RECOGNIZING REESE PATRICIA FRITSCH

## HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth of Reese Patricia Fritsch.

Reese was born on October 7, 2025 at 2:45 P.M. at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center weighing seven pounds, two ounces and measuring 21 inches long to loving parents Taylor and Kristin Flukey Fritsch, who serves as a valuable member of my team on the Subcommittee on Health for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

I'm grateful to have Kristin as a part of the Energy and Commerce family, and I'm excited for her and Taylor to start their family with their newest addition.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{HONORING MAJOR GENERAL} \\ \text{THOMAS REW} \end{array}$ 

## HON. JOE WILSON

of south carolina
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the honorable life of Major General Thomas Rew.

Having lived for over a century, born on March 13, 1922, Maj. Gen. Rew served 34 years as a U.S. Air Force officer, and fought bravely in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to keep American families safe and protect freedom with Peace Through Strength.

In 1976, he retired from the military and moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where he became a valued community member. I especially appreciate his service as myself the son of U.S. Army Air Corps Flying Tigers in World War II, 1st Lieutenant Hugh Wilson, having served in Kunming, Chengdu, and Xian, China.

Maj. Gen. Rew is a true American hero, and I am grateful for his service to the country. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends.

Maj. Gen. Rew was honored on June 7, 2025, at the WWII Veterans Honor Event at Woodward Field Camden, hosted by Colonel Rick Mantei and his wife Lisa through the Rick Mantei Charitable Fund.

His loving obituary has been published by Dunbar Funeral Home:

"Maj. Gen. Rew died Sunday, October 12, 2025. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas J. and Lucy Davey Rew. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in New York City. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps during WWII and was quickly selected for officers' training and flight school. After the war he graduated from Springfield College, Massachusetts with a degree in Physical Education, married Marie Hartigan of Queens, New York, and was subsequently recalled to active duty in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He remained on active duty for the next 25 years flying B-47 and B-52 bomber aircraft. He served in a variety of command positions and in combat during the Vietnam War. He retired from the military in 1976 and resided in Columbia, South Carolina, ever since. In addition to his Christian faith and his family, his three main passions in life were fishing (with his children), sports (playing handball and watching the Los Angeles Dodgers), and aviation.

"Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Rew, and his three sons: Fredric Rew (wife Paige and children James, Mark, Elizabeth); William Rew (wife Christy and children Jessica, Mandy, Kat); Thomas Rew (wife Diana and children TJ and Lindsay); grandchildren Keegan Robar, Devin Brown, and Taylor Brown; plus seven great grandchildren."

"He was predeceased by wife Marie Elizabeth Hartigan, sister Mary Carpenter, daughter Maureen Rew Brown, and grandson William Rew."

As I attended the funeral services at Northeast Presbyterian Church (PCA), thoughtfully conducted by Rev. Dr. George Crow with Dr. Robert Jones and Rev. Josh Desch, I was inspired to know firsthand of the success of Major General Rew with his World War II, Korea, and Vietnam service. He made possible my visits to formerly deadly enemies of Berlin, Tokyo, Rome, Pyongyang, Seoul, and Hanoi. Now Germany, Japan, Italy, and Republic of Korea have been enriched with American aid and in Vietnam, Americans are beloved. Today, more people live in freedom and democracy than ever in world history due to the American military.

HONORING CALLIE AUGUSTSON AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON-GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

## HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday. October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Callie Augustson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. For over 24 years, Callie has made a significant impact in her community. Her service continues today through her current role as Plans Analyst and Crisis Action Team Manager for the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base. In her current position, Callie is responsible for critical crisis-response operations, including operational planning, deployment execution, natural disaster response, and emergency management plans. She also provides strategic command and control for the Wing Commander and senior leadership. Callie brings years of training, expertise, and education to this role. Initially enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in September 2000 as a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician, Callie then went on to attend technical school at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, earn an associate degree in bioenvironmental engineering technology, and earn a Bachelor of Arts in homeland security. After completing her active-duty enlistment, Callie served in the Bioenvironmental Engineering and Medical Readiness Offices at Minot Air Force Base. In 2009, she brought her expertise to Travis Air Force Base, where she worked at David Grant Medical Center as the Medical Counter-Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Program Manager for Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Office of the Command Surgeon. Callie then became a Federal Civil Service employee, assuming her current position with the 60 AMW Wing Plans and Programs Office. Her intelligence and diligence are evident through her numerous accomplishments, including the Air Force Achievement Medal. National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor. Callie's work has had a profound impact, benefiting many members of the community. She has played a critical role in establishing Travis Air Force Base as the West Coast Patient Distribution Hub. Under her supervision, Exercise Ultimate Cadeuceus, transported injured service members to 21 hospitals in Northern California. This exercise strengthened the support between the Base and other regional agencies, including Cal Fire, Fairfield and Vacaville first responders, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Callie's commitment to her community and public service goes beyond her professional work. In her spare time, Callie serves as a Certified National Little League volunteer and a Vacaville Girls Fast Pitch Team Parent. Callie is a fiercely committed member of the community, and her dedication makes Solano County a better place for all. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Callie Augustson for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC DAY OF KAZAKHSTAN

## HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, this month, Kazakhstan celebrates Republic Day, commemorating its declaration of sovereignty on October 25, 1990. This pivotal moment paved the way for Kazakhstan's independence from the Soviet Union and symbolizes the nation's enduring commitment to self-determination, prosperity, and peace.

From its earliest days, Kazakhstan pursued a forward-looking vision rooted in partnership, openness, and modernization. Its early alignment with the West, especially in developing a free-market economy, has shaped its remarkable transformation. Over the past three decades, Kazakhstan has emerged as a thriving nation with a dynamic economy, an active international presence, and a strong and growing partnership with the United States.

The U.S.-Kazakhstan relationship is grounded in shared values and mutual respect. As we mark this important national holiday, we reaffirm our commitment to deepening cooperation between our two nations to meet global challenges and advance peace, security, and prosperity.

Kazakhstan's commitment to transparency, the rule of law, and an open investment climate has made it a magnet for American business. U.S. companies remain the largest source of foreign direct investment, helping drive Kazakhstan's diversification and sustainable development. This alignment supports the country's broader goal of becoming a resilient, innovative economy and a hub for regional growth.

Kazakhstan continues to stand as a pillar of stability in Central Asia and a leader on the world stage in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament. Despite external challenges, Kazakhstan has remained a peaceful and stabilizing force in Central Asia.

Recently, Kazakhstan took another decisive step in its economic modernization. The national railway company, Kazakhstan Temir Zholy, signed a landmark \$4.2 billion agreement with Wabtec Corporation out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—the largest locomotive order in years.

This transformative deal is a powerful endorsement of American innovation and manufacturing leadership. It will support thousands of good-paying U.S. jobs and strengthen America's manufacturing base, underscoring the mutual benefits of our growing economic partnership.

Kazakhstan is taking bold steps to position itself as a key Eurasian transit hub. The Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (the so-called 'Middle Corridor'), which begins in Kazakhstan and runs through Azerbaijan to global markets, is strengthening supply chain resilience for the U.S. and its partners.

Another vital area of expanding cooperation is rare earth minerals. The United States and Kazakhstan are working together to build a reliable and diversified supply chain for rare earth elements and other critical materials essential to major U.S. industries, including aerospace, defense, clean energy, and semiconductors.

Rare-earth minerals from Kazakhstan can be the trusted source necessary to help power the next generation of U.S. innovation, driving the transformation of the American economy built around AI, advanced manufacturing, and nuclear energy.

Energy collaboration also remains a cornerstone of our partnership. Earlier this year, Chevron's \$48 billion Future Growth Project at Kazakhstan's Tengiz field began production, underscoring the scale and depth of U.S. investment in the country's energy future. The Tengizchevroil venture—operated by Chevron represents Central Asia's largest oil development, ensuring reliable supply and creating thousands of high-skilled jobs. These projects embody the long-term, mutually beneficial nature of U.S.-Kazakhstan energy cooperation.

Kazakhstan's efforts align with President Trump's focus on law and order, emphasizing that governance grounded in common sense and the rule of law is essential to maintain public order and protect citizens' rights.

Our nations also share a strong commitment to interfaith harmony and global dialogue. Kazakhstan is home to people of many backgrounds and of many faiths. She has long championed peace and tolerance. Earlier this year, Astana hosted the 8th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, welcoming over 100 delegations from 60 countries under the theme "Dialogue of Religions: Synergy for the Future."

This same spirit of openness and engagement also guides Kazakhstan's approach to the global economy. Kazakhstan's active membership in the World Trade Organization reflects its ongoing commitment to international norms and open markets.

