

worked tirelessly to preserve the character of the city, strengthen its institutions, and make Annapolis a better place for future generations.

Ellen was a driving force behind preserving Annapolis's maritime character. During her time in office, she championed maritime zoning, the creation of a Maritime Advisory Board, and laid the groundwork for the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

Ellen was also an inspiration through her work on environmental conservation. She led the creation of waterfront street-end parks, expanded walking and bike paths, and the revitalization of Back Creek Nature Park, now Ellen O. Moyer Park.

A passionate champion of the arts, Ellen helped establish the Art in Public Places program, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, and the Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre. Among her most far-reaching economic achievements was the creation of the West Street Arts District, which evolved into one of Annapolis's most economically vibrant neighborhoods.

Annapolis would not be the same without her devotion to the city and all of its beauty. I ask that you join me and the residents of Maryland's Third Congressional District in offering well wishes and a very happy 90th birthday to Ellen O. Moyer—a trailblazer, mentor, and steward of Annapolis. We are grateful for all she has done and continues to do for our community.

HONORING FLORIDA CITRUS
SPORTS' 80 YEARS OF IMPACT

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, this month, I celebrate Florida Citrus Sports and its significant impact and dedication to communities throughout Central Florida. Since its founding in 1946, Florida Citrus Sports has committed to hosting nationally and internationally recognized events, some including the Florida Classic, the Cheezits Citrus Bowl, and several competitions that gather people from all over the world.

Florida Citrus Sports has cultivated and supported opportunities for employment, students, teachers, and communities that will continue to contribute to the elevation of all Florida residents. Celebrating 80 Years of Impact demonstrates resilience and a growing passion for community service, despite challenges faced and to come.

Through numerous partnerships and leadership, Florida Citrus Sports has invested in the future of Florida's economy, education, and countless neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

I thank Florida Citrus Sports for their 80 years of dedication and service. Their contribution has, in many ways, enhanced Central Florida's vision to maintain a strengthened, hope-filled, equitable, and innovative legacy for all future residents.

RECOGNIZING DAVID NEVILLE

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Neville, owner of Capstone Farms in Kentucky, for receiving the prestigious 2026 Citizen Diplomat Award.

On 258 acres of land in Northern Kentucky, David has built not just a farm, but a laboratory of ingenuity. Through hydroponic and aquaponic growing systems, sustainable land management practices like using goats to clear brush, and a deep commitment to mentorship, he is helping pave the way for Kentucky farmers and farmers worldwide to build stronger, more resilient farms. His work reflects the creativity and resourcefulness that define the American spirit and helps keep our farming economy strong, innovative, and ready for the challenges ahead.

David embodies the spirit of hospitality that Kentuckians everywhere extend to our neighbors. David has opened his farm to more than 450 participants in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program from over 100 countries to learn from his practices and spark ideas they can carry back home.

Kentucky is proud to call Mr. Neville one of our own, and I am honored to recognize his remarkable contributions to our home and the world. I once again congratulate him on receiving the Citizen Diplomat Award and wish him the best in his future work.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING
PUERTO RICO POLICE BUREAU
MEMBERS

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound appreciation to recognize a group of individuals who make up the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, and to commemorate Police Week in Puerto Rico.

During Police Week, observed from February 15, 2026, through February 21, 2026, we recognize the men and women of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, an institution composed of dedicated public servants committed to safeguarding Puerto Rico and improving the quality of life of its people.

The Puerto Rico Police Bureau is made up of individuals with a strong sense of duty and a deep commitment to public service. Through coordinated administrative and operational teams, and in collaboration with state and federal agencies, the Bureau remains firmly committed to combating crime, protecting lives and property, and upholding law and order. The members of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau stand as a cornerstone of public safety and public trust.

As part of this observance, I include in the RECORD the following list recognizing officers assigned to the Puerto Nuevo Precinct 282, who distinguished themselves through exemplary performance, professionalism, and commitment to the Bureau's core values:

Supervisor of the Year 2025: Sgt. Omar López Figueroa.

