

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF SERGEANT MATTHEW TYLER  
YOUNG

**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sergeant Matthew Tyler Young, a devoted husband, father, son, brother, marine, and friend. A man of uncommon strength and deep compassion, Sergeant Young lived a life defined by service, sacrifice, and love for his country and community.

Matt answered the call to duty as a United States marine and served honorably in Iraq from 2004 to 2005 with 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, Fox Company, where he earned the rank of Sergeant. To those who served beside him, he was more than a fellow marine. He was a brother, remembered for his quiet leadership and unwavering loyalty.

Following his military service, Matt remained committed to serving others. Whether coordinating evacuations of American and Afghan allies or standing beside a veteran in crisis, he showed up—consistently and without hesitation.

He did not seek attention or accolades. He believed that the measure of a life was found not in recognition, but in how faithfully we lift others up and how steadfastly we keep our promises. Matt's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rachael, and their children, Owen, Trystan, David, and Mekenzie, as well as his trusted service dog, Trooper.

Matt's Marine Corps family remembers him as strong, loyal, quick to smile, and always ready to offer a helping hand. His character, shaped by discipline and compassion, left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Matt's legacy lives on in the veterans he stood by, the families he comforted, and the community he helped strengthen. We carry his name forward in the way we serve, the way we show up for others, and the values we live by.

Mr. Speaker, this stands as a tribute to Sergeant Matthew Tyler Young's enduring impact. May it remind us that even in grief, there is gratitude—for the joy he gave, the lives he touched, and the example he set. And may it call each of us to live as he did, with honor, with heart, and with unwavering devotion. *Semper Fidelis, Sergeant Young. Never Forgotten.*

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE UNITED METH-  
ODIST FAMILY SERVICES OF  
VIRGINIA

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shineforth, formerly known as UMFS, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary of service to children, families, and communities across Virginia.

Founded in 1900 as the Virginia Conference Orphanage, the organization has evolved over

the past century to meet the changing needs of vulnerable children and families. From its earliest days, providing care and shelter for orphans, to its transformation into United Methodist Family Services, and now as Shineforth, the organization has remained steadfast in its mission: to create a world where all children can belong and thrive.

Over the past 125 years, Shineforth has pioneered innovative services for children in foster care, those with special education needs, and youth facing behavioral health challenges. Its programs, including foster care and adoption services, residential treatment, community-based support, and the Charterhouse School, have become a model of compassion, resilience, and evidence-based care.

What has not changed is Shineforth's unwavering belief in the worth and dignity of every child. Generations of families in Virginia have been strengthened because of the care, advocacy, and vision provided by this organization and its dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters.

As Shineforth celebrates this remarkable milestone, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring 125 years of transformative service. May the next century of Shineforth's work continue to light the way forward for children and families in Virginia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRUCE SIEGEL

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Bruce Siegel on his retirement after an extraordinary career as a leader in public health, hospital administration, and health policy. Bruce has spent his entire career advocating on behalf of our Nation's most at-risk populations and the providers that care for them. For the past 14 years he has led America's Essential Hospitals, formerly the National Association of Public Hospitals, championing the cause of mission-driven safety net hospitals that serve communities facing the greatest social and financial barriers to care.

During Dr. Siegel's tenure, he led efforts to preserve the 340B Drug Pricing Program, secured targeted safety-net hospital funding during the COVID-19 pandemic, and fought to close Medicaid payment gaps. He was instrumental in stopping harmful cuts to Medicaid DSH funding. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Siegel spearheaded a national campaign to incorporate social risk factors into federal value-based purchasing programs—an important step toward recognizing and addressing health disparities in policy and practice.