As such, it is time for the United States to take the next logical step—granting Kazakhstan Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) by repealing the outdated Jackson-Vanik Amendment. Doing so would cost America nothing but gain us much. It would send a powerful signal of strategic seriousness, eliminate lingering legal ambiguity for

U.S. investors, and unlock the full potential of our bilateral trade and industrial cooperation.

As we look ahead, the upcoming C5+1 Summit on November 6 represents a critical opportunity to reaffirm U.S. leadership and engagement in Central Asia. Marking the 10th anniversary of this important diplomatic forum, the summit should deliver tangible results—demonstrating that the United States values long-term partnership.

We urge the Administration to seize this moment, build on the foundation of trust and shared interests, and work with Congress to achieve outcomes that advance stability, prosperity, and lasting friendship across our nations.

Mr. Speaker, as Kazakhstan celebrates Republic Day, we honor the enduring friendship between our two countries and look forward to the continued growth of a partnership rooted in mutual respect, shared progress, and a common vision for a peaceful and prosperous world.

#### REMEMBERING LARRY REA

## HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a fine newspaperman, a title he cherished in his more than 57 years as a journalist in Memphis. As many have said since he passed on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at age 82, he touched more lives than probably any Memphis journalist by covering the not-glamorous but important beats of high school sports and the outdoors, hunting and fishing as both a reporter for The Commercial Appeal and as a host of his radio call-in show.

Mr. Rea went to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he met his wife Miriam, and covered the Razorbacks as a freelance student journalist. He then worked for The Arkansas Democrat in Little Rock. In 1967, he took The Commercial Appeal job and moved to Memphis, covering Friday night football games and getting to know the players, their parents, teachers, coaches and fans. It was great-he would say "gREAt"-way to get immersed in the community and feel its pulse. As a Daily Memphian columnist and longtime former Rea colleague and friend Geoff Calkins put it: "He didn't write about mayors or city council members or NBA stars. He wrote about the kid who pitched a three-hitter or the girl who scored the winning goal for her soccer team or the neighbor who caught a particularly fat bass . . . He wrote about your neighbors and friends."

After 21 years of high school sports, in 1988 he moved on the outdoors beat and continued supporting the paper's Mid-South Fishing Rodeo that helped thousands of kids learn and love fishing. After his official retirement from The Commercial Appeal in 2001, he wrote for the DeSoto Times and served as editor of Mid-South Hunting & Fishing News and hosted the Saturday morning show "Outdoors with Larry Rea" on WMC-AM for more than 25 years. His final show was August 30, 2025. Over his long career he was named a member of the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Sports Writers Hall of Fame and received the Tennessee Wildlife

Federation Conservation Communicator Award in 2022.

I express my condolences to his wife and children, his extended family and his many friends and colleagues. Larry Rea was a Mid-South institution, and he will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVER-SARY OF BETHEL TEMPLE CHURCH IN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

# HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Bethel Temple Church in Hampton, Virginia, on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. For seven decades, Bethel Temple has been a steadfast pillar of faith, service, and fellowship in the Hampton community.

In the early 1950s, Reverend Beverly W. Fox, then pastor of Phoebus Assembly of God, led efforts to build a new house of worship. With the support of the community, a modest sanctuary was completed and dedicated as Bethel Assembly of God. In the summer of 1955, Reverend Fox and thirty congregants held the church's first service, laying the foundation for a ministry that would thrive for generations.

Under the leadership of pastors, including Reverends Howard S. Ryan, G.P. Hertweck, Gerald Ogg, Sammy Hayes, and Arnold Brown, the church grew in both membership and outreach. Expanding facilities, establishing new ministries, and adopting the name Bethel Temple Assembly of God reflected its evolving mission and growing congregation.

In the decades that followed, Reverends Ron Johnson and Glenn Reynolds deepened the church's community engagement through programs such as the Great Turkey Giveaway, Christmas Toy Giveaway, and weekly Community Dinner. These initiatives have benefitted countless families across Hampton Roads.

Today, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Charles Ricks, Jr., and Pastor Lori Ricks, Bethel Temple continues to embody faith in action. Through partnerships with local organizations and tireless service for the Hampton community during the COVID–19 pandemic, they have strengthened the church's legacy of compassion and service.

Mr. Speaker, as they mark this milestone, I extend my sincere gratitude to Bethel Temple Church for seventy years of faithful service and enduring impact on the people of Hampton.

HONORING CHARMAINE GANDY AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON-GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charmaine Gandy, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's