

cross-country road trip to Alaska in 1976 where she camped for 3 months in a tent. She has an adventurous spirit, and her travels and exploits certainly demonstrate that deep desire to experience all that our Nation has to offer.

Now, in her 100th year of life, Norma remains an incredible source of kindness and warmth, enjoying her time with her daughter Lynn and two grandchildren. She continues to brighten the day of every individual who is lucky enough to cross her path and is always looking forward to the next gathering of her family and friends.

As we celebrate Norma's 100th birthday, we honor her enduring dedication to our community as a traveler, mother, stylist and a woman of enduring love and joy.

RECOGNIZING ISABELLE
SCHINDLER AND HER SERVICE
TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Isabelle Schindler for her outstanding service to my office and the constituents of New York's 12th Congressional District.

A native New Yorker, Isabelle graduated from University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy. She has worked for Congressman Eliot Engel and served as a Senate Page for Senator CHARLES SCHUMER from New York. Isabelle worked on a variety of voter engagement projects in both New York and Michigan before joining my staff in the House of Representatives.

In 2023, Isabelle became my Scheduler while I was serving as the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee. She did an excellent job coordinating appointments with constituents, stakeholders, Members of Congress, House Leadership, and members of the Judiciary Committee staff. She quickly took on more than scheduling and expanded her role in the office, earning her a promotion to DC Operations Manager.

Isabelle was a team player and was always willing to step up and take on more responsibilities. She assisted our press operation, held legislative meetings with constituents and interest groups, and covered the arts portfolio for our office. She was instrumental in the introduction of the American Royalties Too (ART) Act and worked with our team on the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act (HEAR) Act to make it easier to recover artwork lost or stolen between 1933 and 1945 because of Nazi persecution. During the annual appropriations process, she registered my support for hundreds of legislative programs and initiatives including critical Community Project Funding requests which brought tens of millions of dollars into our New York district.

After I announced my decision not to seek re-election, Isabelle worked diligently to organize my vast collection of physical files to ensure they could be properly reviewed and archived for future generations.

Isabelle was a fantastic intern coordinator and managed 18 interns during her time in my office. She took her leadership responsibilities

seriously and went out of her way to provide interesting educational opportunities for the interns both on Capitol Hill and throughout Washington, D.C., including tours of the White House and various government agencies. Several of her former interns have returned on visits to the office and have gone out of their way to express how influential Isabelle has been in their career development and how they still haven't had a supervisor who was as kind, encouraging, and empowering as she was.

I will miss her cheerful presence, her ability to anticipate the needs of the office, and her diligence in completing projects on time or ahead of schedule. She was a trusted, reliable professional member of my staff, and I deeply appreciate her service.

Isabelle was invaluable to the office in ways that went beyond her defined role. Each and every staffer she worked with grew to appreciate how much she contributed to the office culture. She went above and beyond to make sure everyone felt welcome and supported, birthdays were celebrated, we showed our appreciation for one another as we hit career milestones and transitions, and we cared for one another during stressful times. She did this with grace, positivity, and humility. I hope she realizes how lucky we all feel to have worked with her and how jealous we are of the people she will work with in the future.

One cannot speak about Isabelle, without mentioning her sweet dog, Ginger, who became the unofficial mascot of NY-12.

In her free time, Isabelle enjoys travelling the world with her family—including trips to Brazil, Japan, Mexico City, Paris, the U.K. and Thailand. The staff love hearing about her trips and her perspective on the people, the food, and culture of the places she visits. She is a joy and an inspiration to us all. I hope she continues to find opportunities to see the world.

As Isabelle moves on to a new opportunity in another Congressional office, I wish her the best of luck and lots of future successes. I thank her for her service and commend her for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF GENE JANIKULA

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gene Janikula for his many decades of public service on the Woodland Township board in Wright County, Minnesota. For 61 years, Gene has honorably served his community and fellow citizens with diligence and integrity. His lifelong dedication has left a legacy that will endure for many years to come.