Dr. Siegel's medical career began after graduating from the Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University and reflects a deep commitment to public service and health equity. From his early days as New Jersey's Commissioner of Health to his leadership of NYC Health+Hospitals and Tampa General Hospital, and later as a professor and director at The George Washington University, Dr. Siegel has consistently worked to improve care for the most vulnerable among us, performing pioneering research into health care quality, health care disparities, and the safety

net. He has had a significant and positive impact on our health care system, and his contributions will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, my staff and I thank Dr. Siegel for his tireless dedication and leadership. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations of health care advocates and public servants.

RECOGNIZING 25NEWS CHIEF ME-  
TEOROLOGIST CHUCK COLLINS  
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 46  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ERIC SORENSEN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chuck Collins, a broadcaster who has kept our district safe from storms for nearly a half century.

Next week, 25News Chief Meteorologist Chuck Collins, will be walking away from the green screen. Chuck is a legend in the heart of Illinois, offering a calm voice that is trusted in the best weather and the worst storms.

He grew up in Central Illinois and, I may know something about doing weather in your hometown, there's almost nothing more rewarding. Chuck's recognition will now live in the official Congressional Record for inspiring weather watchers, storm chasers, and other meteorologists. We will all be watching his final broadcast on October 15, 2025.

Today, I thank Chuck Collins for his decades of commitment to Central Illinois, and I extend my best wishes to him in retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE BANK OF  
EDMONSON COUNTY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bank of Edmonson County for 100 years of service to its local community.

Founded on October 5, 1925, by brothers Jesse, Luther, and David Alexander alongside business partners George Woodcock and N.E. (Ed) Vincent, this local financial institution has served the residents of Edmonson County well for a century. Their foresight during the 1920's, followed quickly by the trials of the Great Depression, laid the foundation for a community-focused institution that has not only endured but thrived. The Bank of Edmonson County has guided its customers through economic shifts, new technologies, and changing conditions with one main mission in mind: ensuring customers are its highest priority.

Established with the goal of building a local bank to serve as a pillar of trust and local investment, 100 years later, they continue to focus on supporting Edmonson County and the surrounding area faithfully.

From its humble beginnings with just \$15,000 in capital, the bank has grown into a \$200 million enterprise, with locations in multiple counties in Kentucky. I congratulate the

Bank of Edmonson County for its 100 years of service.

RECOGNIZING BENSALEM HIGH SCHOOL JROTC INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR, MASTER SERGEANT SHAWN WORTHEN, RETIRED

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Shawn Worthen, United States Marine Corps, Retired, of Bensalem High School, who has been named the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Instructor of the Year for the past school year.

The Bensalem Township School District is proud to celebrate this extraordinary accomplishment by one of its own. Master Sergeant Worthen proudly serves as the Leadership Studies and Marine Instructor, and exemplifies the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps. He consistently instills discipline, honor, and civic responsibility in his cadets each and every day.

This recognition is awarded annually to the very best instructors from all Marine Corps JROTC programs nationwide. With approximately 500 Marine Corps JROTC instructors serving across the country, being selected for this distinction is a remarkable and well-deserved honor. It reflects not only Master Sergeant Worthen's professionalism and excellence in teaching, but also his profound commitment to shaping the character and leadership potential of America's youth.

Through his example, Master Sergeant Worthen continues to inspire students at Bensalem High School to live by the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment. These values that will guide them as they become future leaders in their communities and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Bensalem Township School District, the People of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Marine Corps in congratulating Master Sergeant Shawn Worthen on this outstanding achievement. His dedication to his students and to the ideals of service and leadership brings great credit to himself, his school, and our Nation.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colorado Legal Services on its 100th anniversary and to honor its enduring commitment to justice for all Coloradans.

Founded as the Legal Aid Society of Denver in February 1925, Colorado Legal Services has been a lifeline for low-income individuals and seniors in every county across our state—providing free, high-quality civil legal assistance to those who need it most. As a former trial attorney, I understand how critical legal

representation can be when everything is at stake.

Whether it's helping someone keep their home, secure child support, access health care, or find safety from abuse, Colorado Legal Services delivers life-changing support that strengthens families and communities across our state.

