

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING YOHAN BLAKE

#### HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yohan Blake and include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Yohan Blake is a world-renowned Jamaican sprinter who has established himself as one of the fastest athletes in the history of track and field, achieving extraordinary success in the 100-meter and 200-meter sprint events; and

Whereas, Blake rose to international prominence when he became the youngest 100-meter World Champion in history after winning gold at the 2011 World Athletics Championships, demonstrating exceptional talent, discipline, and determination on the global stage; and

Whereas, at the 2012 Summer Olympics, Blake earned two silver medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter events while representing Jamaica, competing among the world's greatest athletes and further cementing his legacy in international athletics; and

Whereas, known by fans worldwide as "The Beast," Blake has achieved some of the fastest sprint times ever recorded, including a personal best of 9.69 seconds in the 100-meter and 19.26 seconds in the 200-meter, making him one of the fastest men in history; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Blake has inspired countless young athletes across the Caribbean and around the world, serving as a powerful example of perseverance, excellence, and dedication to sport; and

Therefore, be it resolved that we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly recognize and honor Yohan Blake for his remarkable achievements in athletics and for the inspiration he continues to provide to aspiring athletes and communities worldwide.

### RECOGNIZING OMAHA ICON AND COMMUNITY LEADER RUTH PATRICK THOMAS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Women's History Month, to recognize and honor the late Mrs. Ruth Patrick Thomas, an Omaha icon and pioneer for the North Omaha community. Living a wonderful and blessed 105 years, Mrs. Thomas's life was marked by service and love for all, touching the hearts of many, in each of the various roles she maintained.

Graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1943, Mrs. Thomas wed Mr. Francis Thomas the same year and joined him in caring for the home and family business, the Thomas Funeral Home. Active in the commu-

nity, she also devoted her efforts to the League of Women Voters for nearly 2 decades, directed the YWCA, and focused on cultivating kinship within her neighborhoods.

Beyond her service to others, Mrs. Thomas championed many milestones, such as being one of the first board members to vote in favor of desegregating Omaha Public Schools, first of three women at Zion Baptist Church to be appointed to deaconess, and in 1954, enrolling and graduating from the College of Mortuary Science in St. Louis as the only female and African American person in her class.

Her lifetime of accomplishment has been recognized by the NAACP with the NAACP Freedom Fighter's Award and with the Diamond Award bestowed by the Delta Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., for over 75 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to the family and North Omaha friends of Mrs. Thomas on her passing, and I stand with pride to have had such a wholesome and selfless person be a part of developing my community.

### HONORING COLONEL BRENT LINDEMAN

#### HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Brent Lindeman for his extraordinary service to our Nation and his steadfast leadership in defense of the United States.

Colonel Lindeman was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1998 after graduating from Texas Christian University. He began his career with the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, where he quickly distinguished himself as a capable and committed leader of paratroopers.

Answering a higher call to serve in our Nation's most elite formations, Colonel Lindeman completed Special Forces Assessment and Selection and was selected for the Special Forces Regiment. After completing the rigorous Special Forces Qualification Course, he was assigned to the storied 5th Special Forces Group, where he would spend the majority of his career. There, he led Operational Detachment—Alpha 545 and went on to serve in key leadership roles, including Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Company Commander, Group Executive Officer, and ultimately Battalion Commander.

Throughout his career in Special Operations, Colonel Lindeman served extensively in the Middle East in support of combat operations and theater campaign activities under United States Special Operations Command Central. His leadership was critical to advancing our national security objectives during some of the most complex and demanding operations of our time.

Following battalion command, he served as J35 Director of Future Operations for United States Special Operations Command Central, and later as J5 Director of Future Plans for the Special Operations Joint Task Force supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. He also served as Deputy Commander and Commanding Officer of the 5th Special Forces Group, where he continued to shape the next generation of Special Forces leaders.

Colonel Lindeman concluded his distinguished Army career as Chief of the Army's Senate Liaison Division, strengthening the vital relationship between the United States Army and the United States Senate and ensuring that Members of this body were fully informed on matters impacting our soldiers and national defense.

A dedicated scholar as well as a warrior, Colonel Lindeman earned a Master of Science in Defense Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also completed an Army War College Fellowship with the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, further deepening his expertise in counterterrorism and strategic security studies.

Behind every great leader stands a strong family. Colonel Lindeman is supported by his wife, Manivanh, and their four children, whose love and sacrifice have been essential to his decades of service.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Brent Lindeman's career reflects the very best of the United States Army: courage under fire, strategic vision, and an unwavering commitment to mission and country. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank him for his remarkable service and wish him and his family continued success in the years ahead.

### CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MENDENHALL

#### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of First Baptist Church Mendenhall. Founded in 1901, First Baptist has been a beacon of light since the newly formed town of Mendenhall incorporated. Local churches across Mississippi have played a key role in the history of our state. Church is where people go to find peace, worship, and seek the Lord. I am thankful that the 3rd Congressional District of Mississippi is full of churches and runs right through the buckle of the Bible Belt.

I thank Pastor Joe Wiggins, who has faithfully led his congregation the last two years. I am honored for the opportunity to celebrate with the members of First Baptist Church Mendenhall, as they celebrate this momentous occasion and I wish them much success in ministry for many years to come.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, on March 17, 2026, I was necessarily absent and missed the following votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly below: YES on Roll Call No. 88, H.R. 4294, Mitigation Action and Watermen Support Act of 2026; YES on Roll Call No. 89, S. 3971, Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act; NO on Roll Call No. 90, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question; and NO on Roll Call No. 91, H. Res. 1115, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1958, Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026; H.R. 556, Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act; and H.R. 4638, Federal Working Animal Protection Act.

## RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT TIM GILL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lieutenant Tim Gill for his distinguished 29-year career in law enforcement and his dedicated service to our North Texas community.

Lieutenant Gill began his career with the Grapevine Police Department on February 24, 1997, and was certified as a Texas Peace Officer on July 7, 2004. Over nearly three decades, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment, leadership, and professionalism in every role he has held. Lieutenant Gill holds a master's degree from Southern Methodist University and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bluefield College. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Senior Management Institute for Police, and the Police Executive Research Forum, reflecting his continued commitment to professional development and excellence in law enforcement.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant Gill has served in a wide range of impactful roles, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Instructor, and Explorer Advisor. He made significant contributions to community engagement and public safety through his work as a Crime Prevention Officer, Crime Prevention Inspector, and Homeowner's Insurance Inspector. He also served in both the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions before advancing to Lieutenant in Patrol and later serving as the Office of Professional Standards Lieutenant. In addition, Lieutenant Gill played a critical role as the Accreditation Manager for the Grapevine Police Department's first accreditation through the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, helping to advance the department's professional standards and accountability.

Lieutenant Gill's career exemplifies integrity, leadership, and dedication to service. His contributions have left a lasting impact on the Grapevine Police Department and the community he has faithfully served. As he moves into this next chapter, I offer my best wishes for his well-earned retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, as a result of travel disruptions stemming from the recent major storm system, I was unable to attend the Chamber in person for votes on March 17, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 88; YEA on Roll Call No. 89; NAY on Roll Call No. 90; and NAY on Roll Call No. 91.

## RECOGNIZING MRS. LILLIE MAE BYNUM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Lillie Mae Bynum, who is celebrating her 100th birthday on April 7, 2026. Lillie moved to Goffstown, New Hampshire, in 1961, and ever since has been an active and beloved member of her community.

Lillie was born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1926 to Lessie and Edmond Grant. From a young age, she demonstrated a sharp mind, a strong work ethic, and a passion for serving others. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at A.H. Parker High School in Birmingham and continued her education at the Grady School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia, where she graduated in 1944.

Lillie and her husband, E.B. Bynum, moved to Goffstown while he served our country in the United States Air Force. They only intended to stay for two years, but they quickly established themselves as integral members of the community. Before passing away in 1996, E.B. proudly served as a town selectman, budget committee member, charter commission member, and historic district commissioner, leaving an indelible mark on the Goffstown community. All the while, Lillie worked tirelessly as a dedicated and respected nurse, earning the praise and gratitude of countless individuals who have crossed her path.

Away from her lifesaving work, Lillie is devoted to her family and faith. Together, she and E.B. raised seven children. She is also the devoted grandmother of ten and is proud to have three great-grandchildren as well. Her family have described her mother, Lessie, as her best friend, and she also holds a deep love and respect for her father and her older brother, Alex. After moving to New Hampshire in the 1960s, she converted from the Southern Baptist church to Catholicism, and ever since has remained a devout presence at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church in Goffstown.

Ten years ago, Lillie was featured in the NH Business Review in an article that celebrated her life and accomplishments in honor of her 90th birthday. As she celebrates her 100th birthday, Lillie offers a powerful example that our age alone does not define us. She still embodies an independent life and spirit and carries herself with the same grace, perseverance, and dignity that she has always exhibited. She continues to live on her own, is ac-

tive in town, and remains a faithful St. Lawrence Church parishioner.

In a time rife with bitter divisions across our country and the world, Lillie's love and devotion to her family, her faith, and her community are an inspiring model for how to bring people together. For her 100th birthday, it is my honor to recognize her on behalf of the people of Goffstown and New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District. We honor her for her achievements, thank her for her and her husband's service, and congratulate her as she celebrates this exciting milestone. I wish her a very happy birthday and all the best in the years to come.

## RECOGNIZING THE 2026 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

**HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026*

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the outstanding achievements and enduring contributions of a remarkable group of women recognized at the City of Tamarac Commission Meeting at City Hall, which took place on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

This annual celebration recognizes the leadership, dedication, and cultural impact of women whose work uplifts and strengthens communities across Tamarac and Broward County. It is a testament to the power of Women's leadership, civic engagement, and the unifying strength of community.

Following a review process, this year's honorees were selected for their significant contributions and leadership within their fields and communities. These distinguished women exemplify service, mentorship, and advocacy, setting a standard for excellence and inspiring others to give back.

I include in the RECORD the following 2026 Women's History Month Honorees:

Michelle Alexander—Pastor and Co-Founder of Daybreak Assembly Florida, empowering individuals and families through ministry.

Sharon Jacobs—President of the SLED Club, fostering engagement, leadership, and connection among seniors.

Lena Jones—President of Tamarac Lakes South Community Board, strengthening civic engagement and neighborhood unity.

Seema Lakhani—Executive Director of Administration at Parkway Memory Care, supporting seniors and families.

Dr. Sharetta Remikie—Chief Public Affairs Officer at Children's Services Council, advocating for children's programs.

These honorees represent the heart of Tamarac and Broward County. Their service, leadership, and dedication ensure that women's achievements and contributions remain visible, celebrated, and valued. Their work inspires current and future generations to embrace civic responsibility, cultural pride, and the pursuit of a more inclusive and equitable society.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating these remarkable women for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to their communities. Their work exemplifies the strength, resilience, and enduring legacy of women's leadership.