

injury, illness, and death on the job, all to shield employers from accountability and to increase their profits.

Instead of standing with workers, they weakened rules on overtime, rolled back safety standards, and gutted protections for wage theft. If you want any indication where the current President stands on the Department of Labor and American workers, all you have to do is walk down the street and you will see a three-story picture, not of the American worker on the front of the Department of Labor, but of Donald Trump's face, who spent American taxpayer, hard-earned dollars to put his face on the Department of Labor, which is the United States agency that is supposed to demand protections for our workers.

Now, for me this isn't just political. It is personal because I grew up in a labor family. My mother was a factory seamstress. In fact, she sewed 79,000 pockets on jeans and tried to organize a garment workers union at her factory and was fired for trying to demand fair wages for factory seamstresses like herself and thousands of women and people across the country who work every day for this country.

She was fired for daring to demand better conditions and higher pay, but it is her grit and her determination and her belief in the dignity of workers that I carry with me into this Chamber every day because even upon her firing for trying to organize as a factory worker, my mother became one of the first women operating engineers to work on heavy equipment in the State of New Mexico. That is the spirit I see all across our State.

Just last week, we stood in solidarity with striking workers and our Teamsters local at the Creamland Dairy fighting for fair wages and safe conditions. That solidarity has resulted in a fair wage and a new labor contract for those workers.

At the University of New Mexico, we stood with graduate students who were holding work-ins as they demand a fair contract. We stood with SEIU and our residents in our medical schools who are demanding fair pay. We are standing with our teachers who are demanding fair pay. And we stood with the Wells Fargo workers in Albuquerque who made history in becoming the first unionized branch ever in the history of this country. It was that solidarity, when we stood with 80,000 flight attendants stuck in endless negotiations, which helped us to get fair wages and a new contract for our flight attendants.

That is what it means to stand for workers. It is not just speeches and pictures on buildings, but it is action in standing with our unions and standing for fair pay because, Mr. Speaker, the theme here is simple: Workers just want a fair shot and they want dignity.

Unfortunately, under this administration, the rug is being pulled out from under their feet. It is shameful, dangerous, and it flies in the face of everything that this country was built on

because let us not forget that unions built this country.

It is unions that gave us the weekend. It is unions that gave us the 5-day workweek. It is unions that gave us overtime pay. It is unions that gave us safe workplaces. It is unions that gave us fair wages. Every worker in America benefits from the courage of organized labor and every man and woman who has stood for their fellow workers.

Mr. Speaker, I will end with this. I know where I stand. I stand with my mother and the countless generations that come before us of workers across the United States and in my home State who stood with the American worker. We will always stand for unions, we will always stand for labor, and we will always stand for the American worker.

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Mrs. McIVER. Thank you so much to the gentlewoman from New Mexico for joining us and for your remarks.

Mr. Speaker, tonight we have heard about the increased discrimination in the workplace, the repealing of protections for those with disabilities, and the dangerous construction sites our neighbors are forced to show up to.

All of this is part of the dangerous campaign the Department of Labor has launched to dismantle decades of progress for working Americans. These rollbacks are a direct assault on workers' safety, wages, and dignity.

From healthcare workers, many of them women and women of color, at risk of losing minimum wage and overtime protections; to construction workers who could now be forced to operate in unsafe conditions with no guarantee of adequate lighting or visibility standards; to farmworkers who already endure grueling conditions are being stripped of hard-fought protections.

None of this is okay. This is not normal.

Allow me to say this plainly for the second time tonight: If you work in America today, you are less safe than you were a year ago. You are more likely to be underpaid, exploited, or ignored. This is unacceptable.

I am proud to have led 64 of my colleagues in urging the Secretary of Labor to reverse course, and I am proud of the work we have done here tonight to make sure that none of this goes unnoticed.

This work is about the people, the people we serve and every single American. It is about the home care worker pulling double shifts. It is about the construction worker trying to make it home to his kids. It is about the farm worker who feeds our families and us but can't protect their own families.

We have heard about the rules that will put America's workers in danger, and if we do not do something about these rules, things will get worse for American workers. They are unsafe and underpaid, and it is time we do something about it.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

#### REMEMBERING CHARLIE KIRK

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a true American patriot, Charlie Kirk. Charlie Kirk was a beacon of Conservative politics, a patriotic American who engaged young people on issues that mattered and encouraged critical thinking.

