

equipment they need in a timely and efficient manner. Through meticulous attention to detail and thoughtful analysis, Jay quickly recognized opportunities to strengthen the agency's inventory systems. He did not simply complete assigned tasks—he sought ways to improve them. His recommendations led to transformative, agency-wide improvements in how donated equipment is organized, tracked, and accessed. Today, because of Jay's efforts, the Disability Achievement Center operates with a far more streamlined and efficient warehouse system, ensuring that vital equipment is readily available to those who depend upon it.

His contributions produced measurable impact. By significantly reducing the time staff and management previously devoted to inventory management, Jay helped free countless hours that can now be redirected toward serving individuals with disabilities and expanding the organization's reach within the community. Yet Jay's legacy extends beyond systems and logistics. He brought with him a positive attitude, steady professionalism, and genuine kindness that uplifted staff and consumers alike. He became not just a volunteer, but a trusted and valued member of the team. His humility and heart for service were evident in every interaction. When unforeseen circumstances required Jay to step away from volunteering, his absence was deeply felt. In a heartfelt letter, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and for the warm welcome he received—a testament to his character and the sincerity with which he approached his work.

Jay Gundy's dedication, compassion, and meaningful contributions embody the true spirit of a Hero Among Us. His service reminds us that lasting change is often driven by individuals willing to invest their time, talents, and heart in helping others.

It is my honor to recognize Jay Gundy for his extraordinary volunteerism, the enduring difference he has made in the lives of so many, and as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MISS TEEN USA
MAILYN MARSH

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the reigning Miss Teen USA, Mailyn Marsh of Ozark, Missouri. Mailyn is a 17-year-old junior at Ozark High School. She was crowned Miss Teen USA 2025 in Reno, Nevada.

Mailyn is a driven student leader and community advocate, who is consistently recognized for her poise, purpose, and passion for creating meaningful change. She is known for her academic excellence and for being heavily involved as a student mentor.

Mailyn has served as president of the Kindness Club, vice president in the Health Occupations Students of America organization, and is an active member of Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, and Educators Rising. She is the Educators Rising State Champion, demonstrating her commitment to education, sustainability, and future healthcare leadership.

Beyond academics and advocacy, Mailyn is an accomplished equestrian and has a deep love of horses. She is a young woman grounded in faith, kindness, and integrity. With aspirations of becoming a board-certified dermatologist, she hopes to merge her love of science, wellness, and empowerment to help others feel confident in their own skin.

Mailyn is proud to be only the third young woman from Missouri in history to take the coveted Miss Teen USA title. She is honored to advance her advocacy on a national stage, using her platform to inspire the next generation to lead with compassion, pursue excellence with confidence, and create meaningful impact within their communities and beyond. I am proud to have her as a constituent.

RECOGNIZING MS. TAMMY
BRINKER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Tammy Brinker for her extraordinary leadership and the transformative impact she has made during more than a decade of service as Chief Executive Officer of her organization.

Through visionary leadership, strategic foresight, and an unwavering commitment to students and educators, Ms. Brinker guided the organization from an annual revenue of less than \$100,000 to a thriving, mission-driven nonprofit generating more than \$3 million annually. Under her stewardship, more than \$40 million has been raised to support schools, teachers, and students—all while maintaining the highest standards of financial integrity, transparency, and sustainability. Ms. Brinker's legacy is defined not only by growth, but by meaningful impact. She has been instrumental in launching innovative, high-impact programs designed to remove barriers and meet real, tangible needs within our community. The Free Tools 4 Schools Store and Mobile Store have provided teachers with free classroom supplies, directly supporting those who dedicate their lives to educating the next generation. Through Operation Cinderella Boutique, she ensured that students could participate in milestone events with dignity and confidence, reinforcing that no child should miss out on life's important moments due to financial hardship. Her leadership also strengthened mentoring and scholarship initiatives such as Take Stock in Children, expanding access to academic support, college readiness resources, and postsecondary opportunities. By broadening these pathways, she helped countless students envision—and achieve—brighter futures.

Beyond programmatic success, Ms. Brinker elevated governance and operational excellence. She cultivated a highly engaged Board of Directors and implemented sound strategic and financial practices that earned the trust and confidence of donors, partners, and the broader community. Her approach reflects not only competence, but character—ensuring that growth was both responsible and sustainable.

