providing them hot meals and her famous frozen cups at her family business, Cutler Frozen Cup House; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cutler was a devoted member of the Liberty City Church of Christ for 75 years, and one of its first worshipers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cutler served on the church's Mothers Board providing leadership and inspiration to the congregation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Cutler believed in a strong tight-knit community—neighbor looking after neighbor, which is evident by her 41 year-long friendship with her non-English speaking neighbor; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Mrs. Mamie L. Cutler for her unwavering commitment and faithful service to our community, to her family and friends, and to her church.

HONORING CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN BERCHMANS

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cathedral of Saint John Berchmans of Shreveport, Louisiana, one of the city's historic religious institutions and an enduring center of Catholic faith, education, worship, and community service. Established in 1902, the parish traces its beginnings to Jesuit priests who came to serve the growing Catholic population of Shreveport. In the more than 120 years since, Saint John Berchmans has grown from a local parish and school into the spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shreveport.

The parish was founded during a period of significant growth in Shreveport, as new families made the city their home and the need for institutions of worship, education, and community life grew. The Jesuit priests responded by establishing a parish where families could gather for Mass, receive the sacraments, educate their children in the Catholic tradition, and build fellowship. The original parish included both a church and a school on Texas Avenue, and from its earliest years the close relationship between worship and education has been a defining characteristic of Saint John Berchmans.

As Shreveport developed, so did the parish, and increasing membership created the need for a larger and more permanent church. In 1927, the cornerstone of the present church was laid, and the building was completed and consecrated in 1929. It stands as a testament to the faith, planning, generosity, and sacrifice of the parishioners and church leaders who envisioned a permanent spiritual home for generations of Catholics. Its historic design, sacred artwork, stained glass, and religious symbols reflect the rich heritage of the Catholic faith and serve as a visible reminder of the clergy, parishioners, families, and educators who have built and preserved this community.

For generations, Saint John Berchmans has been a spiritual home where Catholics have celebrated baptisms, First Communions, confirmations, marriages, ordinations, anniversaries, funerals, and other milestones of faith and family life, binding the Cathedral to the personal histories of countless families throughout Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana. Its ministry has also extended beyond worship through charitable outreach, religious education, pastoral care, family ministries, and service initiatives that address both the spiritual and practical needs of individuals and families. In keeping with the Catholic tradition, education and faith formation have helped prepare young people to become responsible members of their churches, families, professions, and communities.

A major milestone came in 1986 with the establishment of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shreveport, when Saint John Berchmans was elevated to the status of cathedral. As the cathedral church of the diocese, it became the spiritual seat of the Catholic Church in Northwest Louisiana and a central gathering place for major diocesan celebrations, liturgies, ordinations, and ceremonies. This role extended the Cathedral's reach beyond its own parish and made it a spiritual home for Catholics from communities throughout the region.

The Cathedral has been strengthened throughout its history by generations of priests, deacons, religious educators, teachers, parish staff, ministry leaders, musicians, volunteers, families, and parishioners. Through decades of change in Shreveport, in times of prosperity and uncertainty, celebration and hardship, it has remained a consistent spiritual presence where individuals can seek prayer, guidance, fellowship, and a deeper relationship with God.

Today, the Cathedral of Saint John Berchmans continues its historic mission under the leadership of Reverend Raney Johnson, Rector. It remains committed to reverent worship, Catholic education, faith formation, pastoral care, community outreach, and service, while fulfilling its responsibility as the cathedral church of the Diocese of Shreveport. It is both a treasured historic landmark and a living community of faith, welcoming parishioners, visitors, students, families, clergy, and members of the wider community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Cathedral of Saint John Berchmans and its parish family for more than 120 years of faith, education, and service to the people of Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana. May the Cathedral continue to honor the vision of those who established the parish in 1902 and serve generations yet to come.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA ANN ROEMMICK, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Patricia Ann Roemmick of China Spring, Texas, with a 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Patricia's honorable military service and decades of dedication to her community, young people, and fellow veterans reflect the selflessness, compassion, and commitment that exemplify the very best of our Texas values.