At just 18 years old, he founded Turning Point USA, which brought an entirely new generation of young, enthusiastic minds to the Republican Party.

Charlie was never afraid to defend his values, speak out for the voiceless, and do what was right, even when it was unpopular. He truly inspired thousands of voters to join the MAGA movement, attracting people with his unwavering conviction and ability to cut through the noise to get to what we are all searching for—that is the truth.

No one worked harder than Charlie Kirk. He is irreplaceable and already sorely missed. To quote President Trump: Charlie was great and even legendary. He was loved and admired by all. Today, with a broken heart, I echo the President's words.

This senseless political assassination must be met with the fullest extent of the law. Political violence of any kind must be condemned. It is un-American, and we will not stand for it. Please join me in prayers for Charlie's wife, Erika, his young children, and the entire family.

May we take comfort in knowing that he was a man of faith and is being embraced by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### HONORING VICTOR WATERS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Victor Waters for his remarkable legacy as a musician, writer, and entertainer.

Born in Tattnell Square, Mr. Waters spent his entire years along the Sapelo River in McIntosh County before attending Benedictine Military School in Savannah.

Immediately after graduating high school, he began a rock and roll career that spanned six decades. Over the years, he signed with major record labels and even toured with the godfather of soul, James Brown.

Vic's great artistic success came after returning to McIntosh County to launch a solo career, releasing three acclaimed albums that captured the spirit and culture of coastal Georgia.

Yet, his proudest achievement was the family he built and the community he nurtured. In 1962, he met Sherry Elston of St. Petersburg, and 2 years later they married. Together, they

raised two sons, Shad and Mason, who joined their father on stage as a drummer and a bass player.

Today, we honor Vic Waters for his enduring influence and inspiration.

CONGRATULATING JEFF HEWITT ON HIS  
RETIREMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Hewitt for his dedication to the city of Savannah and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Hewitt has served our community through Visit Savannah for 15 years, playing an instrumental role in expanding our hospitality and tourism sectors. With an impressive 40-plus years of experience in his field, Mr. Hewitt made significant contributions to Savannah, including record-breaking room-night production growth and projects such as the Savannah Convention Center expansion.

In addition to his impressive achievements, he has greatly expanded Visit Savannah's national and international sales reach through his relationship-building expertise. The city of Savannah is grateful for the impact Mr. Hewitt has made during his career, and we will continue to benefit from the legacy that he leaves behind.

I wish the best to Mr. Hewitt as he begins his retirement at the end of this year.

REMEMBERING JACK ROSS BRIGDON II

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Ross Brigdon II, a resident of Georgia's First District and a captain in the Savannah Fire Department.

Captain Brigdon's life as a public servant began in 1992 as a volunteer firefighter with the Thunderbolt Volunteer Fire Department. In 1996, he joined the Savannah Fire Department, where he would ultimately serve a distinguished career that spanned from January 29, 1996, until his retirement on July 1, 2024, at the rank of captain.

Among his many accolades were being recognized as the 1995 State of Georgia Rookie Firefighter of the Year and the Savannah Rookie Firefighter of the Year in 1998.

Above all, Captain Brigdon was a devoted family man. He was the proud father of three beloved sons, Jack, Alex, and Ashton.

In remembering Captain Brigdon's legacy, we are reminded of the enduring values of servant leadership and steadfast devotion to others.

RECOGNIZING GEORGIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to recognize Georgia's public schools for their remarkable achievements in the latest round of standardized test results. Despite the challenges and setbacks brought on by the pandemic, our students and educators have shown incredible perseverance.

One standout success is in mathematics, where most grade levels improved compared to last year, and both fourth and eighth graders even sur-

passed pre-pandemic achievement levels.

Reading levels also rose across much of the state, showing that the investments in literacy support and tutoring are paying off. In addition, the progress we see in reading ability shows strong signs of momentum.

Our students are also excelling in science and social studies.

These accomplishments speak to the dedication of teachers, families, and communities working together to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed. Let us celebrate the progress and let it inspire us to keep building a bright, strong future for every Georgia student.

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HONORING GEORGIA'S COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES ON BEST COLLEGES LIST

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Georgia's colleges and universities that have earned national recognition by being named The Princeton Review's "Best 391 Colleges." Seven institutions in our State received this distinction, each offering students a unique and powerful educational experience.

