

Services Department, where he worked to promote neighborhood sustainability and urban redevelopment. His efforts have mobilized community volunteers, fostered unity, and created lasting positive change in the lives of residents throughout Hernando County. Pastor Hinson's life reflects a commitment to service, family, and faith. Married for forty years, he is a proud father of two daughters and grandfather of two granddaughters. His devotion to family mirrors his dedication to ministry and community, demonstrating a life grounded in integrity, servant leadership, and lasting impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Freddie Hinson, Jr. for his decades of faithful service, leadership, and transformative contributions to our community. For his extraordinary commitment to strengthening both church and community, I am proud to honor Pastor Hinson as a 2026 Heroes Among Us recipient for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING SHAGGY 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 Shaggy in celebration of Reggae Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, reggae music represents the heartbeat of Jamaican culture and continues to serve as a powerful global force for unity, creativity, and cultural expression, celebrated annually during Reggae Month in recognition of the artists who have elevated the genre worldwide; and

Whereas, Shaggy, born Orville Richard Burrell in Kingston, Jamaica, has become one of the most internationally successful reggae and dancehall artists of his generation, bridging Jamaican roots with global mainstream appeal; and

Whereas, with iconic hits including *"It Wasn't Me," "Boombastic," "Angel," "In the Summertime,"* and *"Oh Carolina,"* Shaggy has achieved worldwide acclaim, bringing reggae and dancehall to international charts and audiences across continents; and

Whereas, his album *Boombastic* earned the Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album in 1996, and his collaborative album *44/876* with Sting earned the Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album in 2019, marking multiple decades of sustained excellence and global impact; and

Whereas, a proud Jamaican-American and veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served during the Persian Gulf War, Shaggy's journey reflects dedication, discipline, and perseverance, qualities that have shaped both his life and career; and

Whereas, in recognition of his cultural and artistic contributions, he has been honored with the Jamaican Order of Distinction at the rank of Commander and awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Brown University; and

Whereas, through decades of music, philanthropy, and international representation of Jamaican culture, Shaggy continues to inspire new generations and expand the global influence of reggae music; and therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly honor Shaggy in

celebration of Reggae Month, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to reggae and dancehall music, his service, his cultural leadership, and his enduring global impact.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND LAKE THEATER

HON. LATEEFAH SIMON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Grand Lake Theater, a historic movie palace located in Oakland, California.

The Grand Lake Theater opened its doors to patrons on March 6, 1926, boasting a Neoclassical facade designed by famed Bay Area architects the Reid Brothers and a striking, 52-foot-tall rooftop sign complete with 2,980 colored bulbs. At the time of its opening, the Grand Lake was the largest theater West of the Mississippi River. Its 2,200 seats and full theatrical stage hosted silent movies, and many stars of the vaudeville era, including the Jazz Age comedy duo Burns and Allen.

With the increasing popularity of so-called "talking pictures," the Grand Lake transitioned to exclusively screening movies in the late 1920s. Even during the 1940s, at a time when the city of Oakland played host to 49 different cinemas, the Grand Lake stood apart for its opulence and architectural flair.

The Grand Lake was not immune from the difficulties brought on by the decline of theater attendance in the post-war era. In December of 1979, the theater's ground lease was purchased by Allen Michaan's Renaissance Rialto theater group. Mr. Michaan invested heavily in the historic theater's restoration, expanding the number of available movie screens by renovating the original retail wing of the building into two smaller movie palaces in the Egyptian and Moorish styles and restoring the enormous rooftop display, the largest surviving rotary contact incandescent sign in the world. In the early 1980s, a Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ was installed in the main auditorium, delighting movie-goers with vintage music on Friday and Saturday evenings. In 2021, Mr. Michaan purchased the actual property of the Grand Lake from the descendants of its original owners, ensuring its future preservation.

