

the 1970s “The Flip Wilson Show” and had cameo roles in movies and local Kansas City area television programs. As a testament to his talents, Rex appeared in a critically acclaimed movie with boxing legend Muhammad Ali entitled “The Black Rodeo,” in 1972. Rex’s commitment to create not only an entertaining performance but one that would leave the audience with a lasting memory of African American culture led to him being recognized nationally, becoming an inductee of the National Cowboys of Color Museum and the Hall of Fame.

Beyond his work as a performer, Rex has found other ways to further protect the legacy of African American cowboys. Working as a photographer, Rex has documented other African American cowboys and the Black community, submitting the works to noted Black publications to preserve their history. He has contributed to numerous photographs to African American publications, such as *Jet Magazine*, *Ebony Magazine*, *The Kansas City Call* newspaper, *The Kansas City GLOBE* newspaper, *The Next Page KC* newspaper, *The Carolina Times*, and *The New Jersey Gazette*.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in celebrating the contributions that Nathaniel “Rex” Purefoy has provided to the African American community and the United States overall. We thank Rex for sharing a piece of history with our community and feel more at ease knowing that the legacy of African American cowboys has been preserved for years to come.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT  
JEREMY JOHNSON

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Master Sergeant Jeremy Gerard Johnson, a proven patriotic resident of Aiken, South Carolina, on his retirement from the United States Army after twenty-two years of honorable and faithful service to America.

MSG Johnson had a career of profound courage and leadership as he served as a combat medic, providing critical care under fire in multiple combat deployments in addition to training over three thousand new medics at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

Furthermore, as a Team Sergeant in a Special Operations Task Force, he bravely supported the fight against ISIS in Syria and played a vital role in the success of global Joint Special Operations Command missions. His innovative spirit was recognized in 2021 when he received the prestigious Captain Teal Award, naming him the best Medical Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in the entire U.S. Army.

Upon his retirement, I extend my deepest thanks to MSG Johnson for his incredible service and unwavering dedication to America. I wish him and his family all the best for a long and fulfilling retirement.

CELEBRATING WORLD HEARING  
DAY

**HON. TOM BARRETT**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate World Hearing Day.

Individuals and organizations under the umbrella of the World Hearing Forum and the World Health Organization join together each year to raise awareness about hearing loss, deafness, and how to promote ear and hearing care.

I helped refound the Congressional Hearing Health Caucus because I recognize how important awareness is to all communities, including the elderly, veterans, and even children. This year, the organizations of the World Hearing Forum are promoting hearing care for children. Hearing loss remains chronically undetected in children, with 90 million young people worldwide untreated for hearing loss. This impacts almost every facet of their lives, and critically, their ability to learn in school.

These lifelong impacts can often be avoided or minimized with early detection and treatment. Systematic routine screenings at school can be a key part of these efforts.

That is why the work of physicians, audiologists, and hearing aid specialists matters so deeply. I am proud to support the critical work they do preventing and treating hearing loss while providing high-quality care for their patients.

RECOGNIZING THE PASCO COUNTY  
MISDEMEANOR PROBATION UNIT

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Pasco County Misdemeanor Probation Unit—Tracy Toner, Edward Shadick, Michele Rinaldi, Marissa Parker, Venus Long, Sarah Demedeiro, l'Shorn McClendon, Jaclyn Knapp, and Danai Jerrido—for their extraordinary service and collective impact on our community. Together, they exemplify what it means to make a profound and lasting difference in the lives of others through compassion, integrity, and unwavering dedication. This exceptional team plays a vital role in guiding individuals toward accountability and positive change. Their work extends far beyond fulfilling professional responsibilities. Each day, they provide direction, structure, and access to critical resources that empower individuals to meet their obligations and build more stable futures. They approach every case and every interaction with patience, professionalism, and a genuine belief in the power of personal growth.