At Agnes Scott College, the innovative SUMMIT curriculum equips students to lead with purpose, while Berry College is recognized for its strong culture of mentoring and personal growth. Emory University stands out for its world-class research, and Georgia Tech continues to be known for innovation and hands-on learning. Mercer University was highlighted for outstanding study-abroad opportunities that connect students to the global community, while Spelman College carries forward its proud tradition of shaping generations of Black women leaders. The University of Georgia, our flagship institution, was praised for its wide range of programs, the Double Dawgs initiative, and its highly regarded honors program.

Together, these schools exemplify Georgia's commitment to academic excellence, opportunity, and innovation.

CONGRATULATING TYBEE ISLAND MARITIME  
ACADEMY ON AWARD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of Georgia's finest educational institutions, Tybee Island Maritime Academy, for being recognized by the Association for Middle Level Education as a 2025 school of distinction.

This honor did not come easily. It was earned through a rigorous review process that included comprehensive schoolwide assessment, continuous improvement planning, and interviews with staff, students, and families.

After this intense evaluation, the panel decided to award the school the distinction due to their STEAM culture, place-based interdisciplinary learning, and strong community partnerships.

Tybee Island Maritime Academy has demonstrated their commitment to excellence in the classroom while fos-

tering a thriving middle school community.

As Georgians, we take great pride in our educators, and it is wonderful to see the fruits of their labor receive appreciation.

We are so grateful for the staff, administrators, teachers, parents, and families in our State who realize the importance of a well-rounded education and invest in our younger generations.

Mr. Speaker, Tybee Island Maritime Academy has impressed us all, and we hope to share their story with educators around the world.

CELEBRATING ROSS DRUG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ross Drug, a true cornerstone of the Savannah, Georgia, community.

Founded in 1975 by Sonny Ross, this family-owned pharmacy has stood the test of time.

Today, under the leadership of Ben Ross and Jesse Underwood, it continues to carry forward the same spirit of service and dedication.

As the last independent pharmacy in the area, Ross Drug has always gone above and beyond for the people it serves, whether it is delivering medications to residents who cannot leave their homes or helping busy families manage their prescriptions.

Over the decades, despite facing many challenges in a changing healthcare landscape, Ross Drug has remained reliable and deeply committed to its neighbors.

For 50 years, Ross Drug has put the community in community care.

Mr. Speaker, the story of Ross Drug reflects the strength, values, and commitment that make a place like Savannah so great.

HONORING ANGEL MOMS COLLECTIVE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the mothers who carry the weight of the loss of a child yet continue to stand with strength and dignity.

In Atlanta, more than 300 survivors of crime are gathering for Crime Survivors Speak, a national conference dedicated to healing and lifting the voices of those most deeply impacted by violence.

Among those voices is a mother, Tiffany Smith, who lost her beloved son, Cameron Jackson, at just 15 years old. Cameron is remembered as a bright and caring young man, devoted to his family and community.

In his memory, Tiffany founded the Angel Moms Collective, which now unites more than 300 mothers who share this heartbreaking loss.

The Angel Moms Collective offers these mothers a safe space to heal and grieve while building a supportive community. Their courage is a testament to their perseverance, even in the face of tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, in honoring them today, we remember their children and honor their strength and unity.

## RECOGNIZING KENDALL RAE JOHNSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young Georgian, Kendall Rae Johnson.

At only 6 years old, Kendall became the youngest certified farmer in the United States, an achievement earned through her passion and hard work in her pursuits.

Today, at the age of 10, Kendall has been awarded a full scholarship to South Carolina State University, where she plans to study agriculture.

With the support of her family, Kendall's farm produces fruits and vegetables and raises animals. Beyond her own farm, she owns a business, runs a nonprofit called Kendall Rae's Green Heart, and serves as a USDA National Urban Agriculture Youth Ambassador.

Kendall's goal is to one day farm 100 acres of her own land, and she is already laying the groundwork to make that dream a reality.

Mr. Speaker, today, we recognize Kendall Rae Johnson for her determination, leadership, and example she sets for young people across our Nation.

## RECOGNIZING JARVIS JONES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jarvis Jones, a Georgia native and former All-American and NFL player who has returned home to lead and give back to his community.

As a student athlete, Jarvis helped lead Carver High School to its first State football championship in 2007. He went on to star at the University of Georgia and play in the NFL before returning to complete his degree and serve on Georgia's coaching staff. In 2025, Jarvis became the head coach at Carver High School in Columbus, his alma mater.