Patricia entered the United States Navy in October 1964 and served honorably through October 1967, attaining the rank of Communications Yeoman, CYN3 (E–4), Patricia served at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Maryland, and at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida. Patricia's responsibilities included serving as a PBX Operator, Telegraphic Operator, and Radioman.

As computers were beginning to be incorporated into military operations, Patricia received additional training at a nearby college, which ultimately provided her with classified access to the Command Center. In that role, Patricia supported missions that included both successful and tragic Apollo missions, as well as numerous Navy flying units operating from Whiting Field.

Patricia served during a particularly demanding period at Whiting Field, where Navy aviation training involved significant risks. Patricia's attention to detail and dedication to her duties contributed to the station being recognized as an Albany AESC Tributary of the Month after handling more than 1,000 messages without a single violation. Patricia's commanding officer specifically recognized her performance, pride in her work, and contribution to the station's achievement. Patricia received an Honorable Discharge in 1967 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Patricia's commitment to service continued after her military career. Following her discharge, Patricia and her husband, Gary, moved to Arlington, Texas, where she worked in marketing for the Marriott hotel chain for eleven years. In 1984, they moved to China Spring, where Patricia became a teacher's aide for the local school district. During her time with China Spring schools, she actively supported the PTA, athletic programs, 4–H, Future Farmers of America, and Future Homemakers of America. Patricia's dedication to the school community was formally recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service and contributions to China Spring Elementary School.

Patricia has also devoted countless hours to supporting young people and strengthening her community. Beginning in 2018, she became involved with the China Spring Young Farmers Fund, helping raise money to assist young farmers with livestock shows and state meetings and supporting efforts to build the China Spring Agriculture Barn. Patricia and her husband have remained active members of the China Spring Athletic Booster Club and have volunteered with Meals on Wheels, including stocking shelves for Christmas deliveries and providing financial support.

Through the China Spring Civics Club, Patricia has supported numerous community initiatives, including preservation of the China Spring Tabernacle historical site, China Spring Cares, Isaiah 117 House, student memorial scholarships, Christmas Families, Meals on Wheels, and fundraisers for the China Spring Volunteer Fire Department. Patricia has also collected blankets for the blind at Doris Miller Medical Center and blankets for distribution during Veterans Day parades. Patricia's service has extended to Brookdale Nursing Home, where she has helped with Valentine's Day activities and distributed lap blankets to military veterans residing there.

Patricia's dedication to veterans remains an important part of her service today. Through

the Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network's Waco Veterans One-Stop, Patricia volunteers at the front desk, welcomes and assists veterans and other visitors, helps with meals and special events such as Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day, participates in the Veterans Day Parade, and delivers lunches to residents at Ridgecrest Retirement Home. Patricia's continued willingness to serve veterans and those in need demonstrates that her commitment to service did not end with her military discharge.

Patricia and her husband, Gary, are the proud parents of two adult children, Robin and Jason. Throughout her life, Patricia has consistently demonstrated a willingness to give her time, talents, and resources to others. From her honorable service in the United States Navy to her work with children and schools, support for agriculture and community organizations, and continued service to veterans, she has built a legacy defined by compassion, reliability, and community spirit.

It is this lifetime of honorable military service, volunteerism, and devotion to her community, young people, and fellow veterans that I proudly commend Patricia Ann Roemmick of China Spring, Texas, to her friends, family, community, and country. Patricia's continued commitment to serving others embodies the spirit of the Congressional Veteran Commendation, and it is my honor to recognize her with the 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John Baptist Church of Mansfield, Louisiana, a historic congregation and valued community institution located at 900 Johnson Street. Under the leadership of Rev. Isiah D. Anderson, Sr., St. John Baptist Church continues to provide worship, fellowship, and community ministry to the people of Mansfield and DeSoto Parish.

The congregation's roots extend to the late nineteenth century. Historical records, including William Hicks's A History of Louisiana Negro Baptists, document baptisms taking place at the Mansfield congregation as early as 1878, underscoring the church's longstanding presence and significance in the community.

St. John Baptist Church was also shaped by the influential ministry of Elder and Bishop I. A. Carter. During his years of service to the Mansfield church in the late 1800s, he directed the construction of several houses of worship and baptized hundreds of individuals, laying a strong spiritual foundation for future generations.

