, Alma Family Services strives to address the unique needs of seniors, parents, and students across LA County. The impact of their efforts can be felt in every corner of California's 34th Congressional District, where our neighborhoods are revitalized and uplifted through the organization's crucial resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Alma Family Services on their 50th Anniversary.

HONORING DR. RALPH H. SEXTON, JR.

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it is an extraordinary privilege for me today as we gather to honor a remarkable servant of God, Dr. Ralph H. Sexton, Jr., a beloved pastor, evangelist, and community leader from Asheville, North Carolina, on this momentous occasion to celebrate his fiftieth year in ministry.

Fifty years. That's half a century of preaching the Word, shepherding souls, comforting the brokenhearted, celebrating life's joys, and standing firm in times of trial. From his very first sermon preached to his most recent prayer whispered, Dr. Sexton has lived out the calling described in 1 Peter 5:2, "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them . . . not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be." And that is exactly what he has done—not out of duty, but out of love: love for God, love for the Gospel, and love for His people.

Dr. Sexton was born on January 17, 1947, to Ralph H. Sexton Sr., and Jacqueline Sexton, and was educated in the public schools of Asheville, North Carolina. He graduated from Lee Edwards High School in 1965 and continued his education at Trevecca College in Nashville, Tennessee, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He later received a Doctor of Divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary in Dothan, Alabama, and has been awarded multiple honorary degrees in recognition of his lifelong devotion to faith and service.

Ordained in 1975, he began his service at Trinity Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina, where he has faithfully ministered for nearly five decades. Let us commend him for mentoring his grandson, Winston Parish, who is destined to continue the legacy at Trinity. In 1980, he entered the field of full-time evangelism, leading crusades, revivals, and seminars across the United States and in nations including Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Honduras, Haiti, Germany, and the Bahamas.

Through the years, Dr. Sexton has done more than deliver sermons; he has built bridges between generations and nations. He baptized new believers, married couples, mourned with families, and stood as a steadfast presence in our community and around the world. He's taught us that faith is not just preached on Sundays—it is lived out every day, in every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every prayer whispered on someone else's behalf.

Through that example, Dr. Sexton has strengthened my personal faith in God and motivated me to be a more effective and obedient public servant. We could fill libraries with the stories of lives touched by his ministry—the young person who found direction, the struggling soul who found hope, the family that found faith again. And yet, Dr. Sexton would be the first to remind us that all glory belongs to God. That humility, that unwavering focus on Christ rather than self, is part of what has made his ministry so powerful.

A devoted friend of Israel, Dr. Sexton has traveled to the Holy Land more than fifty

times, has twice been honored as a guest of the Israeli government, and was invited to observe the Middle East Peace Talks in Washington, D.C. He received the prestigious "Tree of Life" Award and served on the Committee to Relocate the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

His service to the community extends far beyond the pulpit. In 1994, the City of Asheville honored him with "Ralph Sexton Day" for his disaster relief efforts. He is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor a citizen of North Carolina can receive, and was named an Honorary Attorney General of the State. He has been an active member of the Asheville Kiwanis Club, a life member of the Downtown Optimist Club, and a certified special deputy with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department for more than 30 years, where he now serves as Chaplain. He also organized the "Family Values March" in Asheville, which drew more than 20,000 participants.

Dr. Sexton's devotion to family and faith has been the foundation of his life. He shared over 50 years of marriage with his late wife, Muzette, and together they raised three children, were blessed with many grandchildren, and had great-grandchildren.

Today, let's thank Dr. Sexton for his sacrifices, his patience, his wisdom, and his unwavering belief in God's promises. Let's thank him for every late-night hospital visit, even wedding and funeral, every Bible study and mission trip. And we thank him for showing us, by example, what a life wholly devoted to God looks like.

May the Lord bless him abundantly in this next chapter of his journey, and may he hear those words we all long to hear one day: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE'S ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Brownsville's Engineering and Public Works Department for their exemplary service following the severe storms that struck Cameron County and devastated neighborhoods in Harlingen and surrounding areas last spring.

In March of this year, our region received more than 20 inches of heavy rainfall, which caused widespread flooding, damaged infrastructure, and left countless families in need of urgent support.

During this crisis, the Brownsville Engineering and Public Works Department deployed staff, equipment, and expertise to assist flood-impacted communities. Their crews worked tirelessly, operating pumps, heavy machinery, and other resources to help remove water from our streets and restore accessibility for residents. Their work provided not only critical relief, but also a sense of hope to our neighbors in Harlingen.

This effort was not theirs alone. The Brownsville Police Department served more than 600 hot meals to affected families at