Carver is the reigning Class 2A State champion, and Jones is building on that tradition with a vision rooted in discipline and community. He is committed to uplifting the next generation of student athletes, instilling values of hard work and perseverance.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Jones for his service and the example he sets for young people across his community and across our State.

## RECOGNIZING KATE MILLER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kate Miller as the new president of the Pooler Chamber of Commerce.

After beginning her career in the corporate world, Ms. Miller made a pivotal decision to shift her focus. About 11 years ago, she stepped into Chamber work, driven by a desire to give back to the community that had long supported her. She hasn't looked back since.

In this role, Ms. Miller is passionate about supporting local businessowners and professionals through development opportunities that strengthen their careers. She believes advocacy not only helps businesses grow but also uplifts individuals and the broader community.

Ms. Miller is especially focused on promoting sustainable growth and helping to shape Pooler's economic future through impactful projects and initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Miller on this well-deserved opportunity and commend her dedication to the city of Pooler. I wish her continued success as she leads the chamber in this exciting new chapter.

## RECOGNIZING PAIGE EWING

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Georgia's own, Paige Ewing.

On August 27, 2025, Mrs. Paige Ewing of Tattnall County was crowned Mrs. America 2025.

The Mrs. America pageant was established to honor the most accomplished married women in our Nation, recognizing their dedication to family, service, and community.

Paige reflects these very qualities. A graduate of Pinewood Christian Academy, she has brought pride not only to her hometown but to the entire State of Georgia. She has carried herself with grace and conviction, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to her faith, her family, and the values that define us as Americans.

In January 2026, she will represent the United States at the Mrs. World competition, where we know she will shine as an example of Georgia's spirit and America's strength.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Mrs. Paige Ewing, a true representative of both Georgia's pride and our Nation's values.

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## HONORING REVEREND NELSON PRICE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Nelson Price. For 35 years, Price faithfully served as pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, guiding the congregation through a season of remarkable growth.

Under his leadership, the church expanded its campus and became the second largest sanctuary in the Southeast at the time of its completion. Membership grew from a few hundred to nearly 10,000, a testament to his vision and his unwavering commitment to building a strong and faith-centered community.

Price's influence reached far beyond his church. He preached before President Jimmy Carter and his Cabinet. He also served as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To colleagues and parishioners alike, he was not only a pastor but also a mentor, known for his passion for preaching and his ability to guide others with wisdom and humility.

Mr. Speaker, for decades, Nelson Price loved and was deeply loved by his community. His leadership will continue to inspire generations.

## HONORING BENNY CURL AND WILLIAM T. DANIEL, JR.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2025

Savannah Business Hall of Fame Laureates, Benny Curl and William T. Daniel, Jr.

As a Savannah native and veteran, Benny Curl serves as chairman emeritus of Byrd Cookie Company. He purchased the company in 1988 and transformed it into a nationally recognized business celebrated for its flavors and packaging design.

Throughout his career, Mr. Curl has served in numerous leadership and advisory capacities for Georgia businesses and associations.

Longtime Savannah resident William T. Daniel, Jr., is the owner of Lassiter Investments, LCC, and former vice president and general counsel of the Vaden Automotive Group. As owner of Lassiter, he has led the company to acquire and manage over \$17 million in commercial properties across Georgia. Daniel remains an active community member, serving in many advisory positions.

Mr. Speaker, both gentlemen achieved impressive accomplishments within their businesses and contributed significantly to our communities. For that, we celebrate and we thank them.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF LENTON BROWN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lenton Brown.

Born and raised in Reidsville, Georgia, Mr. BROWN lived a life dedicated to service and building community. His career led him to serve in the United States Air Force and as an engineer for the State of California before returning to Georgia.

He quickly got to work, serving his community as he launched the EE Foundation. In this, he started a small Easter egg hunt that grew into one of the largest in the country. The hunt grew to 90,000 eggs a year and raised money to provide food, clothes, back-to-school supplies, and toys for community members. This became so popular that donations continued year-round.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. BROWN was known as a jack-of-all-trades. He used his talents to help those around him as best he could. Mr. BROWN gave his all for those around him. For that, we celebrate his legacy.

## HONORING RICHARD J. BURRELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard J. Burrell, a resident of Georgia's First District, a Korean war veteran, and emeritus trustee of Young Harris College.

Mr. Burrell was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean war and served in the inspector general's office in Yokohama, Japan. During his deployment, he spent his free time teaching English to local residents.

