

sense of community spirit and engagement. His character, work ethic, and willingness to serve others truly set him apart as a role model among his peers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Luke Joslyn for his accomplishments and for the leadership, integrity, and dedication he has shown as a representative of the Caro community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
THEODORE "TED" WROBLESKI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Theodore Wrobleski on his retirement from the Sheffield Neighbors Association after 50 years of dedicated service to his community.

Theodore "Ted" Wrobleski is a son of Chicago's south side, known to everyone as "Ted," growing up in West Lawn Neighborhood and lawyer of fifty-five years. He moved to the Sheffield Neighbors community in 1975, first renting, then buying his home in 1977, and began volunteering for Sheffield Neighborhood Association's ("SNA") Sheffield Garden Walk in 1976.

He continued as a committed volunteer and elected board of directors in 1981. He rolled up his sleeves, sharing his talents to further the group's work in the community. His passion for his neighborhood, Chicago history, and its architecture led to hosting architectural tours of the Sheffield Neighbors from 1985 to 2020. Introducing the extraordinary, unique craftsmanship of his neighborhood to tens of thousands of visitors.

Ted's steady and thoughtful demeanor negotiated many longstanding large agreements with some of the largest developers and employers on the near north side of the city, in an effort to make certain that the neighborhood was being looked after.

Ted Wrobleski has been valued by business owners and neighbors far and wide, he has served on the DePaul University Neighborhood Advisory Council since 1990, continuing that service today; Ted co-founded the Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative in 1998; and served as a founding board member of the Armitage-Halsted Landmark District Committee; served as Treasurer of the Lincoln Park Conservation Association, the Children's Memorial Hospital Advisory Committee and Saint Teresa's of Avila Parish.

Mr. Speaker, I ask everyone to join me in congratulating Ted Wrobleski on his retirement and 45 years of service to the Sheffield Neighborhood Association's Board of Directors. Ted is a prime example of a community leader, and his work will outlive us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JACK'S WESTERN & OUTDOOR WEAR

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jack's Western

& Outdoor Wear on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of serving the people of Cullman County, the State of Alabama, and customers from across the region.

Founded in 1976 by Mr. Larry Allred, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear began as a modest venture rooted in hard work, vision, and a desire to better serve the local community. After graduating from The University of Alabama in 1969, Mr. Allred returned home to work in his family's business, Jack's Truck Stop. With an entrepreneurial spirit and a clear sense of opportunity, he expanded the business beyond its original scope by building a 1,000-square-foot western wear store alongside the truck stop restaurant. What began as a small addition would, over time, grow into one of the premier western apparel destinations in the State of Alabama.

Over the years, Mr. Allred steadily grew the business through determination and a commitment to excellence. The store expanded to 3,000 square feet in 1987 and then to 7,500 square feet in 1996, reflecting its increasing popularity and strong customer base. Following the sale of the restaurant in 1996, Mr. Allred devoted his full attention to the western wear business, further strengthening its reputation for quality products and exceptional service. In 2013, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear moved to its current location at 114 Schwaiger Road, where it now operates in a 25,000-square-foot facility featuring unique additions such as a "bargain boot porch" and an "Ariat Annex," further enhancing its appeal as a destination store.

Today, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear stands not only as a successful business but also as a proud symbol of family heritage and community roots. The land on which the current store sits holds deep personal significance, as it was once part of Mr. Allred's great-grandfather's farm and the site of his family home. This connection reflects the enduring values of faith, family, and hard work that have defined the business for generations.

Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear has earned widespread recognition for its excellence, including being voted by readers of The Cullman Times as the "Best Place to Buy Boots," the "Best Western Wear," and the "Best Place to Buy Men's Clothing," honors it has received for several consecutive years. These accolades are a testament to the trust and loyalty the business has built within the community.

As a true family enterprise, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear continues to thrive with the involvement of Mr. Allred's daughters. His oldest daughter, Sara, has played a key role in the operation of the business since 2007, while his youngest daughter, Kristin, recently returned to lead marketing and e-commerce efforts after a distinguished 20-year career as a television meteorologist. Together, they are helping to carry forward the legacy established by their father while preparing the business for continued success in the years ahead.

