

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING BEN FAHRMANN

HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special accomplishment by someone connected to my office—Ben Fahrman, the brother of my Director of Operations, Olivia Fahrman—on his graduation from the police academy on April 9, 2026.

Ben is returning to serve as a Patrol Officer with the Gulf Shores Police Department after previously serving as a detention officer. This is not just a career move, it's a calling. It takes dedication, commitment, and a strong work ethic to answer that call, and Ben has demonstrated all of those qualities. He is also known for being kind and caring, traits that are just as important in law enforcement as strength and discipline.

As a former law enforcement officer myself, I know the sacrifices that come with wearing the badge. Ben is stepping into a role that demands courage, integrity, and service to others.

We are proud of Ben. I thank him for his service, and may God keep him safe.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHELLE E. RICHARDS IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Michelle E. Richards in Honor of Women's History Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Women's History Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of women who have shaped communities, inspired generations, and demonstrated unwavering leadership, compassion, and excellence; and

Whereas, Dr. Michelle E. Richards is a Jamaican-born evangelist, humanitarian, entrepreneur, and visionary leader whose life's work reflects a steadfast commitment to faith, service, and empowerment; and

Whereas, Dr. Richards received her early education at Holy Childhood High School and later earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Technology in Kingston, Jamaica, before relocating to the United States in 1999 and continuing a distinguished professional career in the banking industry; and

Whereas, answering her divine calling to ministry, Dr. Richards was baptized in 2003, ordained in 2006, and later established Visions International Ministries, a global ministry that has impacted lives through preaching, mentorship, humanitarian outreach, and purpose-driven initiatives across multiple nations; and

Whereas, through her humanitarian work and global outreach, Dr. Richards has provided food, clothing, school supplies, and essential resources to communities throughout the Caribbean, Africa, and beyond, while leading mission efforts that uplift individuals and families in need; and

Whereas, her influence as a preacher, motivational speaker, humanitarian, and community leader continues to inspire individuals around the world to pursue faith, purpose, and service while uplifting others through compassion and leadership; and therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly recognize and honor Dr. Michelle E. Richards during Women's History Month for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and service, inspiring others through her example of faith, compassion, and achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAURA CANALES

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Laura Canales, a trailblazing Latina artist widely recognized as a pioneer of Tejano music.

Ms. Canales was born in Kingsville, Texas, where she emerged as a powerful force in Tejano music during a time when the industry was overwhelmingly male dominated. Through her early work with groups such as Los Unicos and El Conjunto Bernal, and later with Laura Canales & Encanto and Los Fabulosos Cuatro, she helped elevate the genre and expand opportunities for Latina artists. Her album *No Regrets* achieved notable success, and between 1983 and 1987, she earned multiple honors as Female Vocalist and Female Entertainer of the Year at the Tejano Music Awards.

Ms. Canales is often remembered as the "grand dame of Tejano music," a title which reflects both her musical excellence and her role as a mentor and inspiration to others. Among those she influenced was the late Selena Quintanilla, who would go on to achieve global recognition. Laura Canales helped pave the way for Selena and many other inspirational women, demonstrating that women could lead and thrive in Tejano music.

Beyond her musical accomplishments, Ms. Canales was deeply committed to education and personal growth. She earned a degree in psychology from Texas A&M University and continued her studies at the graduate level, embodying her belief in the importance of creating opportunities beyond the stage.

Mr. Speaker, Laura Canales's contributions to music and culture continue to resonate across South Texas and beyond. Her legacy lives on in the artists she inspired and the doors she helped open.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, I missed votes due to personal reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 109, and YEA on Roll Call No. 110.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes in the vote series on April 14, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 110, passage of H.R. 7613, the ALERT Act, and YEA on Roll Call No. 109, passage of H.R. 1011, the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act.

HONORING DAVID ROUSSEAU

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Rousseau on his retirement after nearly four decades of service to the Salt River Project, the Valley, and the State of Arizona.

Since 1903, the Salt River Project has provided reliable and affordable water and power to Arizona communities while safeguarding a stable water supply for future generations. Mr. Rousseau's leadership has helped carry forward that mission at a time of rapid growth and change across our state.

A proud fourth-generation Arizonan, Mr. Rousseau reflects a legacy of stewardship and public service deeply rooted in Arizona's history. His family's connection to SRP dates back more than a century—his great-grandfather served on the original council that helped bring the Theodore Roosevelt Dam to life, and his father later served on the SRP Board. Raised on a family farm in the West Valley, Mr. Rousseau learned early the values of hard work, responsibility, and commitment to community.

Mr. Rousseau's own service to SRP began in 1990, when he was elected to the SRP Council. After years of leadership on the Council and Board, he became Vice President in 2006 and President in 2010, a role he has held for more than a decade. Throughout his tenure, he has remained focused on ensuring that SRP continues to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable water and power to the communities it serves.

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Under his leadership, SRP has advanced critical initiatives to support Arizona's future. These efforts include expanding energy storage capacity, increasing access to electric vehicle infrastructure, and strengthening grid reliability during periods of peak demand. SRP has also worked to support rural and Tribal communities, including expanding broadband access in northeastern Arizona and bringing electricity to families on the Navajo Nation who previously lacked service.

Mr. Rousseau has also championed collaboration across sectors to address Arizona's long-term water and energy challenges. His leadership has helped guide SRP's role in supporting sustainable water management and ensuring that Arizona remains prepared for future growth.

Beyond SRP, Mr. Rousseau has contributed to numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, including the Banner Health Foundation, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Nature Conservancy, and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. His service reflects a deep commitment to strengthening Arizona's economy, culture, and quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing David Rousseau for his extraordinary career of service. His leadership has strengthened Arizona communities, supported our state's continued growth, and set a lasting standard for stewardship and public service.