Male Agent of the Year 2025: Agt. Robert Figueroa De Jesús.

Female Agent of the Year 2025: Agt. Janisel Casiano Calo.

Outstanding Captain & Lieutenant of the Year 2025: Capt. Rubén Gómez Sanabria, Lt. II José Alvarez Torres.

Outstanding Agents of the Year 2025: Agt. Griselle Vega Báez, Agt. José L. Chacón Colón, Agt. Isaias Meléndez Maldonado, Agt. Francisco Esquillin Correa, Agt. Oscar Delgado Jiménez, Agt. Nicasio Lima Candelario, Agt. José L. Ortiz Rodríguez, Agt. Norberto Otero Robles, Agt. Joelys De Jesús Ortega, Agt. Jeannette González Vázquez, Agt. Marangelly De León Sustache.

Their service reflects the highest standards of integrity, dedication, and public service.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
JUDGE MARYELLEN HICKS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Honorable Judge Maryellen Hicks and to recognize the renaming ceremony held in her name, a tribute to a trailblazing jurist whose legacy has profoundly shaped Tarrant County and the State of Texas. This historic occasion, led by the Black Women Lawyers Association, reflects Judge Hicks's extraordinary impact on the legal profession and her commitment to justice and public service.

Judge Hicks's distinguished career stands as a testament to perseverance, excellence, and leadership. As the first African American woman to graduate from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1974, Judge Hicks broke numerous barriers in Tarrant County, serving as the first Black female Municipal Judge, Chief Municipal Judge, Probate Court Master, District Judge of the 231st Court, and later on the Second Court of Appeals. Her service on the bench was defined by integrity, and a deep respect for the rule of law, earning her the trust and admiration of colleagues and community members alike.

Beyond her judicial service, Judge Hicks has been a dedicated mentor and role model, investing in the growth and advancement of future legal professionals. Her influence extends far beyond the courtroom, leaving an enduring mark on the legal landscape through her advocacy, guidance, and commitment to ensuring equal access to justice for all.

The decision by the Black Women Lawyers Association to formally change its name in honor of Judge Hicks reflects the magnitude of her contributions and the lasting legacy she leaves behind. This renaming not only celebrates her accomplishments but also serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of representation, leadership, and service in the pursuit of justice.

Today, as we gather to commemorate this momentous occasion, we celebrate and extend our deepest gratitude to the Honorable Judge Maryellen Hicks for her lifetime of service and the profound difference she has made in our community. Her legacy will continue to inspire generations of attorneys, judges, and leaders who strive to build a more just and equitable society.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed the votes on Monday, February 9, 2026, due to travel complications. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 57, and YEA on Roll Call No. 58.

HONORING DR. VALMADGE R.
TOWNER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Dr. Valmadge R. Towner, an educator, pastor, and the President of Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. A son of the Mississippi Delta, Dr. Towner, has devoted his career to advancing opportunities for students and families across the region, combining academic rigor, steady leadership, and a deep commitment to community.

Raised in Marks and Clarksdale, Dr. Towner comes from a family of educators and is a third-generation teacher. His early education at St. Elizabeth's Catholic School and graduation from Quitman County High School set the stage for a lifetime of service rooted in the Delta's values of perseverance, faith, and neighborly care. He and his wife, Natasha Brown Towner, chose to remain in the Delta, embodying a deliberate commitment to uplift the communities that shaped them.

Dr. Towner's academic preparation reflects both breadth and depth. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, a Master's in Mathematics, and a Master's in Administration from Alcorn State University. He further pursued theological study with a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey and completed a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership at the University of Mississippi. This foundation has equipped him to lead with both analytical precision and moral purpose.

Before assuming the presidency of Coahoma Community College in 2013, Dr. Towner served students in multiple capacities. He began as a college mathematics instructor and contributed to collegiate athletics as a head baseball coach and assistant football coach. In K-12 education, he served as a principal and superintendent for Quitman County Schools and as Director of Pupil Services for DeSoto County Schools. A lifelong learner, he is known for reflective practices—regular study and writing—that inform a disciplined, student-centered approach to leadership.