Gene's service began in 1965 when he was first elected to the Woodland Township board as constable on March 9, 1965. On March 25, 1970, he was appointed treasurer to fill out a term. After that, he was elected treasurer every two years, ultimately serving as treasurer for 38 years. In 2008, he ran for and was elected supervisor, serving in that position for over 18 years. Throughout his time on the Woodland Township board, he was a very active member of the Wright County Township

Officers. He has also served as Chairman of the Watertown Fire Department Board, Director of Wright County Economic Development Partnership, and Chairman of the Minnesota Association of Townships Legislative and Research Committee.

In gratitude for his service, the Woodland Township board unanimously passed a resolution to establish March 17, 2026, as Gene Janikula Day in Wright County. In addition to the recognition from Wright County, it is an honor to highlight Gene's dedication to Woodland Township from the U.S. House of Representatives.

His service has left a lasting impact on both the community and its citizens. Gene's leadership has been a pillar of Woodland Township for decades, and those who follow in his footsteps will continue to build on the strong foundation he leaves behind. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE APPALACHIAN
MOUNTAIN CLUB

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

The Appalachian Mountain Club was founded in 1876 in Boston, Massachusetts with the mission to foster the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the outdoors and is the Nation's oldest conservation and recreation organization.

For 150 years, the Appalachian Mountain Club and its 90,000 members and 11 Chapters have led efforts to protect forests, waterways, wildlife habitats, and public lands, while fostering responsible and joyful outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship.

The Appalachian Mountain Club's first testimony before Congress in 1895 contributed to the creation of land that later became Mt. Rainier National Park. In 1911, it helped secure passage of the Weeks Act, leading to the creation of the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire and Maine. Nearly 80 years later, the Appalachian Mountain Club supported the creation of the Forest Legacy program to conserve critical forestlands across the country and advocated for protections from acid rain that contributed to the adoption of the landmark 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act.

Today, AMC continues to do irreplaceable work on conservation. Since 2003, it has protected over 130,000 acres as part of its Maine Woods Initiative, helped create the Highlands Conservation Act to conserve natural resources in the 3.4 million acres of the Highlands Region across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, and advanced the designation of the New England National Scenic Trail. It has also supported the adoption of the Great American Outdoors Act and the EXPLORE Act, to ensure outdoor recreation access for generations to come.

And AMC has played an essential role in making the Appalachian National Scenic Trail the truly one-of-a-kind trail it is today. The Appalachian Mountain Club has been a champion of the Appalachian Trail since its conception in 1921, its construction from 1923 to

1937, and today through maintenance of sections of the trail in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It has operated a hut system on the trail since 1888 and now stewards more than 1,800 miles of trails across the Northeast, while supporting public land managers throughout the region on additional trail construction and rehabilitation projects.

The 150th anniversary of the Appalachian Mountain Club provides an opportunity to recognize its historic legacy, honor its dedicated staff, members, volunteers, and other supporters, and reaffirm the importance of conservation and outdoor recreation to the Nation's future. The organization's efforts have helped improve access to outdoor recreation and strengthened the connection between people and the natural world.

I am proud to honor and commend AMC on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and expresses gratitude for its lasting contributions to conservation, outdoor recreation, and the stewardship of America's natural resources.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DENVER SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Denver South High School, a remarkable institution that has shaped generations of students and holds a special place in my heart as an alumna.

While South High School was officially established in 1926, its roots stretch back to Denver's earliest days. Originating from the Grant School, which first opened in 1883 to serve the growing south side of the city, South's history reflects the evolution of Denver itself. From its beginnings as part of Denver City's Union School system, to its transformation into South Side High School, and ultimately its place in the City Beautiful movement, South has long been a cornerstone of education and community.

Its iconic building stands proudly along Washington Park—a symbol of tradition, excellence, and the enduring Raven spirit.

I am a proud legacy South alum. Following in my mother's footsteps, my sisters and I graduated from South. We even shared some of our favorite teachers with her. I know firsthand the profound impact this school has on its students. South is a vibrant, diverse community where students come together to learn, grow, and prepare for the future. It is a place that challenges young people to think critically, embrace next perspectives, and strive for excellence.

