

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JAXSON'S ICE
CREAM PARLOR ON ITS 70TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2026

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the legendary Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor in Dania Beach, Florida on its 70th Anniversary.

Founded in 1956 by Monroe Udell, Jaxson's began with a simple but powerful vision: to create the best homemade ice cream using Monroe's proprietary recipes, serve high-quality American classics, and build a place where families could gather to make lasting memories. Seventy years later, that vision continues forward under the leadership of Monroe's daughter, Linda Udell Zakheim.

One of South Florida's most iconic, long-standing family restaurants and multigenerational businesses, Jaxson's is known for oversized sundaes—especially its “Kitchen Sink”—classic American fare, and nostalgic charm, including one of the largest collections of license plates, which adorn its walls. The restaurant has been featured nationally on CNN, Good Morning America, the Food Network, and various local media.

Monroe and Linda always considered their staff to be family and have improved the standard of living for their employees. On February 24, 2014—the day of Monroe's 86th birthday—Jaxson's voluntarily raised their hourly wage from \$7.93 to \$10.10, which was later recognized by President Barack Obama. Additionally, their iconic “Kitchen Sink” holds a permanent place at History Fort Lauderdale Museum as part of their “Roots of Resilience: The Journey of Black Broward” exhibit, honoring Monroe Udell's commitment to hiring Black employees during the Jim Crow era. Among them was George Hadley who worked at Jaxson's for 38 years.

As a long-time customer and fan, I can attest to Jaxson's dedication not only to their customers, but to our community. Linda Udell Zakheim and the Jaxson's family set a remarkable example for all Floridians. I congratulate them on 70 incredible years of serving up scoops, smiles, and sweet memories.

HONORING YARBROUGH WILLIAMS,
JR.

HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Yarbrough Williams, Jr., who was born on March 24, 1950, in Warren County, North Carolina to the late Yarbrough Williams, Sr. and Mildred R. Fields. He was called by God to eternal rest on January 13,

2026, at the age of 75, following a brief illness at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

Yarbrough was the oldest of eight children and proudly lived in Warrenton his whole life. He graduated from John R. Hawkins High School in 1968. Yarbrough started building his own house at the age of 19, despite resistance from bankers and others who told him he was too young. While building the house, he took courses at Vance Granville Community College. He went on to attend North Carolina State University and became certified to teach Vocational Education. He then received further education at North Carolina A&T State University, Appalachian State University, and South Carolina State University.

After helping his family in the tobacco and cucumber fields, the decision to work in masonry was an easy one. Yarbrough became known as one of “Exum's Boys”, having learned the skilled, specialized trade of bricklaying from Wilford Exum in high school. Back then, Warren County was the capital of bricklaying.

Yarbrough worked as a mason by day and went to school at night. He was a foreman for a construction company. In 1970, he was offered a teaching job to help integrate the Franklin County Schools. After much prayer and thought, as well as a sizable reduction in pay, Yarbrough went to work at Franklinton High School, where he started the brick-laying program teaching masonry, blueprint reading and drafting. Teaching was his calling, but he taught much more than bricklaying. He instilled in his students respect, self-discipline, and common sense, giving them life lessons in every way possible. He felt strongly that being a father figure and advocate meant setting up his students for success, often ensuring that they had jobs before graduating from high school.

Yarbrough's students scored in the top of their region and district for 25 years. They won three state championships, many regional, district, and national championships and several other masonry awards. In the early years, he visited students' homes to learn more about them and sometimes even helped them get to school. He supervised school clubs, led fundraising drives to take students on field trips across the country; he also took his own children and frequently his mom. In 33 years as a school teacher, Yarbrough Williams loved his students and they loved him back. He was that beloved teacher who encouraged and organized both parents and teachers when the need arose. The masonry program started with only seven students, but it grew so much that new facilities were needed to meet the demand. An entrepreneur from an early age, he was the first Black business owner that his students encountered. Many followed his lead working for themselves.

While teaching school, Yarbrough also built and ran a 3,000 head hog farm, a trucking company and a construction company. He retired in Yarbrough touched and taught thousands of students, reaching future genera-

tions. Even after his retirement, Yarbrough continued encouraging former students, giving advice when requested.

Throughout his life, starting as a young man, Yarbrough became involved and active in his church and community. In church, Yarbrough had many roles from deacon and trustee to Bible Study teacher at both Shocco Chapel Baptist Church and Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church. It was his strong faith that propelled him into community and political organizing.

In those early years, he caught the attention of many of the African American men who were pioneers and giants in Warren County, learning all he could from them. Politics became a passion. Yarbrough served on the PTA, Board of Education, helped start and served as chair of the Warren County Political Action Council. He was instrumental in getting Black men and women elected to office to represent the majority of the population. He was named Teacher of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and received numerous other awards and honors throughout his life, including being listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans for a decade. Yarbrough worked to get people registered to vote, and for 10 years was Chair of the Warren County Democratic Party.

In 2008, Yarbrough joined the Board of Trustees of the Warren County Community Center. Taking a lesson from his years as a teacher, Yarbrough paved the way to start Race to the Top A's Fund Program, a way to encourage high school students to get better grades. He also supervised the total building rehabilitation of the historic Warren County Community Center.