Equally important to Jack's success are its dedicated employees and loyal customers, many of whom have longstanding relationships with the business. For five decades, Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear has remained committed to providing quality goods, outstanding service, and a welcoming environment that reflects the character of the community it serves.

Reaching a 50-year milestone is a rare and remarkable achievement, especially for a family-owned small business. It speaks to resilience, adaptability, and a deep connection to the people it serves. Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear exemplifies the vital role that small businesses play in strengthening local economies and preserving the unique identity of communities across our Nation.

On behalf of the people of Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Larry Allred, his family, and the entire team at Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear on this significant anniversary. I commend them for their decades of service and wish them continued success for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jack's Western & Outdoor Wear for 50 years of excellence, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the community.

HONORING THE XI EPSILON CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly exceptional organization, the Xi Epsilon Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University and is grounded in the principles of Scholarships, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. Chartered on June 16, 1988, the Xi Epsilon Zeta Chapter in Natchez, Mississippi, continues to uphold these ideals through impactful community engagement and collaborative service initiatives.

During the 2025–2026 sorority year, the chapter supported youth empowerment and voter registration drives; raised awareness for breast cancer and bullying prevention; conducted highway cleanups; and made donations to the Guardian Shelter for Domestic Violence, the VA Clinic, the Stewpot, and the Senior Citizens Center, among many other community service efforts.

Holiday and annual service activities included participation in Wreaths Across America, Salvation Army bell ringing, Global Day of Service, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, the Autism Awareness Walk, Mary Bird Perkins Live Well Cancer Screening, and support for Relay for Life, reflecting the chapter's continued commitment to meaningful service and community impact.

The leadership of the Xi Epsilon Zeta Chapter includes:

Dr. Stacie N. C. Grant, International President and CEO, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Marilyn Alexander-Turner, President
Dr. Hazel Washington, First Vice President
Dr. Jennifer Williams, Second Vice President

Dewana Strauder, Third Vice President and Historian

Detrica Berry, Treasurer
Venessia King, Secretary

Larita Brengettsy, Assistant Treasurer
 Latrice Felton, Assistant Secretary
 Dr. Chrystal Morgan, Parliamentarian
 Nancy Green, Chaplain
 Fredaca Donald, Reporter

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, for its actions and achievements in the Natchez, Mississippi, community.

HONORING THE LEGACY AND 90TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN J. SIE OF COLORADO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, a dear friend, and one of Colorado's most cherished citizens—John Sie, who is celebrating his 90th birthday.

John likes to say he lives by four C's: Curiosity, Connectivity, Comprehension, and Concentration. Those four C's are the story of his life—and what a life it has been.

Born in Nanjing in 1936, he survived Japanese occupation as a child, fled Communist China on one of the last boats out of Shanghai, and arrived in the United States with his family at age 14, speaking no English. His first American home was a Catholic orphanage on Staten Island. He arrived with nothing but curiosity, a Chinese-English dictionary, and a fierce determination to make something of himself. He went from struggling student to top of his class, earning a full scholarship to Manhattan College and later a master's degree in electrical engineering.

He would go on to change American television forever. As an executive at the cable giant TeleCommunications, Inc. (TCI), John saw what others could not—that America's future was digital, at a moment when the entire industry was ready to follow Japan into an analog world. He was laughed out of the room. He went to Congress and the FCC week after week until on the final day of the standard-setting process, the only all-digital standard came through. Every high-definition television in America today is a testament to his conviction. Later, when HBO passed on his idea for a new movie channel, he asked TCI for \$5 million and a chance. That bet became Starz. And throughout his career, he has championed independent film—ensuring that the stories others overlooked found the audiences they deserved, including through Denver's own Sie Film Center, a cherished home for the Denver Film Festival.

John Sie has given back to this country with the same intensity with which he built it. When their granddaughter Sophia was born with Down syndrome, he and his beloved wife, Anna, encountered a broken system. Rather than accept it, they built something better. As founding donors of the Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, the first academic home for Down syndrome research in the United States, and founders of the Global Down Syndrome Foundation, they have transformed what it means to receive a Down syndrome diagnosis.