In 1954, he married Nancy Chisholm. Together, they raised three children, Steve, Greg, and Pamela. He built a 40-year career at Household Financial Corporation, rising to Southeastern Director of Public Affairs and earning the Chairman's Award twice.

He also served on the board of Tucker Federal Savings & Loan and the Georgia Financial Services Association, helping shape consumer finance legislation.

Mr. Burrell remained deeply connected to Young Harris College, serving on both the alumni board and the Board of Regents. In 1995, Governor Zell Miller appointed him to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association board.

Mr. Speaker, his life embodied service, humility, and dedication, and we are grateful for his legacy.

#### HONORING MARK ROBERTSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Mark Robertson, a Lowcountry radio legend. Mark has been working in radio for 50 years, 48 of which have been with 98.7, The River, based out of Savannah, Georgia.

While hosting the morning radio show for The River for many years, Mark has gained a dedicated audience of thousands of listeners every day. He also began the radio station's longtime tradition of playing Christmas music for the entire show starting in late November.

Mark is loved for his active presence in the greater Savannah community, supporting many local organizations and businesses. Mark is also well-known for his love of animals, volunteering and being active with many humane organizations throughout the area.

Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate Mark Robertson for his brilliant career as a radio show host and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

#### HONORING CECILIA TRAN ARANGO

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cecilia Tran Arango for being selected for the second time to the list of Top 100 Influential Women. The list honors women across the State of Georgia who are currently making a significant impact in engineering and engineering-adjacent industries.

Mrs. Arango has worked for the past 24 years at Thomas & Hutton, an engineering and consulting firm, where she serves as principle and director of communications.

Since her time at Georgia Southern, she has selflessly given back to her community, volunteering for a wide variety of charitable organizations such as the Savannah Book Festival and March of Dimes, just to name a few.

She dedicates her time to mentoring the youth in our community and setting an excellent example for future leaders in every industry.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Savannah and the State of Georgia are proud to have someone like Mrs. Arango representing our values and commitment to excellence.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TRACY DALE SANDS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Tracy Dale Sands. Born in Savannah and raised in Glennville,

Tracy was beloved by his family, profession, and local community.

A 25-year veteran of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Tracy exemplified lifelong service to our State, our country, and his community of Glennville, an achievement we can all applaud and strive to emulate.

His dedication to public service and justice was recognized in 2015 when he was given the Bob Kirk Memorial Award for investigative excellence.

A man of faith, the Harmony Church was a cornerstone of his life, helping guide him throughout his life.

Leaving behind his loving wife, Melissa, and loving family, the values Tracy lived by can be seen through his pride and joy, his son, Matthew.

The First District of Georgia and I would like to honor Mr. Sands, a man who has selflessly dedicated his life to his faith, his family, and his country.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF HARVEY JOHN GILBERT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and to recognize the life of my friend, Harvey John Gilbert.

Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, Harvey made it a priority in life to set a great example for his family and community around him.

Serving in a variety of civic and charitable organizations, Harvey gave his time and effort to anyone in need. An example of this was when he shared a sustainable development organization with his business partner, Stephen Ezelle, and his son, John.

The one thing Harvey loved most in this world was family. He married the love of his life and college sweetheart, Cindy. Together, they raised two wonderful children, Mary and John. Hosting friendly family competitions dubbed "La Competition," he would bring everyone together to connect and have a good time, even if at times that could get a little competitive.

Mr. Speaker, a man who dedicated his life to his family, friends, and hometown of Savannah, Georgia, Harvey Gilbert has left a legacy for all of us to follow.

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#### FREEDOM THE EAGLE MASCOT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Georgia Southern University's treasured live bald eagle mascot, Freedom.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this beloved symbol. Freedom served as an ambassador not only for Georgia Southern but also for wildlife conservation and for the entire Nation.

For two decades, he inspired thousands of Georgia Southern athletic events, the St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah, and countless community gatherings across Georgia and beyond.

Freedom became part of the university family in 2004, after being rescued from a nest in Maitland, Florida. A permanent injury to his beak prevented his release into the wild, but he found a new home representing the

strength and unity of Georgia Southern.

His presence embodied resilience, pride, and community spirit, and his absence will be felt by many.

Today, we celebrate Freedom's life and honor him here in the United States Capitol.

Fly high, Freedom. You will be remembered.

#### ARMY BEST SQUAD

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of warfighters from Georgia's First Congressional District, our very own squad from the 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield.