The Grand Lake Theater is a beloved icon of Oakland and anchor of the vibrant Grand/Lakeshore neighborhood. In recent years, the Grand Lake has played host to a vast array of community events, charity fundraisers, and film premieres, most recently debuting the films "Freaky Tales" and "Sinners," the Oscar-nominated movie by Oakland director Ryan Coogler. The historic theater has been the winner of the East Bay Express's "Best Place to See a Movie" readers' poll for over a decade and, in 2025, was named by Variety as one of "The 21 Coolest Movie Theaters in the World." I congratulate the Grand Lake Theater on 100 years of entertaining and dazzling the people of Oakland and the East Bay, and here is to another century of fun, community, and entertainment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUIS "LON" O. NORMANDIN II

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Louis "Lon" O. Normandin, II of Monte Sereno, California. A beloved Silicon Valley businessman, philanthropist, and community leader, Lon passed away on December 17, 2025, at the age of 91. Born and bred in San José, Lon graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory and earned a business degree from Santa Clara University, and then proudly served our country as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret "Peggy" Normandin, and together they shared seventy years of marriage and raised a large, loving family.

Following his military service, Lon Normandin carried on his family's storied business legacy, serving as President and Chairman of the Normandin car dealership, a family enterprise bearing the Normandin name since its founding in 1875 as a horse-carriage manufacturer. Under his leadership, the dealership continued as a family-run business through its fifth and sixth generations, a rare achievement in America that reflects the deep bond between the Normandin family, their business, and our community. Over more than sixty years in the auto industry, Lon earned national recognition and led dealer efforts to rebuild Chrysler alongside CEO Lee Iacocca. Lon became a finalist for the national TIME Dealer of the Year award, and he helped lead his industry as Chairman of Chrysler's National Dealer Council and as President of Chrysler's California Advertising Association. A renowned community and business leader, Lon also co-founded Heritage Bank in Silicon Valley.

Lon Normandin demonstrated a deep commitment to living out his Catholic faith, supporting many in need, and particularly education for children from struggling families. As a generous benefactor, he served on the boards of the Catholic Community Foundation, Santa Clara University, Bellarmine College Preparatory, Presentation High School, and Notre Dame High School. He led major fundraising efforts to build and expand Catholic elementary schools in the area, helping to establish San José's Saint Frances Cabrini School, Holy Spirit School, and Sacred Heart Nativity Schools. Lon served the community and his faith as a longtime member of the Knights of Malta, and he was a familiar face at the 6:00 a.m. daily Mass. His generosity extended beyond the church; for many years he volunteered weekly at Martha's Kitchen in San José, serving meals to neighbors in need, often bringing his children and grandchildren along to embrace the value of service.

Above all his accomplishments, I remember Lon for his kindness. Lon treated everyone with respect, offered a ready smile or laugh, and sought to help anyone in need—and many came to him and Peggy seeking help. He served as a wonderful role model for me in my youth, and as I have learned, for many others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Louis "Lon" Normandin, II and in extending our deepest

condolences to his beloved wife Peggy, their six children, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Family was the great joy and foundation of Lon's life. We honor Lon Normandin's legacy of faith, family, and service, and express gratitude for the example he set. May he rest in peace.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF THE
CRAG RATS

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable organization from Hood River, Oregon: Crag Rats.

Since 1926, the Crag Rats have answered the call when Oregonians and visitors find themselves in danger on our mountains and in our gorges. As the Nation's oldest search and rescue organization, they conduct roughly thirty rescue missions each year—bringing climbers, hikers, and adventurers home safely.

This volunteer-run nonprofit serves Hood River, Mount Hood, and the Columbia River Gorge with extraordinary skill and courage. Their members train relentlessly. To earn the title of Crag Rat, volunteers must summit Mount Hood and Mount Adams, complete first aid and incident command training, attend meetings consistently, and be voted in by their peers before even becoming probationary members. That standard reflects the seriousness of their mission and the trust our community places in them.

As a physician, I understand the urgency of emergency responses. Minutes matter. Preparation matters. Lives depend on steady hands and clear heads. The work of search and rescue is demanding and dangerous, and it requires deep commitment to community.

