

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING A HISTORIC FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the San Joaquin Delta College Women's Basketball Team for their historic achievement in securing their first-ever State Championship title. This remarkable accomplishment marks a defining moment for the program and the entire San Joaquin Delta College community.

On March 15, 2026, the Mustangs delivered an unforgettable performance, overcoming a significant early deficit to defeat MiraCosta College 76–71. After trailing at halftime, the team demonstrated extraordinary resilience, determination, and unity—mounting an impressive second-half comeback to claim the championship.

This victory was fueled by a true team effort and outstanding leadership on the court. Aaliyah Youngblood led the way with a stand-out performance, earning Most Valuable Player honors for her scoring, playmaking, and composure under pressure. She was joined by key contributions from Fajr Cuthbertson, Marcelina Chaparro, and La Ne' Dunn, whose efforts helped power the Mustangs to victory.

What makes this championship especially meaningful is the grit and perseverance the team showed throughout the game. Facing an early deficit, the Mustangs never wavered—steadily chipping away and finishing strong to secure a historic win.

This milestone reflects the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the student-athletes, coaches, and supporters who made this moment possible. Their achievement will inspire future generations and stands as a testament to the strength and spirit of the San Joaquin Delta College community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the San Joaquin Delta College Women's Basketball Team on their historic State Championship victory and in celebrating this extraordinary accomplishment.

HONORING GEORGE ROGERS CLARK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the girls' and boys' basketball teams at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Kentucky.

Kentuckians are well known for their passion for basketball. High school basketball is certainly no exception. The boys' state tour-

namment began in 1918. The girls' tournament began in 1920. For many years, the tournaments, both known as the Sweet Sixteen, have brought great basketball to fans across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This year's tournament proved to be filled with excitement.

On March 14, 2026, the George Rogers Clark High School girls' team won the Sweet Sixteen in Lexington's Rupp Arena. In an exciting game, they defeated Assumption 48–43 to win the tournament for the first time in school history. On March 21, 2026, the George Rogers Clark boys' team also won from behind in an overtime victory (58–50) over St. Xavier at Rupp Arena. This accomplishment is historic, as the last time the boys' and girls' champions were both from the same school was in 1928, almost 100 years ago.

I congratulate girls' Coach Robbie Graham, boys' Coach Josh Cook, all staff members, and especially the incredible student athletes. Their accomplishments are the result of determination, perseverance, athletic ability, and many hours of practice. The Sweet Sixteen victories brought pride to the entire student body of George Rogers Clark High School and the people of Clark County.

For their accomplishments in winning both the boys' and girls' Sweet Sixteen tournaments, I congratulate all the students and coaches. It is my honor to lift up their accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

HONORING MR. MARCUS WALTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Mr. Marcus Walton, an extraordinary educator, community leader, and public servant. Mr. Marcus Walton's work reflects an unwavering commitment to excellence, service, and the advancement of the students and families he has faithfully supported for nearly three decades.

Mr. Walton is a proud 1991 graduate of Jefferson County High School. He continued his academic pursuits at Alcorn State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics in 1996. Demonstrating his dedication to lifelong learning and leadership, he obtained a Master of Science in Athletic Administration in 2010.

In 1996, Mr. Walton began his impactful career in education as a Teacher Assistant at Jefferson County Elementary School, simultaneously serving as an assistant coach for the girls' and boys' basketball teams. His deep-rooted passion for education and youth development later led him back to Jefferson County High School where he served diligently in multiple capacities. His roles included lead teacher, driver's education instructor, athletic director, head boys' basketball coach, and senior sponsor. These positions allowed him to touch

countless lives, guiding students both academically and personally.

Mr. Walton's outstanding work ethic and leadership naturally led him into administration, where he served as Assistant Principal before accepting the responsibility of Principal Jefferson County High School. Now in his third year in this role, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership. Under his guidance, the school earned a B accountability rating last year, achievement reflecting his commitment to academic rigor, instructional excellence, and a positive school culture.

Beyond his contributions to education, Mr. Walton is deeply engaged in civic and community life. He is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., an inductee of the 2020 Alcorn State University Hall of Fame and currently serves as the Justice Court Judge for the Eastern District of Jefferson County. His service extends far beyond the schoolhouse, touching nearly every corner of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Marcus Walton, for his steadfast commitment to education, leadership, and community service. His contributions continue to uplift the people of Jefferson County and strengthen the future of Mississippi.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

Like Issac
In the Wetzlar D.P. Camp,
American zone, Germany, 1948,
At age two and a half,
I was placed on Issac's
Altar to be sacrificed a bit
At a brit albeit late of the
War circumstances,
By a family of Polish survivors
Who finally felt that their vulnerable
Child, a reminder of God's mercy,
Was safe to be marked as a Jew
In the land begrudging our
Covenantal bond, Though
No one asked for my consent
Just like brother Issac in pagan
Canaan who too was not consulted,
Yet we both survived.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple Lev Tikvah and Honorary Senior Rabbi Scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church, both in Virginia Beach. He is a member of the Holocaust's surviving remnant of European Jewry.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEWIS
BROSCHARD

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Broschard as he retires from his role as Fire Chief of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.