For nearly 150 years, St. John Baptist Church has embodied the faith, perseverance, and dedication of the people it serves. Despite the passage of time and changing circumstances, the congregation has remained devoted to worship and to offering a spiritual home where individuals and families can come together, deepen their faith, and encourage one another.

The story of St. John Baptist Church further demonstrates the essential role religious institutions play in preserving community identity. Its enduring record of worship, baptism, leadership, and congregational fellowship reflects the ways churches have strengthened families and nurtured hope in communities across Louisiana.

Today, St. John Baptist Church continues its ministry from its Johnson Street location through worship services and community outreach. The congregation also shares its message through its official website and St. John Baptist Church Facebook page, extending its ministry to members and supporters both near and far.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Isiah D. Anderson, Sr. and the devoted congregation of St. John Baptist Church for their lasting contributions through worship, leadership, service, and community ministry. May St. John Baptist Church continue to offer faith, fellowship, and strength to the people of Mansfield and to generations yet to come.

HONORING MASSELINE MELBA PEMBERTON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mrs. Masseline Melba Pemberton, a faithful servant of God, a community activist, a loving mother and grandmother, as well as a dutiful member of Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Pemberton devoted herself to providing food and clothing for the poor and homeless; and

Whereas, Mrs. Pemberton, a member of the King's Daughters, carried God's Word to the elderly through her missionary work at nursing homes and senior citizen centers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Pemberton was an inspiration to and strong supporter of young women and men in South Florida and around the country; and

Whereas, Mrs. Pemberton was a constant presence in inner-city communities pointing out the needs and working to improve the quality of life for all South Floridians; and

Whereas, Mrs. Pemberton was an active member of her church Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she held various positions including, Deaconess, Teacher for the Youth Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Mrs. Masseline Melba Pemberton for her unwavering commitment and faithful service to our community, to her family and friends, and to her church.

HONORING BRIGHT STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bright Star Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, an enduring institution of Christian faith, worship, fellowship, and community service for more than a century. Founded in 1922, the church has remained committed to providing a spiritual home where individuals and families can worship God, strengthen their faith, build meaningful relationships, and serve others, grounded in its mission of loving God, loving one another, and loving those who are lost.

Since its establishment, Bright Star has been built on a strong foundation of faith and Christian service. Through worship, prayer, biblical teaching, fellowship, outreach, and service, the congregation has provided spiritual guidance and encouragement while responding to the needs of individuals and families throughout the surrounding community. For more than 100 years, generations of families have entered its doors to worship, pray, learn, celebrate, grieve, and find encouragement, and through periods of social, economic, and cultural change the church has remained a place of stability, fellowship, and spiritual support.

Worship has remained at the heart of Bright Star's ministry. Through regular services, prayer, preaching, music, and Christian fellowship, members have grown spiritually and formed a strong sense of community. Bible study and Christian education have likewise equipped members with the spiritual foundation to meet the challenges of everyday life and have prepared future generations to become leaders in the church and community. Prayer has been another foundation of the congregation, giving members strength and encouragement in moments of joy and in times of hardship.

The church's ministry has consistently extended beyond its worship services. Bright Star has shown a commitment to outreach and community involvement by seeking opportunities to meet practical needs and assist individuals and families, including community clothing giveaways that provide tangible support to its neighbors. These efforts reflect the church's belief that Christian ministry includes both sharing the message of faith and demonstrating that faith through service, and they continue the tradition of African American churches and other faith institutions in Shreveport that have served as centers of worship while also providing support, leadership, fellowship, education, and assistance.

For many families, Bright Star has been much more than a place to attend church services. It has been a spiritual home where relationships are formed, families are strengthened, and generations have celebrated baptisms, marriages, anniversaries, and accomplishments and gathered for homegoing services. The church's longevity is a testament to the pastors, ministers, deacons, ministry leaders, musicians, teachers, volunteers, families, and faithful members who have given their time, talents, prayers, and resources to sustain its ministry for those who follow.

An important chapter in the church's modern history began in 1997, when Pastor Patrick L.