

security law, which has been used in the country to quell any criticism of the Chinese Communist Party. Lai, 78, is a prominent pro-democracy activist and founder of the newspaper Apple Daily, which championed the cause of freedom for Hong Kong.

In December, Lai was convicted of conspiracy to collude with a foreign country to endanger national security and conspiracy to publish seditious publications. Lai had previously pleaded not guilty. The maximum punishment for this conviction is life in prison.

Lai's co-defendants, six of whom were former employees of Apple Daily, received sentences of up to ten years in prison. The other two co-defendants were activists.

Lai was previously arrested in August 2020 after Chinese authorities raided Apple Daily. He then spent five years in Chinese custody in solitary confinement.

Three Chinese judges determined that Lai's work, as well as his meetings with U.S. government officials, were in violation of national security law. Lai did not have a jury present at his trial. The trial lasted 156 days, during which Lai represented himself. It was delayed multiple times because of Lai's health.

The verdict alleges that Lai consistently and unwaveringly worked to take down the Chinese Communist Party via his work at his pro-democracy news publications.

President Donald Trump is set to visit China in April and has urged Chinese President Xi Jinping to consider Lai's release. Trump said he feels 'very badly' about the verdict.

U.K. Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said the trial was 'politically motivated,' with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer calling for Lai's release. Lai is a British citizen.

Lai grew up very poor but worked his way up from factory worker to billionaire, in part by starting his own retail chain. At the time of Lai's arrest, he was worth \$1.2 billion. After beginning much of his pro-democracy activism through his newspapers, Next Magazine and Apple Daily, he converted to Catholicism in 1997.

Chairman John Moolenaar of the Select Committee on China said he will 'lead efforts to sanction those responsible for the repression of Lai and his colleagues.'

'The sentencing of Jimmy Lai is the latest stain on the human rights record of the Chinese Communist Party and the farce of its promise to uphold one country, two systems,' Moolenaar said. 'Lai and his Apple Daily colleagues are being punished for exposing the truth about the CCP's attacks on the rights of Hong Kongers.'

Lai's daughter, Claire Lai, said her father's sentence is 'heartbreakingly cruel.' 'If this sentence is carried out, he will die a martyr behind bars,' Claire said.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND JASON COKER AND REVEREND JENELL COKER AS MY DECEMBER 2025 CO-CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Rev. Jason Coker and Rev. Jenell Coker as my December 2025 Co-Constituents of the Month.

Rev. Jason and Rev. Jenell Coker are being recognized for their extraordinary leadership,

vision, and longstanding commitment to community transformation. Together, they have grown The Oceanside Sanctuary into a thriving, historic congregation that serves as a hub for inclusive, justice-centered ministry in North County San Diego.

Their work extends far beyond the church walls through ecumenical and interfaith collaboration, nonprofit leadership, education, and community organizing, and is grounded in a fully LGBTQ-affirming faith that prioritizes dignity, equity, and belonging. Through decades of service, the Cokers have demonstrated how thoughtful, courageous leadership can strengthen institutions, empower communities, and create lasting positive change.

They are immensely deserving of this recognition and our district is better off because of their work.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
WILLIAM SAXE EPPS

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the extraordinary life of Reverend Dr. William Saxe Epps which began on June 3, 1945.

Reverend Dr. Epps of Rochester, New York, lived by the principle that "service is the price you pay for the space you occupy." His unwavering commitment to serving the people of Los Angeles and our Nation reminds us that privilege demands responsibility—and that faith requires action.

His pastoral journey was deeply rooted in the Black freedom tradition, carrying forward a legacy of faith-driven activism and moral leadership. He served some of the most historic Black churches in America, including First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, Calvary Baptist Church in Massachusetts, and most recently, Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles here in my congressional district.

Under his visionary leadership as senior pastor for more than 35 years, Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles became both a spiritual anchor and a powerful civic force, advancing justice, education, and community empowerment for my constituents and beyond.

Beyond ministry, Reverend Dr. Epps was a tireless champion of education. He worked for former Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and later became the longest-serving Commissioner on the Affordable Housing Commission where he helped ensure that every Angeleno had a home.