What sets this group apart is their collaborative spirit and commitment to strengthening the broader community network. They work closely with community partners, service providers, and stakeholders to ensure that individuals have access to employment opportunities, treatment programs, and supportive services while maintaining stability in their lives. This coordinated and thoughtful approach not

only supports individuals on their journey but reinforces the health and safety of our entire community. Their work is guided by the highest ethical standards. They consistently demonstrate integrity, accountability, and fairness, ensuring that responsibilities are met while treating every individual with dignity and respect. Through careful case management and consistent follow-through, they help reduce recidivism, promote long-term behavioral change, and foster safer neighborhoods. Equally important is their recognition that justice and compassion can work hand in hand. Their efforts contribute to restoring stability for those impacted by wrongdoing and reinforce the principle that accountability, paired with opportunity, can lead to meaningful transformation.

Every day, this team makes a measurable difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community. Their dedication reflects a shared belief that sometimes one supportive voice, one structured plan, or one person willing to invest the time can alter the trajectory of a life. For their professionalism, compassion, and steadfast commitment to service, I proudly recognize these outstanding individuals as 2026 Heroes Among Us for Florida’s 12th Congressional District. Their work embodies the very spirit of community leadership and demonstrates that positive change is possible when accountability is paired with support and opportunity.

HONORING BUJU BANTON IN  
CELEBRATION OF REGGAE MONTH

**HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Buju Banton in Celebration of Reggae Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, reggae music stands as a global symbol of resistance, love, spirituality, and cultural identity, rooted in the history and resilience of the Jamaican people and celebrated worldwide during Reggae Month; and  
Whereas, Buju Banton, born Mark Anthony Myrie in Kingston, Jamaica, has risen from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential and celebrated figures in reggae and dancehall history, shaping the sound, message, and global reach of Caribbean music for more than three decades; and

Whereas, a Grammy Award-winning artist, cultural revolutionary, and musical educator, Buju Banton has produced an extraordinary body of work that includes timeless classics such as “Champion,” “Love Me Brownin,” and “Destiny,” while breaking records and expanding the global consciousness of reggae music beyond generations and borders; and

Whereas, through twelve studio albums and collaborations with legendary artists across genres, Buju Banton has consistently centered his music on themes of love, equality, African identity, spirituality, and liberation, using his voice to challenge injustice and uplift the oppressed; and

Whereas, his continued leadership in the revival of Roots Rock Reggae reinforces reggae’s foundational message—that love is both the standard and the solution—while inspiring new generations to reconnect with the cultural, spiritual, and social power of the music; and

Whereas, Buju Banton's artistry represents the enduring strength of reggae as a force for healing, education, and unity, affirming its role as a living expression of Caribbean heritage and global humanity; and therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly honor Buju Banton in celebration of Reggae Month, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to music, culture, and social consciousness, and expressing deep appreciation for his lasting impact on reggae music and the global community.

RECOGNIZING 75 YEARS OF CAMP WAHI

**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of Girl Scout Camps and the impact they have on young women and to honor Camp Wahi, in my hometown of Brandon, Mississippi, for celebrating 75 years of sisterhood, tradition, and shared memories.

Camp Wahi in Brandon was originally funded and built from proceeds from local Girl Scout cookie sales. From its land purchase in 1949 until today, the local council has set aside funds to maintain 156 acres.

This milestone highlights the lasting impact that Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi and Camp Wahi have made on the girls and young women who have and will continue to spend time at this loved place. I commend the volunteers whose leadership and commitment to instilling skills, confidence, and resourcefulness in campers has created a positive environment for generations of young women. I am proud to represent Camp Wahi in the U.S. House of Representatives and wish it much success in the future.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

**HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Nurse Practitioner Week, which was observed from November 9 through November 15, 2025, and to honor the nurses and Nurse Practitioners who serve as essential workers within Puerto Rico's healthcare system.

Our healthcare system is sustained by the work of nurses. Through long hours, overnight shifts, weekends and holidays, they provide care at the moments when it is most needed. In hospitals, clinics, and community-based settings across the island, nurses and nurse practitioners are often the first point of contact for patients and families. They offer not only medical expertise, but compassion and stability during moments of uncertainty.

Nurses play a particularly important role in expanding access to care, especially in primary care and underserved communities. As Puerto Rico continues to face workforce shortages and barriers to access, supporting these professionals remains essential to strength-

ening our healthcare system and meeting the needs of our students and people.

Institutions such as Universidad Ana G. Méndez create opportunities through their Doctor of Nursing Practice and Family Nurse Practitioner programs, which prepare students to meet these challenges with skills, professionalism, and a strong commitment to service. Their academic and clinical training reflects the importance of investing in our students and ensuring they are equipped with the tools, resources, and opportunities necessary to serve their communities effectively.