Chief Broschard has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to advancing the District's mission of protecting residents and promoting public safety throughout the County. He has worked in fire service for over 29 years, having previously served in emergency operations, fire prevention, and executive leadership.

Chief Broschard joined the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District in 2007. During his time with the District, he sought to improve the organizational and operational systems in the District. Under his leadership, the District absorbed the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, created the firefighting hand crew program, implemented a seasonal aerial firefighting helicopter program, introduced an apparatus replacement program, increased staffing in operations and fire prevention, and rebuilt multiple fire stations. Furthermore, during Chief Broschard's tenure, the regional fire dispatch center was expanded and modernized, 911 dispatcher staffing levels were increased, emergency ambulance operations were strengthened, and numerous health and wellness initiatives were launched. As Fire Chief, he leads one of the largest fire districts in the State of California.

Chief Broschard has also worked diligently to promote wildfire prevention and to prepare our community for the future. He supported significant wildfire mitigation projects across the county and oversaw formation of over 40 new Firewise communities. Additionally, he has worked to improve the District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which reduces insurance costs for residents. Chief Broschard has worked tirelessly to educate residents and promote community safety while guiding the District through organizational growth and as it addressed historic wildfire seasons.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Broschard on his well-deserved retirement after 18 years of outstanding service to the District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF INVESTIGATOR RYAN BUNCE

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Bunce family, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office, and the greater community in honoring the life and service of Investigator Ryan Bunce, who unexpectedly passed away on the morning of Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Investigator Bunce began his distinguished career with the Sheriff's Office on December 14, 2014, serving first as a Deputy Sheriff be-

fore earning his promotion to Investigator on November 11, 2021. Throughout his tenure, Ryan was the recipient of numerous awards, a testament to his professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people he served.

Ryan was a steady and calming presence in even the most difficult moments. As a devoted husband and father, he leaves behind his wife, Cassidy, and their two young children, Everleigh and Colter. He was deeply respected and loved by his family, friends, and colleagues, and his loss leaves a void that cannot be filled. His impact on his department and his community will not be forgotten.

It is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Investigator Ryan Bunce, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family, loved ones, and all those who had the privilege of serving alongside him.

HONORING THE GREATER STOCKTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON
ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce as it marks 125 years of service to the Central Valley community.

Founded on February 21, 1901, the Chamber has long served as the authoritative voice for thousands of local businesspeople, championing economic growth, civic leadership, and regional collaboration. For over a century, it has played a central role in shaping Stockton's economic and civic landscape.

The Chamber's legacy is defined by bold and lasting contributions. In the early 1920s, it led the successful effort to bring the College of the Pacific, now the University of the Pacific, to Stockton, bringing an institution of higher learning to the city and strengthening its educational and civic life. Shortly thereafter, the Chamber helped champion the "32 Feet To The Sea" campaign, culminating in the creation of the Port of Stockton in 1933, the first deep-water port in California, and a cornerstone of the region's economy.

In more recent years, the Chamber continued its strong advocacy by ensuring that the California Health Care Facility in Stockton was developed in a way that benefits the community. Through its efforts, the Chamber secured local jobs, infrastructure improvements, and significant investments in education and workforce development.

The Chamber is also home to award-winning programs that strengthen the community, including Leadership Stockton, one of the oldest leadership programs west of the Rockies, the long-running ATHENA Awards honoring outstanding women, and the internationally recognized Green Team San Joaquin.

For 125 years, the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to strengthening businesses and uplifting the Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Stockton Chamber of

Commerce for its remarkable legacy of service and to congratulate the Chamber on this milestone anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MARY ANN HALVORSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mary Ann Halvorson.

Mary Ann continually found ways to give back to our community. She was born in Modesto, California, and earned her bachelor's degree in general curriculum from UC Berkeley. In 1970, Mary Ann joined the Mt. Diablo Hospital Volunteer Association, volunteering 21,500 hours over the span of 44 years. As a volunteer, she served as assistant manager, gift shop buyer, and led the association as president three times. Her volunteerism was critical in helping to raise funds for hospital improvements and scholarships. Mary Ann was committed to making a positive impact in our community and loved making friends along the way.

Mary Ann was also a devoted mother, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother. She enjoyed playing catch with her children and taking them to San Francisco Giants games at Candlestick Park. She inspired her family to face life's challenges with strong character and determination. Mary Ann is survived by her two sisters Ruth Beeve (Charlie) and Betty Williams Benson, son Chris Halvorson (Annette), daughter Ann Wangan (Rob), nephews Rod Beeve (Mary) and Michal Beeve (Sonja), great nieces Danielle Beeve-Morris (Cassidy) and Jezerey Beeve (Esteban), one great great niece Jocelyn, and one great great nephew Miro.

Sadly, Mary Ann passed away on February 1, 2026. She will be remembered for her unwavering commitment to service and deep love for this community. Please join me in honoring Mary Ann Halvorson for her invaluable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF JUSTICE CLEO E. POWELL AS
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SU-
PREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic milestone for the Commonwealth of Virginia and to honor the extraordinary career of Justice Cleo E. Powell, who was unanimously selected to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia by her peers. Chief Justice Powell is the first African American to serve as Chief Justice in the history of the Commonwealth.

Justice Powell's appointment represents both a historic achievement and the continuation of a career defined by excellence, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Throughout her distinguished career, she has