

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.

Alongside her late husband, Dansberry Abraham Lincoln Baker Sr., she raised six children—Judge, Napoleon, Druscilla, Dansberry Jr., Profit, and Lloyd. However, she didn't just stop there, she opened her home to children across the community, creating a safe, nurturing environment where everyone felt welcomed and cared for.

A devoted community leader, Mrs. Baker owned and operated a grocery store that not only provided essential goods but also served as a critical place for families in need to shop. Her kindness and compassion were evident in every part of her work, always putting others before herself.

Her commitment to preserving history was equally remarkable. Mrs. Baker played an important role in protecting the historic Guinea one-room schoolhouse, which served Black students from 1918 to 1959. When the community plan to convert the site into a beer garden, she fought tirelessly to preserve its legacy. In a defining moment, she attended an auction at Union Bank & Trust and successfully put in a bid for \$575 to reclaim the building—an act that earned her deep respect not just from her immediate community, but those who also doubted her abilities.

After securing the property, she transformed the schoolhouse into the Ever-Ready Club, a space to uplift children and ensure they had access to the resources and opportunities needed to succeed.

In 1962, Mrs. Baker then donated the land to be used for the new Macedonia Baptist Church in Woodford, Virginia. In recognition of her remarkable gift, she was honored as the church's first "Mother" and had the distinction of cutting the ribbon on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963.

More than six decades later, the church continues to serve as a spiritual home for many Virginians.

I want to personally honor Mrs. Baker for her contributions and unwavering commitment to the Caroline County community. I also want to thank family, friends, and members of Macedonia Baptist Church for their ongoing service and dedication to strengthening our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Baker, and her legacy of faith and community leadership.

HONORING THE RICHMOND FREE PRESS AND ITS ENDURING LEGACY

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the extraordinary legacy of the Richmond Free Press, a publication that, for decades, served as a trusted voice, vigilant watchdog, and cultural cornerstone for Black communities across Central Virginia.

From its founding in 1992 by Raymond H. Boone to its final issue earlier this year, the Richmond Free Press stood as a powerful testament to the importance of independent Black journalism. At a time when too many stories impacting Black communities went under-reported or unheard, this Black-owned publication filled a critical gap by elevating voices,

shining a light on injustice, and celebrating the achievements, resilience, and contributions of Black Virginians.

For more than three decades, the Richmond Free Press provided in-depth coverage of issues that matter most—from education and economic opportunity to health disparities, housing, and civil rights. It chronicled both the challenges and triumphs of our communities, ensuring that the lived experiences of Black Virginians are not only acknowledged but preserved for future generations.

Importantly, the Richmond Free Press also played a vital role in strengthening civic engagement. By informing readers, holding institutions accountable, and fostering dialogue, it empowered individuals to participate more fully in our democracy. Its impact extended far beyond the pages of a newspaper as it helped shape public understanding, influence policy conversations, and build a more informed and engaged citizenry.

As the Richmond Free Press concludes its print circulation, we reflect not only on the end of an era but on the profound and lasting imprint it leaves behind. While its physical pages may cease publication, its legacy endures in the journalists it inspired, the stories it told, and the communities it uplifted.

The closing of the Richmond Free Press also serves as a sobering reminder of the challenges facing local and community-based journalism, particularly outlets that center historically underrepresented voices. It also underscores the importance of sustaining and supporting diverse media institutions that are essential to a healthy and inclusive democracy.

On behalf of Virginia's 4th Congressional District and the many readers whose lives have been touched by its work, I extend my deepest gratitude to the editors, reporters, photographers, and staff who made the Richmond Free Press a beacon of truth and accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Richmond Free Press for its remarkable service and enduring contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER HAZELLE P. ROGERS 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 Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers in Honor of Women's History Month. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Hazelle P. Rogers has dedicated her life to public service, leadership, and community advocacy, serving as a Democratic member of the Broward County Commission, former Mayor of Lauderdale Lakes, and as a member of the Florida House of Representatives; and

Whereas, born in Kingston, Jamaica, and immigrating to New York City as a teenager, Commissioner Rogers has demonstrated remarkable perseverance, earning her education and advancing through roles of increasing responsibility while remaining committed to uplifting her community; and

Whereas, Commissioner Rogers served on the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission beginning in 1996, championing initiatives that improved the quality of life for residents, and later represented the 94th and 95th Districts in the Florida House of Representatives, advocating for legislation to support education, property rights, and community development; and

Whereas, since her election to the Broward County Commission on August 23, 2022, Commissioner Rogers has continued to exemplify leadership and dedication, bringing her wealth of experience to address the needs of Broward County residents and striving to ensure equitable and inclusive governance; and

Whereas, Commissioner Rogers has been a mentor and advocate for women and young leaders, inspiring others through her example of integrity, resilience, and service, and fostering opportunities for the next generation of public servants; and

Whereas, throughout her career, Commissioner Rogers has been a trailblazer for women in government, inspiring others through her unwavering commitment, integrity, and advocacy for public service and civic engagement; and therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Florida's 20th Congressional District, proudly recognize and honor Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers during Women's History Month for her exemplary leadership, dedication to public service, and tireless efforts to improve the lives of her constituents, serving as a role model and inspiration for women and future leaders in Broward County and beyond.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

HON. MATT VAN EPPS
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as the Month of the Military Child and to honor the youngest heroes of the great State of Tennessee.

As a graduate of West Point and a Soldier who has served both on active duty and in the Tennessee Army National Guard, I have seen firsthand that when a service member puts on the uniform, the entire family serves. While our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen stand on the front lines, their children serve on the home front, navigating the challenges of frequent moves, the uncertainty of new schools, and the long, quiet absences of a parent deployed in harm's way.

In Tennessee, we are blessed to be home to a vibrant and resilient community of military-connected youth. These children embody the true Volunteer Spirit, demonstrating a level of adaptability and courage that inspires us all. From the Great Smoky Mountains to the banks of the Mississippi, their presence is felt in every corner of our state.

In the Clarksville and Fort Campbell area, thousands of children support the elite warriors of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the quiet professionals of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and the Night Stalkers of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. They are joined by the families of the Air Force's 19th Air Support Operations Squadron and Detachment 4 of the 18th Combat Weather Squadron, who together form the heart of a uniquely proud and patriotic community.