As I reflect on National Nurse Practitioner Week, I reaffirm the importance of supporting our nursing students and healthcare professionals while continuing to strengthen pathways that allow them to positively contribute to Puerto Rico's healthcare system.

HONORING LAWRENCE ARTHUR NADEAU

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lawrence Arthur Nadeau upon his retirement from an exemplary career in the North Bay restaurant community.

Mr. Nadeau was born in Hanford, Connecticut. In college, he studied Art, with an emphasis in Pen and Ink, before finding a passion for working in hospitality. At 18 years old he moved to California, where he has become a widely respected leader in the North Bay restaurant community. Mr. Nadeau started his culinary career at just 16 years old, preparing sandwiches and salads at Avon Country Kitchen in Avon, Connecticut, before moving to California.

In 1995, Mr. Nadeau was hired as the Maitre d' at The French Laundry, a three Michelin star restaurant, shortly after it was acquired by renowned chef Thomas Keller. In 2015, Mr. Nadeau was hired by Stone Edge Farm in Sonoma to oversee the hospitality operation for their new culinary experience "Edge," which was later renovated and reenvisioned as "Enclos." In June of 2025, Enclos was awarded two Michelin stars and a Green Star for sustainability, an incredibly rare achievement for a restaurant so recently launched. Mr. Nadeau served as the Dining Room Manager and ran private events at Enclos prior to his retirement.

Mr. Nadeau's ability to blend traditional, Michelin-caliber service with his warm and friendly demeanor truly set him apart. He has created a service style that balances the elegant and upscale standards required of a fine dining restaurant with an approachable tenor that makes guests feel comfortable, welcomed, and greatly valued. Although he did not pursue a career in Art, Mr. Nadeau continued incorporating creativity in his work long after college. At Enclos, as an added personal touch, Larry creates hand drawn pieces of art for every guest as a welcome card. With a central and indispensable role in two North Bay restaurants receiving the highest honors in their industry, the impact of Larry's outstanding hospitality cannot be overstated.

Mr. Nadeau is married to Mary Argon and has five children, Rebecca Nadeau, Lexie

Nadeau, Sierra Nadeau, Dianna Agron, and Jason Agron.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lawrence Nadeau for his dedicated service to our community. Therefore it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING ELIZABETH ANNE KEYS

**HON. GREG LANDSMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Elizabeth Anne Keys, a Cincinnati who dedicated her life to giving back. She graduated from Madeira High School as valedictorian and was, as her principal described her, a natural leader. She then attended Tufts University, where she joined the sailing team and spent the next four years creating lifelong memories with her teammates, including running the Boston Marathon.

While at Tufts, Elizabeth earned the Tufts Synergy Award for collaborating with students from various backgrounds, a commitment she continued through her service on boards dedicated to preserving diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

After graduating with a law degree from Georgetown, Elizabeth dedicated time to pro bono work, including representing plaintiffs in a federal case challenging an Arizona law that limited abortion care, a cause she was deeply passionate about. In 2023, Elizabeth was honored for her pro bono service by the D.C. Court of Appeals' Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll.

On January 29, 2025, her 33rd birthday, Elizabeth tragically died when an Army helicopter collided with American Airlines flight 5342 over the Potomac River.

We will remember Elizabeth for her dedication to improving the lives of those around her.

RECOGNIZING JOHN LOETSCHER

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable community leader and small business owner, John Loetscher, whose passion, vision, and tireless dedication have helped shape the character and vitality of downtown Brooksville.

If Brooksville Main Street is the heartbeat of our town, John Loetscher is undoubtedly one of its primary driving forces. As the owner of Country Depot, John has built more than a successful retail establishment he has created a cornerstone of community spirit. His contributions extend far beyond his storefront, touching nearly every facet of our downtown's growth and charm. John serves as a powerhouse member of the Brooksville Main Street Economic Vitality Committee. He is a steadfast advocate for local businesses and a tireless champion for economic development. Known for "rallying the troops," John brings business owners together with the shared understanding that our downtown thrives when we work collectively. He consistently looks beyond his own interests, focusing instead on