That same devotion to a better world led John and Anna to invest in Colorado's future—including a new building at the Univer-

sity of Denver's Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, where the next generation of American diplomats are being trained. For a man who survived occupation, fled revolution, and built a life from nothing, there is no more fitting legacy than shaping how this country engages the world.

When asked what it means to be American, John said simply: "If you work hard, you overcome difficulties, you succeed. The American dream truly exists." Then, with characteristic humility, he added: "I am the example."

I wish a happy 90th birthday to John. Our country and our state are better because of him.

HONORING THE HARDIN COUNTY CHAMBER AND BUSINESS ALLIANCE 2026 AWARDS WINNERS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance will hold its 2026 awards banquet and gala on Thursday, April 16, 2026, on the Ohio Northern University campus in Ada, Ohio. I commend to the House and include in the RECORD this year's honorees:

Business of the Year: Scooter's Coffee
 Small Business of the Year: Stillwater Metal LLC

Non-Profit of the Year: Hardin Leadership, Inc.

Community Service Award: Ohio Northern University Office of Admissions

Citizen of the Year: Sarah Johnson
 R. E. Allen Lifetime Achievement Award: Stephen McCullough

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for these distinguished professionals and thank them for their dedication to making Hardin County a great place to live and work.

RECOGNIZING HENRY TURLEY'S COMMITMENT TO RHODES COLLEGE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Henry Turley and specifically commend his dedication to Rhodes College, which is recognizing its 100th year in Memphis and showcasing Mr. Turley's commitment to its continued excellence.

Henry and his late wife, Lynne, created the Turley Memphis Center for Community Engagement, conceived in 2012 as a hub for the college's community outreach programs and formalized as the Lynne and Henry Turley Center in 2018. They recognized Rhodes' commitment to Memphis and its neighbors and wanted its students to be involved in Memphis and its ongoing progress. Rhodes is now recognized nationally as one of the finest examples of a college committed to its community. The center has also sponsored guest lectures with nationally recognized experts and

hosted a series of community events. That work will be celebrated at an April 15th Lawn Party with friends, community partners and alumni.

Henry Turley's remarkable contributions to his community are extraordinary and his work with Rhodes will be remembered for generations. I congratulate my friend for this much-deserved recognition and appreciate his continued support and thoughtfulness.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIE GRANVILLE, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Retired Sergeant First Class Willie B. Granville, Sr., of Columbus, Georgia, who passed away on March 27, 2026, at the age of 91. A funeral service to celebrate his remarkable life was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Pinehurst Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Born July 12, 1934, in Bonaire, Georgia, Mr. Granville answered the call to service at the age of 16 when he enlisted in the United States Army. He served his Nation with distinction for thirty years and retired from Fort Benning on April 30, 1980, with the rank of Sergeant First Class. Following his military career, he continued to serve the Fort Benning community as a Motor Vehicle Operator with the Federal Government from August 11, 1980, until his retirement on March 31, 1997. During his years of service, he received numerous awards recognizing his dedication to safety, logistics, and mission support, including contributions during Operation Desert Storm.

A man of deep faith, Mr. Granville gave his life to Christ on March 5, 1978, and became a faithful member of Pinehurst Baptist Church, where he served for 48 years. He led the church transportation ministry and personally drove the church bus so families without transportation could attend services. A devoted Mason, he was a member of Mt. Pisgah No. 53, PHA, and his commitment to community, brotherhood, and service was evident in every aspect of his life.

Mr. Granville was also a devoted family man and a familiar, beloved presence throughout Fort Benning and Columbus. He earned his high school diploma from Jordan Vocational Night School later in life, exemplifying perseverance and a commitment to lifelong learning. Known affectionately as the "Peanut Man" by many soldiers and community members, he combined hard work and entrepreneurship with warmth and hospitality. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and cherishing time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—who lovingly called him "Granddaddy."

"As General Colin L. Powell so wisely said, 'There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.' This truth was lived each day by Willie Granville."

Mr. Granville is survived by his children, Tony Lee (Tina) Granville, Chris Cha (Kenneth) Felton, and Willie B. (Miszi) Granville, Jr.; eleven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Dorothy Granville, Ida