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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

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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

faithful community that stands as a testament to the Orthodox tradition's rich history and enduring presence in America. Their commitment to faith, service, and fellowship reflects the very values His All-Holiness has championed throughout his ministry.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Virginia, I welcome His All-Holiness Ecu- menical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington and extend deep gratitude for his lifelong dedication to promoting peace, unity, and justice in our world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DAVE WELIHAN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Dave Welihan of Jackson as the Veteran of the Month for October and honor him for his distinguished service to our great Nation.

Dave courageously served in the U.S. Army from 1971 through 1974 and has been honorably awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Since returning home, Dave has dedicated his life to serving the veteran community and ensuring they have the resources and support they deserve. He was formerly a Veteran Service Officer in Jackson, where he helped those who have worn the uniform resolve their local, state, and federal benefit issues to ensure that they receive the benefits they have so rightfully earned.

He also served as a commander of the American Legion Richard F. Smith Post 29 and worked as the Director of the Jackson County Veterans Affairs Office. While with the Jackson County VA, Dave helped coordinate the burial of five unclaimed veterans so that they could be honored and properly laid to rest, exemplifying his compassion for others. Dave and his wife even selflessly donated the flags used for the burial.

Dave's unwavering service, tireless commitment, and leadership have made a tangible difference. Through his many roles and daily actions, he has uplifted and advocated for his fellow veterans, serving as a guide, mentor, and friend. His legacy will not only live on in the hearts of those he has helped but also in the strong community he has helped build.

May others know of my high regard for Dave, as well as my deep gratitude for his lasting contributions to the county we love.

RECOGNIZING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the revered Ninth Guru of Sikhism—the world's fifth-largest religion, with nearly 30 million followers worldwide, including one million here in the United States.

A champion of religious freedom for all, Guru Tegh Bahadur courageously confronted the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's campaign of religious persecution, defending the right of every individual to freely practice their faith. For this act of unwavering conviction, he was publicly executed in 1675 in Delhi, India, and is fondly remembered as Dharam Di Chadar, or, "Shield of the Religions," for his ultimate sacrifice to protect the rights of others and uphold the universal principles of human dignity, freedom of conscience, and the right to worship according to one's beliefs.

Pennsylvania's Sikh community, whose roots trace back to the State of Punjab in India, began immigrating to our Nation more than a century ago. These remarkable Americans have played a vital role in the growth and vitality of the Keystone State and have enriched their communities through their commitment to tolerance, service, and civic engagement.

These extraordinary ideals reflect the Sikh tradition of seeking peace through equality, fraternity, and respect, while striving to overcome division through sacred teachings and the admirable tenets of honest work, charity, volunteerism, and sharing with those in need.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that the House recognize Guru Tegh Bahadur's supreme sacrifice for human rights and religious freedom, and encourage all Americans to join in its observance on November 24, 2025.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN MILLBURY, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize a significant milestone in the life of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Millbury, Ohio. The congregation celebrates its 150th anniversary on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

Only one year after the founding of Millbury, St. Peter's Church was founded in 1875 by twelve families of German immigrants who came together to form the German Evangelical United St. Peter's Congregation. It is the oldest continuous church in the community. Church records show that the first meeting took place at the home of Adam Martin, a home that stands yet today, and was officiated by Reverend Andrews of Genoa St. John's Church.

A fire sparked by a passing train burned the newly constructed building in 1878 and a new building was finally completed in 1884 using the railroad settlement. That year, the church adopted its first constitution. In 1908 a parsonage was built and a minister was hired.

The following years brought growth along with stained glass windows and a pipe organ. In 1934 following a national merger the congregation was renamed St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Since a 1957 merger the church has held its current name, St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Branching out into the community in the 1950's, adjacent land was purchased and a park was built which serves the neighborhood, gardens and athletic teams. Uniquely, a boulder which resembled the image of Christ at

Gethsemane was unearthed in 1969. Moved next to the church, a plaque was inscribed with Mathew 16:18, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Believing that "every generation is called to live out its faith in meaningful worship, honest reflection and sincere devotion to God," the church continued to grow through the decades. A youth program produced musical groups Kid's Praise and The Light Brigade which toured the states in our region and visited the Creation Music Festival in Pennsylvania. Community services continued throughout, as the congregation supports food pantries, partners with service organization, has hosted an AA chapter for over forty years, opened its doors following a devastating tornado and became a Red Cross command post, and adapted to COVID by offering a "parking lot church" and live streaming which continues to this day. Also during this time the congregation merged with its shared church Eastminster United Presbyterian Church so the two congregations now worship as one.

For an astounding 150 years, St. Peter's United Church of Christ lives up to the faith's motto, John 17:21: "That they may all be one." The church demonstrates this message while living Christ's message of Love and being "a welcoming place for all—no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey." As today's congregants celebrate this journey of 150 years, looking back with inspired recollection and renewed with a faith-filled purpose, we look forward to the next centuries of servant leadership in the community of Millbury and surrounding neighbors.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN SPORT CENTER TRYZUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of individuals from Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District—an organization that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with great respect and admiration I recognize the Ukrainian American Sports Center Tryzub's 75th anniversary.

Such honorable individuals are not defined by titles or accolades but by the quiet power of their actions. They are distinguished by their unwavering integrity, the strength of their character, and their steadfast commitment to the people and places they serve. They are the foundation upon which our communities stand—the ones who lift others up, inspire hope, and, in doing so, call us all to higher standards of service and compassion. Throughout their years helping the community, the UASC Tryzub embodies this spirit of honor in ways that words can scarcely capture.

Founded in Philadelphia by displaced World War II Ukrainian immigrants, the UASC Tryzub became an important part of the community. The UASC Tryzub organized teams of all sports to play in various leagues in Philadelphia, as well as gave the Ukrainian American