Their work extends far beyond the courtroom—offering clients the stability, emotional support, and community resources they need to move forward.

In August of this year alone, Colorado Legal Services opened nearly a thousand new cases to help Coloradans facing housing insecurity, domestic violence, and other urgent challenges. That's the kind of quiet, vital work that keeps our communities strong and resilient.

I want to congratulate Colorado Legal Services on a century of unwavering service and express my deepest gratitude to its staff, volunteers, and supporters for their tireless dedication to equal justice under the law.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN EMBASSY

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Christian Embassy, a ministry that has faithfully served leaders in Washington, D.C. and around the world since 1975. I have had the privilege of being involved with Christian Embassy since I first came to the House of Representatives 28 years ago.

For half a century, the Christian Embassy has stood as a spiritual resource to public servants, helping them discover the relevance of God's truth in their personal and professional lives. This vital ministry began when government officials and business leaders, concerned for the spiritual health of Members of Congress and their spouses, invited Dr. Bill and Vonette Bright—founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ International—to come to Washington to minister to the personal, private, and spiritual needs of those serving in public life.

Over the years, the Christian Embassy's ministry expanded to include the White House, Presidential Appointees, senior Pentagon civilian and military leaders, ambassadors, and their spouses and staff. From the beginning, God blessed this work. The evidence of His faithfulness is seen in the many leaders who have come to know Jesus Christ personally through the ministry, as well as in those who have grown in their faith, learned to share it with others, and discovered how to live a Spirit-empowered life even amid the pressures of leadership.

The Christian Embassy's outreach has included discipleship training, evangelism training, private prayer times, personal counseling, and both group and individual Bible studies. Through these efforts, the Christian Embassy has served Members of both Houses of Congress, White House officials, Presidential Appointees, senior military officers and civilians, and international diplomats.

For over two decades, one of the most cherished programs of the Christian Embassy

was the "Washington Escape," an annual retreat that allowed Members of Congress, senior military leaders, political appointees, senior executives, ambassadors, and their spouses to step away from the demands of Washington for a time of rest and renewal. Renowned pastor and author Chuck Swindoll served as the master teacher for these retreats, which blessed countless participants with biblical wisdom and encouragement. My wife Caroline and I were honored to participate in some of these retreats over the years.

I also want to highlight the leadership of Bobby Little, who has served as Executive Director of the Christian Embassy since 2007. Under his direction, the Christian Embassy has expanded its programs to strengthen the spiritual and relational foundations of leaders serving in Washington and around the world. Working alongside his lovely wife Sheila, Mr. Little has guided initiatives that provide discipleship, leadership development, and biblical training for Members of Congress, senior military officers, and diplomats. As someone who has known Bobby for many years and is currently in the bible study he leads, I know that his steady leadership has helped the Christian Embassy remain faithful to its mission—equipping and encouraging those in positions of influence to live out their faith and values with integrity and purpose.

The Christian Embassy is nonpolitical and non-denominational, maintaining a singular vision: to minister to government leaders not only because of their personal needs, but also because of their influence as decision-makers shaping our Nation and the world.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Christian Embassy for 50 years of steadfast service to our leaders and our Nation, but mainly Christian Embassy's service to the Lord Jesus Christ. As we mark this milestone, we give thanks for the countless lives touched by this ministry and for its continuing mission to honor God and serve those who serve others.

WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS  
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2025*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Spiritual Head of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the second largest Christian Church in the world. It is a distinct honor for our Nation's Capital to host such a revered global religious leader whose life's work has been defined by faith, peace, and reconciliation.

His All-Holiness has long been a tireless advocate for interfaith dialogue, human rights, religious freedom, and environmental stewardship. For decades, he has traveled the world promoting understanding and respect among faith traditions and urging us to safeguard our common home for future generations. His spiritual leadership has touched the lives of millions of Orthodox Christians and countless others across the globe.

I am especially proud to represent the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond, Virginia, a vibrant and