Mr. Speaker, Tammy Brinker's leadership has profoundly shaped both the organization she served and the countless lives it touches.

Her vision, integrity, and steadfast dedication exemplify the very best of community-focused leadership. For these reasons, I am proud to recognize Ms. Tammy Brinker as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING BARBARA FEINGOLD

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Feingold for her steadfast leadership, devoted public service, and unwavering commitment to the Jewish community and the enduring alliance between the United States and the State of Israel.

Barbara currently serves as a Presidential Appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, having been appointed in May 2025. In this role, she contributes to the mission of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and ensure that future generations remember the lessons of history so that such atrocities are never repeated.

A respected national leader, Barbara serves as a National Board Member and Florida Chair of the Republican Jewish Coalition, where she works tirelessly to strengthen the voice of Jewish conservatives and advance the values of faith, freedom, and democratic partnership. She is also a National Board Member of the Combat Antisemitism Movement, where she actively works alongside elected officials and community leaders to combat antisemitism and promote unwavering support for Israel and Jewish causes. Barbara has long been a passionate advocate for the principle of "Never Again." In 2025, she participated in the March of the Living, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. Following this solemn journey of remembrance, she traveled to Israel on a fact-finding mission to further deepen her understanding and strengthen her advocacy for the Jewish state and its people.

An engaging public speaker and dedicated philanthropist, Barbara has spent decades advancing causes that strengthen the Jewish community both in the United States and abroad. Her philanthropic work includes longstanding involvement with Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, where she and her family sponsor an Israel Defense Forces battalion and helped build a synagogue on an IDF base in the Negev—an enduring symbol of faith and support for those who defend Israel's security.

Barbara's commitment to public service extends to education. She served on the Florida State Board of Education, helping guide education policy for the state, and later served as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Florida Atlantic University, contributing to the advancement of higher education and academic opportunity.

Her professional journey began in the field of education as a speech and language pathologist. Alongside her late husband, Jeffery, Barbara co-founded MCNA Dental, building it into the largest privately held dental insurance company in the United States before its sale in 2020. Through hard work, vision, and dedication, she helped create a company that served millions of families across our Nation.

Above all, Barbara Feingold is a devoted mother and grandmother. She takes her greatest pride in her three children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live near her in South Florida and remain the center of her life and inspiration for her continued service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barbara Feingold for her distinguished service, her tireless advocacy against antisemitism, and her enduring commitment to the security of Israel, the strength of the Jewish community, and the preservation of freedom and memory for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING PAUL FRIEDLANDER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary servant leader whose impact on the Rotary Club of Trinity and the greater Pasco County community has been immeasurable—Paul Friedlander, Paul has served the Rotary Club of Trinity with distinction, including as President and in nearly every leadership capacity within the organization. His commitment to service, however, extends well beyond the club itself. Through his involvement with Rotary District 6950, he has supported more than 50 regional clubs, strengthening the broader Rotary mission of “Service Above Self” and fostering collaboration across our region.

Paul truly embodies the spirit of servant leadership. When a homeless family needed emergency shelter and essential provisions, Paul was there. When fire victims required immediate clothing and assistance, he mobilized his trusted “hotline” of generous donors without hesitation. Time and again, he is the first to respond, the first to organize, and the first to ensure that no one in our community faces hardship alone. His leadership reflects a rare and powerful combination of institutional knowledge and heartfelt compassion. Paul understands not only how to effectively organize service efforts, but why they matter. He recognizes that true service is rooted in empathy, responsiveness, and a steadfast commitment to lifting others up. Beyond Rotary, Paul's record of civic engagement is equally noteworthy. He has served multiple terms as President of the Community Service Council, sits on the BayCare Hospital Board, and holds the distinction of being our community's longest-reigning King Chasco—a testament to the respect and admiration he has earned throughout the region.