Reverend Dr. Epps found deep joy and meaning in art, music, literature, and culture, believing these to be essential tools for healing and human connection.

With his transition on January 12, 2026, alongside his loving wife of 48 years, we have lost not only a giant in the faith and civil rights movement, but also a devoted husband, caring grandfather, and cherished friend.

His legacy of service, justice, and love will endure as we continue to practice what he so powerfully preached.

May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" K. WESLEY ON SIX YEARS OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Christopher "Chris" K. Wesley, my constituent and the Senior Pastor of Antioch Fellowship Church of Dallas. This month marks six years of dedicated leadership as pastor of this historic and impactful church—a church I am proud to represent and one that is truly on the move. These six years have been marked by servant leadership, the faithful teaching of God's Word, and a steadfast commitment to being a beacon of hope—not only for the Antioch congregation, but for communities throughout Dallas and beyond.

Under Pastor Wesley's leadership, Antioch Fellowship Church has experienced significant growth and expanded its reach in meaningful ways. The church continues to engage new generations for Christ while remaining rooted and grounded in the strong foundation and values upon which Antioch was built.

Pastor Chris is not only a preacher, but also a gifted worship leader, singer, and songwriter. He leads Chris Wesley and Undignified Praise, a collective of young adults who have served as featured artists at events nationwide. Their debut album, Redeemed, was released in 2012, followed by Encounter in November 2019. The group has received numerous nominations and honors, including KHVN's Home Grown Gospel Honors and the Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards as Group of the Year. In 2022, they received Ensemble of the Year at the Avidity Awards in Memphis, Tennessee. Their third project, 8:28: Live in Dallas, was released in January 2023 and features the single "Til It's Good," written by Pastor Wesley. Their most recent live recording, 14:14, inspired by Exodus 14:14, was released in 2025.

In addition to his leadership at Antioch and Undignified Praise, Pastor Chris serves as Director of EMERGE, the Next Generation Department of the National Baptist Convention of America, Incorporated, under the leadership of Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert. He also serves in various community leadership and service roles, including work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and other organizations committed to faith, advocacy, and civic engagement.

At the age of 15, Pastor Chris accepted his call to the preaching ministry and delivered his first sermon. Since that time, he has ministered through preaching and song across the country. Known for his passionate delivery and his ability to interpret Scripture in ways that are both accessible and applicable, he has a deep love for teaching the Word of God to people of all ages and backgrounds. Additionally, Pastor Chris has committed his life not only to serving within the walls of Antioch Fellowship Church, but also to standing up for those without a voice and advocating for justice, faith, and community uplift.

Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to Pastor Christopher K. Wesley on six years of faithful leadership. I thank him for continued service to our community and his unwavering commitment to teaching God's Word. I know

that the best is yet to come, and I look forward to witnessing his continued impact and leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JAMES "DR. DADDIO" WALKER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker, a legendary Denver DJ, radio station owner, mentor, and community leader whose voice shaped Colorado's airwaves and whose impact will be felt for generations to come. He passed away in late January 2026, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy of service, faith, and unwavering commitment to Denver's Black community.

Dr. Daddio was a visionary and broadcaster. In 1989, he became the owner and operator of KDKO Radio, AM 1510, a historic Black-owned radio station that long served as a cultural and civic cornerstone for Denver. Known for its rich blend of R&B, soul, blues, and community-focused talk programming, KDKO was a trusted platform where music, news, faith, and civic engagement came together.

Dr. Daddio made history as the first Black owner of an urban radio station west of the Mississippi River—a milestone recognized by the Denver Public Library when it inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2008. His work ensured that Black voices, stories, and accomplishments were heard, celebrated, and remembered.

Through his voice and leadership, Dr. Daddio opened doors for countless Black radio professionals, mentoring generations of broadcasters and community leaders. He stood proudly for unifying our communities while amplifying the fight for civil rights across Colorado and beyond. He used his microphone as a platform for advocacy, civic engagement, and change.