These Rangers have earned a place among the Army's top 12 squads, competing in the Army's prestigious Best Squad Competition.

After overcoming weeks of intense physical, tactical, and knowledge-based challenges, they will represent our district and the U.S. Army during the final round in Washington, D.C., culminating at the Association of the United States Army Expo in October.

On Saturday, October 11, they will take to the National Mall for a fitness event during Community Day.

I encourage my colleagues and the public to attend and show their support for our soldiers. Their excellence exemplifies the strength, discipline, and readiness of our Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand behind them, and I invite all of us to uplift their efforts through steadfast support and advocacy.

#### CONGRATULATING LEANDREA MIKELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LeAndrea Mikell on her appointment as assistant vice president for government and community relations by Savannah State University.

As an accomplished alumna of SSU, Ms. Mikell will bring her expertise in government relations, strategic communications, community engagement, economic development, and higher education to this role.

Thus far in her service to the university, her leadership has played a critical role in securing nearly \$20 million in funding and in coordinating high-profile events, such as the historic visit of the Dutch royal couple.

She has been an invaluable member of the SSU community as she has brought strategic insight and unwavering commitment to their mission.

From her board memberships to her recognition as an Emerging Leader of the Year, she exemplifies the values of dedication and community stewardship.

The work she accomplishes in her new role will play a key role in advancing SSU's mission, fostering relationships, and enhancing the university's impact.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate LeAndrea.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JERRY "SHAG" WRIGHT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Jerry "Shag" Wright.

Jerry was a proud descendant of the Wright family who came to Pierce County as part of the Gilmer migration in the early 1900s.

Jerry honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war as a frontline munitions carrier and being one of only 37 of the 185 in his unit to return home in 1969, a testament to his courage and resilience.

Following his service, he began a long career at Rayonier, from which he later retired.

Mr. Wright was deeply committed to public service, serving 10 years on the Screven City Council before being elected as a representative on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, a position he held for 25 years.

Jerry was truly a man of the people, representing his community with pride and helping everyone he could, whether they were his constituent or not.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1928. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions: California [EPA-R09-RCRA-2024-0298; FRL-12239-02-R9] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1929. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electronic Utilities; CCR Management Unit Deadline Extension Rule [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2020-0107; FRL-7814.2-03-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AH36) received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1930. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; Revision to the State Operating Permits Program Under Title V of the Clean Air Act to Revise 45 Code of State Rules 33; Acid Rain Provisions and Permits [EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0026; FRL-11859-02-R3] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1931. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; ID; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R10-OAR-2024-0545; FRL-11879-02-R10] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1932. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; State Implementation Plan Revision for Chico, Modesto and Stockton Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Areas [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0473; FRL-12323-02-R9] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1933. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of the Attainment Date of the Coachella Valley Extreme Nonattainment Area Under the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0570; FRL-12518-02-R9] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1934. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Revisions to the Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0038; FRL-12574-02-R9] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1935. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Second Period Regional Haze Plan [EPA-R05-OAR-2021-0577; FRL-12588-02-R5] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1936. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0203; FRL-12755-02-R9] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1937. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Control of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions and Approval and Promulgation of State Plan (Negative Declaration) for Designated Facilities and Pollutants [EPA-R07-OAR-2025-0263; FRL-12807-02-R7] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1938. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final authorization — Massachusetts: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R01-RCRA-2025-0188; FRL-12874-02-R1] received September 4, 2025, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1939. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Withdrawals of Findings of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plan and Finding of Failure To Attain for the Rusk and Panola Counties, Texas 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard Area [EPA-R06-OAR-2022-0311; FRL-12956-01-R6] received September 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1940. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Arizona Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; Class I-VI Primacy [EPA-HQ-OW-2025-0087; FRL 11786-02-OW] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1941. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Guam; Clean Data Determination for the Piti-Cabras Nonattainment Area for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0137; FRL-12752-02-R9] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1942. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; New Jersey; Memorandum of Agreement to address NOx SIP Call Requirements [EPA-R02-OAR-2025-0088; FRL-12760-02-R2] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1943. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Minnesota: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R05-UST-2023-0631; FRL 12762-02-R5] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1944. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Maryland: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R03-UST-2025-0091; FRL 12797-02-R3] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1945. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wyoming; R-35 Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations Rule Package [EPA-R08-OAR-2025-0204; FRL-12942-02-R8] received September 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1946. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national