As the current President of the Rotary Club of Trinity has shared, Paul's wisdom and experience continue to guide the organization's work. His mentorship has cultivated new leaders, strengthened community partnerships, and ensured that Rotary's mission remains vibrant and impactful in Pasco County. Words alone cannot fully capture the depth of Paul's contributions. His legacy is not written in accolades, but in action—in the families assisted, the lives uplifted, and the stronger, more compassionate community that exists because he chose to serve. For his unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and extraordinary commitment to the people of Pasco County, I am proud to recognize Paul Friedlander as a

2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. He exemplifies the very best of community service and the enduring power of servant leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. TAYLAR N. WILLIAMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a grief that feels both personal and profound, to honor the life of Dr. Taylor N. Williams—a beloved wife, mother, educator, and light to so many in our community. A funeral service to celebrate her remarkable and purpose-filled life was held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.

The genesis of the life of Dr. Taylor Williams began in July 1993 to the union of Eric and Ariel Martin. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Albany State University serving with grace and pride as the 72nd Miss Albany State University. She went on to receive her Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. While at Albany State University, she was initiated into the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Sigma Chapter, where she carried the sorority's motto of “By culture and merit” into every room she entered. It has been said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth.” Taylor Williams paid her rent and she paid it well.

Taylor's life was a soft, steady miracle. She did not seek the spotlight; she created sanctuaries. Beginning her career in the Dougherty County School System, Taylor quickly became a devoted advocate for students and families. She served as Lead Exceptional Student Program Teacher, was named the 2023 to 2024 Teacher of the Year at Live Oak Elementary School and later became the district's first Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator. Her commitment to children and to the teaching profession guided every step of her journey. In the halls of Lee County Primary School, where she served as Assistant Principal, she made room for the small, sacred things that change the course of a child's lives. The great agricultural chemist George Washington Carver once said, “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong, because someday you will have been all of these.” Taylor Williams went far in life because she never forgot this valuable lesson.

She loved fiercely and without reservation. To her husband, George, she was everything a partner could be: loyal, tender, fierce in protection, and generous to the core. To Noelle, Nova, George IV, and little Grant Luke, she was a dedicated mother.

Taylor's faith and her joy were never separate from her work. She carried the dignity of Albany State University, the pride of HBCU tradition, and the discipline of scholarship—culminating in a Doctor of Education—into classrooms, staff meetings, and parent conferences. She led with humility, believing every child deserved patience, expectation, and love. She refused to let a child be unseen.

We grieve a life cut far too short at thirty-two. We grieve the birthdays she will not attend, the graduations she will not applaud, the quiet Sundays she will not fill with her laughter. The empty space she leaves is vast. And yet, in that space we also feel an abundance—of memories, of lives bent toward better because she loved them, of children who will walk forward a bit braver because she believed in them.

My thoughts and prayers go out to George, Noelle, Nova, George IV, and Grant Luke. I cannot fathom the depth of their sorrow, but I know this—the love Taylor poured into them did not vanish. It lives in the prayers she taught, in the confidence she instilled, in the way their hands know how to comfort one another. When they remember her, they will find her in their hearts forever.

I hope her colleagues and the children she served keep her work alive. Continue to be the steady presence she modeled. Let her example be the standard by which we measure our care for one another—small acts, done faithfully, that stack into a life that matters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life of Dr. Taylor N. Williams. In a time when we tend to forget the human work of love and care, Taylor's life was a clarion reminder of what truly sustains a Nation: people who show up for one another, who choose children over convenience, who teach not because it is easy but because it is necessary. She reminded us that greatness is often gentle and that the most powerful public service happens in classrooms, not on podiums.

We honor Dr. Taylor N. Williams not with hollow words but with the promise to carry forward what she gave us: compassion without condition, unwavering faith in young people, and the courage to do the small, difficult things every day.

May her family be wrapped in our prayers. May her students remember her lessons of love. And may her light—brief, brilliant, and true—continue to guide us until we meet again. God bless Dr. Taylor N. Williams, and God bless her family.

RECOGNIZING MR. HOWIE TAYLOR

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community leader, mentor, and advocate, Mr. Howie Taylor, whose dedication to strengthening families and empowering youth makes him an exceptional candidate for the 2026 Bilirakis Heroes Among Us Congressional Award. A longtime volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Howie has devoted years to transforming the lives of young people through consistent mentorship, heartfelt connection, and unwavering advocacy. His mentoring journey began with his first Little, Hunter—a relationship so impactful that Howie was named Big Brother of the Year during their match. Today, he continues that legacy of service with his second Little, Elijah, carrying forward the same commitment to guidance,