For one hundred years, the Crag Rats have embodied the very best of Oregon—service, resilience, humility, and courage. Their value is measured in missions completed, in families reunited, in tragedies averted, and in the quiet confidence our community feels knowing they stand ready.

I thank every volunteer who has given time, strength, and expertise to this extraordinary organization.

Mr. Speaker, please join me as I congratulate the Crag Rats on one hundred years of service and honor their enduring commitment to keep Oregon safe.

HONORING WAYNE WONDER 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 Wayne Wonder in Celebration of Reggae Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, reggae and dancehall music serve as enduring global symbols of Jamaican culture, resilience, and artistic excellence, celebrated annually during Reggae Month in recognition of the artists who have elevated the genre to international acclaim; and

Whereas, Wayne Wonder, born Von Wayne Charles in Buff Bay, Portland, Jamaica, has made a lasting contribution to reggae and dancehall music through his smooth vocal style, songwriting talent, and crossover appeal; and

Whereas, beginning his musical journey in church and developing his craft from a young age, Wayne Wonder earned early recognition with performances at Metro Media in Kingston, laying the foundation for a distinguished and enduring career; and

Whereas, his international hit single "No Letting Go" became a global anthem in 2003, introducing dancehall-infused reggae to mainstream audiences worldwide and solidifying his status as a leading voice in the genre; and

Whereas, through decades of consistent artistry, collaborations, and chart-topping releases, Wayne Wonder has helped shape the sound of contemporary reggae and dancehall while representing Jamaica with distinction on the world stage; and

Whereas, his musical legacy reflects dedication, versatility, and a commitment to spreading positive energy through song; and therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly honor Wayne Wonder in celebration of Reggae Month, recognizing his significant contributions to reggae and dancehall music, his global cultural influence, and his enduring impact on Jamaican artistry.

RECOGNIZING BRITTNEY FORCINO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community leader,

Brittney Forcino, whose professional excellence and heartfelt commitment to service have made a meaningful impact throughout Brooksville and the surrounding region. In the fast-paced world of professional marketing and property management, it is rare to find someone who successfully balances high-level corporate responsibility with genuine, hands-on community involvement. As Marketing Director for Lowman Law Firm, Brittney expertly manages the marketing strategy and rental portfolios for a large tri-county practice. Yet, it is her work beyond the office walls that truly sets her apart. Brooksville Main Street is proud to work alongside Brittney, who has become a creative force behind many of our community events. She possesses a unique ability to transform ordinary event spaces into unforgettable experiences—"amazing escapes"—that captivate families and bring people together. Her creativity is never simply decorative; it is intentional. Each idea is thoughtfully designed to foster family fun, encourage community engagement, and create welcoming environments for residents of all ages.

Through her leadership, Brittney demonstrates that corporate sponsorship can be personal, interactive, and heart-led. She seamlessly reflects the core values of Lowman Law Firm—community and caring—by ensuring that the firm's presence at local events is meaningful and memorable.

Brittney leads with focus, warmth, and authenticity. Her team at the firm holds her in high regard, and that admiration extends well beyond her workplace. She approaches every initiative with a "community-first" mindset, ensuring that Brooksville's events are inclusive, engaging, and reflective of the spirit that defines our town. Her service does not stop there. Brittney is an active volunteer with Jayne's Dance Academy and a proud, dedicated sports mom who can often be found on the sidelines cheering on the next generation. Her ability to balance professional success, volunteerism, and family life—all while inspiring those around her—speaks volumes about her character. Brittney Forcino does not merely attend events; she pours her heart into them. Her enthusiasm and dedication have elevated the quality of our community gatherings and strengthened the bond between local businesses and the families they serve. She exemplifies what it means to be a true community leader—someone who understands that success is not measured solely in professional accomplishments, but in the lives uplifted along the way.

Brooksville is stronger, more vibrant, and more connected because of Brittney's tireless work and creative spirit. I am grateful for her service and proud to recognize her as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.