Dr. Daddio was also deeply committed to strengthening democracy. He consistently encouraged voter participation and community involvement, believing that informed and engaged citizens are the foundation of a healthy society. I had the privilege of appearing on his show on numerous occasions to witness firsthand his passion for empowering people through information and dialogue.

Above all, Dr. Daddio was a man of faith, family, and love. His family described him as a "visionary voice in media" who used that voice to uplift culture, amplify community voices, and mentor others. He now rests reunited with his beloved wife, Pat, and leaves behind a family and community profoundly shaped by his example.

Denver and the state of Colorado have lost a trailblazer, a connector, and a champion for justice and unity. As we remember Dr. Daddio, may we also honor his legacy by continuing to uplift one another, amplify voices too often unheard, and work toward a more just and inclusive community for all.

RECOGNIZING REBA Y. MAZAK

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize my friend, Reba Y. Mazak as the 2025 Woman of the Year in Agriculture for the State of Florida. Today, she was honored at the Florida State Fair—America's Sunniest Celebration—during the annual Woman of the Year in Agriculture Luncheon.

Since 1985, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in partnership with the Florida State Fair Authority, has recognized an outstanding Woman of the Year in Agriculture. Last March, Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson bestowed this distinguished honor upon Reba Y. Mazak in recognition of her lifelong dedication to advancing Florida agriculture.

Reba is a fifth-generation Florida cattle producer with deep roots in agriculture. She was born into the Yarborough pioneer ranching family in Sanford, Florida, where she was raised with a deep respect for the land and livestock, learning the ranching lifestyle through hard work alongside her parents.

In 1985, she married her high school sweetheart and late husband, Paul Mazak. Based in Sumter County and starting with just seven acres and a mobile home, they built both a ranch and a family—raising two daughters, Rebecca and Audra—while transforming their modest beginnings into a thriving cattle operation spanning thousands of acres. Together, they built Mazak Ranch into a successful cattle operation with land in both Florida and Texas.

From attending Florida CowBelles events with her mother as a young girl, Reba has been a dedicated advocate for the beef industry from the very beginning. She has been active in Florida Cattle Women for more than 40 years and served as its President in 2004. She also served as President of the American National Cattle Women in 2022 during the organization's 70th anniversary. Reba has completed the Masters of Beef Advocacy Program and is Beef Quality Assurance certified.

Reba does not just represent a legacy of Florida ranching, she is actively shaping its future. She is deeply passionate about mentoring youth in agriculture and remains active in Farm Bureau leadership. Through her advocacy and hand-on mentorship, Reba has made a lasting impact on the next generation, including her four grandsons—Mayland, Myles, Waylon, and Warren—who are already learning the values of hard work, stewardship, and service that she lives every day.

Florida agriculture is stronger because of leaders like Reba. I am deeply grateful for her commitment, her example, and her lifelong service to our agricultural community. I congratulate Reba.

IN MEMORY OF DONALD L. KUEHL

HON. GEORGE WHITESIDES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Donald Leroy "Cool"

Kuehl, a proud United States Army World War II Veteran, whose life was defined by service, courage, and deep love of country.

Born in 1925 in Long Beach, California, Don answered our Nation's call during one of the most consequential moments in history. He served as a radio operator, one of the Army's most dangerous and essential roles, and in 1943, as a Tech 5th Grade with the 347th Field Artillery Battalion of the 91st Infantry Division, known as the Wild West Division in Italy. He contributed to the Allied victory that preserved freedom for future generations.

As we mourn Don's passing, we give thanks for a life well lived, guided by wisdom, love, and an enduring belief in living in the moment. He shared 62 years of marriage with his high school sweetheart, Virginia, whose love and companionship remained central to his life until her passing.

Don's final year was enriched by his participation in Coffee4Vets breakfasts, where he spent his remaining days sharing time, stories, and camaraderie with fellow Veterans, including other World War II Veterans. There, I was honored to join in celebrating Don's 100th birthday, a joyous occasion, last February.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. May we always honor Don Kuehl's service, cherish his legacy, and remember a life well lived in service to the United States of America.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 11

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 71, to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars, S. 1898, to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, S. 2585, to modernize and improve the Broadband Funding Map in order to promote the most efficient