At Coahoma Community College, Dr. Towner has guided the institution through challenging fiscal periods with prudence and accountability. He prioritized aligning expenditures with revenues, safeguarding a strong fund balance, and ensuring day-to-day practices reflect responsible stewardship. His administration improved campus safety through

security fencing and gate enhancements and fostered a culture of teamwork and adaptability emblematic of the Delta's resourcefulness. These efforts supported a significant enrollment turnaround, including a twenty percent increase in a single year, and reaffirmed the college's vital role in workforce development and transfer education for the region.

Beyond his duties on campus, Dr. Towner serves as pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Greenwood, a congregation he has known since childhood. His civic leadership has been recognized by the Coahoma County and Mississippi State Conferences of the NAACP for exemplary service on higher education issues, and he has been named Citizen of the Year for Leflore County.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Valmadge R. Towner exemplifies the best of public service—steadfast in faith, committed to students, and devoted to the Mississippi Delta. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his distinguished service and ongoing contributions to education and community.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA WEEK

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Future Business Leaders of America. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Future Business Leaders of America, Inc. (FBLA) is a non-profit educational organization whose first chapter was established in Johnson City, Tennessee, in 1942; and

Whereas, Iowa became FBLA's first state chapter in 1947; and

Whereas, Junius H. Rose officially chartered its FBLA local chapter on January 21, 1969; and

Whereas, FBLA includes more than 250,000 members and advisers in 4,600 chapters nationwide in middle schools, high schools, colleges, universities, career and technical schools, and private business schools; and

Whereas, FBLA is a professional business organization dedicated to bringing business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs; and

Whereas, FBLA members perform community service activities and strive to build a student's understanding of the realities of the modern business world; and

Whereas, FBLA teaches middle school, high school, and college students basic business and leadership principles; and assists them in the transition from school to work; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Greg Murphy, M.D., United States Representative for North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District, recognize February 9-15, 2026, as National FBLA Week in North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District, in recognition of the activities and efforts led by the students at J.H. Rose High School.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH DAKOTA'S GREY ZABEL AND THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS ON SUPER BOWL LX WIN

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate South Dakota's own Grey Zabel and the Seattle Seahawks on their Super Bowl LX victory on February 8, 2026.

Grey Zabel was born and raised in Pierre, South Dakota. After graduating from T.F. Riggs High School and helping the Governors win three State Championships, he was recruited to play football at North Dakota State University.

At North Dakota State, Zabel helped lead the Bison to two NCAA Division I FCS National Championships in 2021 and 2024. In 2024, he earned First Team FCS All-American honors at left tackle, capping off an outstanding collegiate career.

After an impressive collegiate performance at North Dakota State, the Seattle Seahawks selected Zabel in the first round, 18th overall, in the 2025 NFL draft. As a rookie offensive lineman, he started at guard and tackle, playing in all 17 regular-season games and three postseason games during Seattle's Super Bowl LX championship run. He proved highly effective, allowing only two sacks over 580 pass-blocking snaps during the season and recording seven games without a single pressure allowed.

I am proud to recognize Grey Zabel's outstanding perseverance and his impact as a role model for athletes and individuals across the Nation. He is an inspiring reminder of the strength found in determination and hard work. I congratulate Grey Zabel and the Seattle Seahawks on their remarkable victory.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGARETHE "GRETHE" CAMMERMEYER

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Colonel Margarethe "Grethe" Cammermeyer's contributions to LGBTQ rights and neuroscience nursing in the United States.

Born in Oslo, Norway, Grethe became a citizen in 1960 and joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1961 when she was just 19 years old. After finishing college, she served on active duty as an Army nurse in Germany, the U.S. and Vietnam. She later earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Washington's School of Nursing. She served concurrent careers in VA medical centers, the Army Reserves and the National Guard.

In 1988, while answering a question during a routine security clearance interview, Grethe disclosed that she was a lesbian. The National Guard then began military discharge proceedings against her, but Grethe challenged this action in federal court. In June 1994, a