HONORING THE WOMEN AT THE WOMEN ARISE CONFERENCE AT REDEEMING WORD CHURCH IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable achievements and inspiring contributions of women at the Women Arise Conference, which took place on Friday, March 27, 2026, at Redeeming Word Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This annual conference celebrates the leadership, faith, and service of women who uplift and strengthen their communities through ministry, mentorship, and civic engagement. It is a testament to the power of women's leadership, spiritual dedication, and the unifying influence of faith in building stronger families and neighborhoods.

This year, we proudly recognize a distinguished group of women whose work has impacted countless lives in Broward County and beyond. These remarkable women exemplify dedication, compassion, and service, inspiring others through their commitment to faith, community, and leadership.

I include in the RECORD the following 2026 Women Arise Conference Honorees:

Colleen Edwards, Minister Malone Angella Fleming, Lovetta Thomas, Carolyn Powell, H.E. Amb, Dr. Sharon Wiles, Sushana Cole, Danielle Davis, Winsome Robertson Green, Elder Cholla Williamson, Overseer Lady Jacqueline D. Lloyd, Chief Apostle Prelate Dr. Gillian Thompson Biscette, Chief Apostle Janice L. Dillard, Apostle Dr. Sonia B. Lee, Mother Sonia Barnes, Minister Donna Massias, Delores Facey, Elaine Stewart, Norma Russell, Carleen Carla Richards, Pas-

tor Dr. Althea Butler, Samantha Luke Sookraj, and Evangelist Dr. Michelle Richards.

These honorees represent the heart of Broward County, exemplifying faith, leadership, and dedication. Their service and mentorship ensure that women's voices, leadership, and contributions remain celebrated and valued, inspiring current and future generations to embrace service, spiritual growth, and civic engagement.

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

Their dedication and accomplishments not only enrich Broward County but also serve as a lasting example of the impact one can have through faith, leadership, and service. By honoring these women, we celebrate the enduring legacy of women in ministry and the vital role they play in shaping stronger, more vibrant, and connected communities.

RECOGNIZING ARTEMIS II MISSION ENGINEERS DANIEL BACA AND JEREMIAH HALL

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Daniel Baca and Jeremiah Hall from Montana's Flathead Valley, who both played key roles in NASA's historic Artemis II mission.

On April 1, 2026, the Artemis II mission sent four astronauts on a journey around the moon and back, marking our Nation's first crewed return to the Moon in more than half a century. This mission is testing critical systems that will eventually pave the way for future lunar landing and an eventual mission to Mars.

For the first time since the Apollo era, astronauts are venturing beyond our planet. The Artemis II mission is a symbol of American leadership in space and a bold step toward the future. Among those contributing to this historic effort are Flathead Valley natives Daniel Baca and Jeremiah Hall. Working as aerospace engineers they help ensure the performance and success of this mission, showing the talent and determination that is found in Montana.

Jeremiah Hall works within the thermophysics group on the spacecraft and Daniel Baca is the lead for the European Service Module, the spacecrafts powerhouse. Both Montanan's work with essential systems that keep the astronauts aboard alive in the harsh environments of space and their contributions are the foundation to the mission's success.

For the Flathead Valley, this achievement is a source of immense pride. These two engineers' journeys from local schools in Montana to the forefront of space exploration prove that no dream is too big. Their success serves as an inspiration to the next generation of scientists and engineers across Montana.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate this historic mission, I ask we also honor the hardworking

Americans behind it. The West has always been home to pioneers and adventurers. From those who risked everything to homestead in the Dakota Territory to those pushing the frontier today, that spirit of exploration and willingness to brave the unknown still lives in our communities. Daniel and Jeremiah embody that tradition and have made Montana proud.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF LEE VANOY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a very happy 80th birthday to my dear friend, Lee Vanoy. Lee McMickens Vanoy was born on April 9, 1946, in rural Mississippi. She and her sister Ann were soon adopted by Horace and Polly McMickens of Bessemer, Alabama. She and her childhood friend Ramona enjoyed piano lessons, tea parties and trips to the beauty parlor. Now they still enjoy trips to Florida beaches and spa days.

On August 26, 1965, she married Jim Vanoy in Bessemer, Alabama and was blessed with wonderful children and grandchildren: her sons, Van (Deanne) and Ben (Mieka); and her grandchildren, Courtney (Schylar McBride), Taylor, Blake and Alex.

Lee spent most of her career working as administrative assistant beginning at BellSouth in Bessemer and then at various churches in Opelika, Alabama, but her greatest joy was being a wife and mother. She has also been a cherished member of my district staff for over 20 years. Aunt Lee, as she is called by her many nieces/nephews, great nieces/nephews, and even great-great nieces/nephews, is known for her big heart and the dressing she makes for Thanksgiving at the old Vanoy home place in Vance, Alabama.

Jim and Lee moved to Opelika in 1970 and call Opelika home. They like being close to Auburn University and enjoy football games, baseball games, and all alumni activities. Lee has served as a member, secretary, and chairman of the Lee County Republican Executive committee for many years. She is also involved in many Republican and social clubs in and around East Alabama. Lee also enjoys hosting receptions for political candidates in her home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Lee a very happy 80th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. SALLIE CHEW BAKER

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Sallie Chew Baker also known affectionately as "Dear Mama." Born in 1885, Mrs. Baker was a respected businesswoman, educator, and spiritual leader who left a lasting impact throughout the Caroline County Community.

Mrs. Baker's legacy continues to live on through the countless lives she touched.