His love for the land led him to purchase property and create two farms, places that brought him peace, purpose and pride throughout his life. With his commanding presence, warm smile and gift of gab, Yarbrough never met a stranger. He loved fishing, deer hunting, traveling and spending time with his family. He always had an encouraging word, never tolerated foolishness or laziness. His tireless work and dedication to the students and citizens of Warren and Franklin Counties leave an indelible mark not to be soon forgotten. Brick by brick, he built a legacy of enduring love to be cherished for generations to come.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two younger brothers Carl Erskin and Roscoe Williams and his wife the mother of his three oldest children Carolyn M. Williams.

Yarbrough leaves to cherish his memories his wife: Shauna Singletary Alami Williams; five children, Consherto Vernetta Williams, Yarbrough Williams, III aka “Champ” (LaSandra), Juarod Williams, Jamal Alami (Leah), and Aisha Alami Georges (Jacques); seven grandsons, Adonis, Jaelen, Juarod Williams, Jr., Jeremiah, Josiah, Aiden Georges, Phoenix Alami; five granddaughters, Tiara A. London, Aleyah and Rakaya Williams, Jada and Ava Shauna Georges; three great grandchildren, Ashtyn Williams, Brayden McNeal,

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Inara Ella Cornelius; three sisters, Ivoria Terry (Robert), Carrie Windbush (Sylvester), Fannie Williams Bacon; two brothers, Morgan (Minda) and Don Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

HONORING MRS. JUANITA BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Mrs. Juanita Brown.

Mrs. Brown was born on November 1, 1935, and has served as a goodwill ambassador through her presence in and throughout the Town of Meadville, spreading goodwill to visitors and citizens of the town.

Mrs. Brown was an educator for over forty years, and has served many years on the Board of Trustees for the Franklin County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Brown always exhibited integrity, knowledge, and concern, which earned her the respect of the Board of Trustees and others with whom she worked; Juanita has remained a pillar of service in her community.

Mrs. Brown has worked numerous elections at the polls and has been of immense service to the Office of the Mayor of the Town of Meadville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Juanita Brown for her actions and achievements in the Meadville, Mississippi, community.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF JEFF
TATE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Chief Jeff Tate, on his retirement after 28 years with the Shakopee Police Department. Chief Tate is a dedicated public servant and model for community first policing.

Under his leadership, the Shakopee PD launched Minnesota's first-ever police recov-

ery assistance program in 2015. The Shakopee Police Recovery Assistance Program (RAP) provides people in active addiction with scholarship money to seek treatment and has served dozens of Minnesotans since its inception.

Chief Tate's work to address the addiction crisis extends well beyond Minnesota. In 2023, he became one of eleven officers to join the Public Safety Council for the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), helping spread the importance of this work across the country. Last year, he received recognition from PAARI and was presented with the "Leadership Award for Advocacy and Community".

I first met Chief Tate after becoming the Congresswoman for Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District in 2019. Over the years, I've sought guidance from Chief Tate, especially on topics related to law enforcement, community policing, mental health and addiction. I have also had the honor of working with him through my Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council, where his insights have been invaluable.

Chief Tate's compassionate approach to policing is respected and recognized by his peers. He has won numerous awards including the MN Chiefs of Police Association "President's Award" and the MN Department of Public Safety's "Distinguished Public Leadership Award". Last year, Mothers Against Drunk Driving awarded Chief Tate and the Shakopee PD their "Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency Award".

I am grateful for Chief Tate's public service and share his love of country music—especially Garth Brooks. His impact in Shakopee and across Minnesota will be felt for generations to come. I wish Chief Tate the best in retirement.

VETERANS ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 1383, the so-called SAVE America Act. This is yet another attempt from Republicans to nationalize elections and take

power away from local communities. I already voted against an earlier version of this bill and I will continue to oppose it whenever it comes to the floor.

This new version of the SAVE America Act is even more extreme. It would force every state to hand over their voter rolls to the Department of Homeland Security, so that Kristi Noem can purge voters at will. Just weeks ago, Attorney General Bondi attempted to blackmail the state of Minnesota with a similar proposition—hand over the voter rolls and the ICE surge would end. Now, Republicans in the House are aiming for the same federal seizure of local voter rolls in every state of our Nation.

This bill would also disenfranchise millions of women and other Americans through a federal takeover of state election administration. One out of four Americans—69 million women—would have to navigate barriers that should not be necessary to vote because they changed their last name after marriage. Republicans claim that this new version will "fix" this problem by adding in a provision about affidavits to prove identity. However, the bill remains vague, leaving the process up to the states. Regardless, millions of women would face additional burdensome steps to register to vote.

I want to be clear; this bill is not simply a voter ID bill and labelling it as such is a trick to convince Americans of its intent. It is already illegal for noncitizens to vote in federal elections. Now, Republicans want to force every American to provide burdensome and expensive "documentary proof of citizenship"—similar to what Minnesotans already rejected—in order to exercise their right to vote.

Congress should be following Minnesota's lead and working to make it easier for Americans to vote, not putting up roadblocks. Congress should pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act that would reinstate many of the protections in the Civil Rights Act of 1965 that were undercut by the Supreme Court in their Shelby County v. Holder decision in 2013. The bill would expand automatic voter registration and allows for same day voter registration and protects against race-based discrimination at the ballot box. Democrats passed the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act through the House in 2021, but it was blocked by Republicans in the Senate. The House Republican majority in this Congress has continued to refuse to bring the bill back to the House Floor for a vote.