Through rigorous academic offerings—including Advanced Placement, honors courses, and concurrent enrollment programs—along with Career Connect pathways in fields like engineering, business, health sciences, and the arts, South equips its students with the tools they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. Its Multilingual Education Program and commitment to inclusivity ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

But what truly makes South special is its spirit. From the classroom to athletics to extra-

curricular activities, the Raven community fosters a sense of belonging, pride, and purpose that stays with students long after they graduate. I carry that Raven pride with me to this day.

As we mark this centennial milestone, we honor a century of history and a legacy of excellence, diversity, and opportunity. Here's to 100 years of the Ravens and to many more years of inspiring the next generation of leaders.

RECOGNIZING BOBBIE FULLMER AS CARO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 2025 MERIT AWARD WINNER

HON. LISA C. McClAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mrs. McClain. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bobbie Fullmer, recipient of the Caro Chamber of Commerce 2025 Merit Award, whose leadership, dedication, and commitment to service have made a lasting impact on the Caro community.

Bobbie's story is one of both commitment and heart. She spent her early years in Lansing before returning to Caro, where she attended Caro Community Schools and graduated from Caro High School. She went on to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees in business. Even while pursuing her education, Bobbie remained closely connected to her hometown, regularly returning on weekends to support her family's business, Caro Rental.

Bobbie later returned home to care for her mother alongside her sister, Debbie, showing remarkable strength and devotion during a difficult time. Following her mother's passing, she continued to support her father and assist with the family business until his passing as well. Today, Bobbie and Debbie carry on that legacy as they continue to operate Caro Rental, grounded in a deep commitment to service and their community.

Bobbie has followed in her father's footsteps by actively participating in civic and community organizations, including the Caro Chamber of Commerce, Caro Rotary, Caro Lions Club, Michigan State University Alumni, and the Caro Moose Lodge. Her unwavering dedication, selfless service, and generosity of time have strengthened the fabric of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bobbie Fullmer for her outstanding contributions to the Caro community. Her commitment, compassion, and leadership make her a true role model, and her lasting impact will continue to inspire the community for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. LAURA NORWOOD DAVIS

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 and celebrate the life

and legacy of Mrs. Laura Norwood Davis, a trailblazer, educator, servant leader, and devoted community advocate from Carroll County, Mississippi, whose extraordinary life of service left an indelible mark upon her community and our state.

Mrs. Davis lived a life defined by faith, education, and public service. A woman of strong conviction and unwavering dedication, she worked tirelessly to uplift others and expand opportunities for future generations. Her leadership helped shape educational progress and community advancement throughout Carroll County and beyond.

A faithful and active member of Helm Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Davis devoted many years of service to her church family. She faithfully served as church secretary and trustee and was an engaged member of the Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education. Her commitment to Christian service reflected her deep belief in faith as a guiding force for both personal and community transformation.

Mrs. Davis was also a pioneering leader in education. She made history as the first African American woman elected to serve on the Carroll County School Board, breaking barriers and opening doors for others to follow. Her dedication to improving educational outcomes and advocating for students and educators earned her statewide recognition when she became the first recipient from Carroll County to be named School Board Member of the Year for the State of Mississippi. Through her leadership, she championed equity, excellence, and opportunity in public education.

Her professional and civic involvement extended far beyond the classroom. Mrs. Davis was a lifetime member of the Mississippi Association of Educators and remained actively engaged in organizations committed to civil rights, community development, and service. She was a proud member of the NAACP, the Carroll Development Association, and the Theta Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, where she exemplified scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood.

Although she is no longer with us, throughout her life, Mrs. Davis demonstrated a steadfast commitment to empowering others through education, civic engagement, and faith-based leadership. She served as a mentor, advocate, and role model whose influence continues to resonate across generations.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Laura Norwood Davis for her historic achievements, her faithful service, and her enduring contributions to the people of Carroll County and the State of Mississippi.

COMMENDING PASTOR RAYMOND COCHRAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM PASTORAL MINISTRY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Mr. Bishop. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a full heart to honor a man whose life has been a sermon in motion—Pastor Raymond Cochran—on the sacred occasion of his retirement after a lifetime of faithful service. A retirement celebration will be held on Saturday,