

Apostle Revills' voice reaches beyond pulpit and pew through EFVM's broadcast, "The Latter Rain," and through his written word in "Close the Door on Your Way Out." Yet even as his influence grows, he models a humility that insists the glory belongs to God alone. He carries honors without pride, responsibilities without show, and every success as an opportunity to lift someone else. There is a tenderness about his leadership that moves people to tears because it taps into something ancient and timeless: the longing to be seen, to be known, to be loved.

We thank him for his patriotism—for the years he served our Nation in uniform—and for bringing that same disciplined love into the civic life of Albany and beyond. We celebrate his membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, his partnership with community initiatives, and his hands-on leadership in building institutions that endure. We honor his commitment to international outreach, where the love of Christ has crossed oceans to meet crying children and weary families.

Twenty years is more than a milestone—it is a mosaic of lives transformed. Every program launched, every sermon preached, every hand held in the night, every meal served, every life redirected toward hope is a tessera in that mosaic. Behind each one is a story of pain met with compassion, of isolation met with welcome, of despair met with faith-driven action.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian, and I along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring Apostle Felix Revills. We pledge to support the work of ministers like Apostle Felix Revills who bind community wounds with the salve of gospel love. We pray for continued health and wisdom for him and First Lady Andrea Revills. We pray for their children and their grandchild. We pray that Evangelical Faith Vision Ministries will continue to be a lighthouse for those tossed upon the seas of life.

May God grant Apostle Revills many more years of fruitful labor. May his hands never tire, his voice never falter, and his heart never lose its compassion. And may the thousands who have found refuge under his care continue to rise and carry forward the healing he has sown.

I honor Apostle Revills on this blessed 20th anniversary—a shepherd, a patriot, a husband, a father, and a servant whose life has summoned tears of grief and joy, for in both he has shown us the face of God's steadfast love.

HONORING JOSH MIRSKY FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT NEURODIVERSITY

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Josh Mirsky, who created the Neurodiversity Strength Flag. Sadly, many neurodivergent Americans feel that they don't belong and that the world is not designed for them. Too often, they face ignorance and stigma. They face bullying at

school, at work, and even in their families. They are picked last for sports teams and scolded by teachers for behaviors they themselves may not fully understand. They struggle in job interviews when employers misinterpret differences in communication styles—such as difficulty maintaining eye contact—as a lack of confidence or ability.

For Josh Mirsky, and other neurodivergent Americans, these challenges are not signs of personal weakness, but of the weakness of a society that has yet to appreciate diverse and unique ways of thinking and experiencing the world. The consequences of this misunderstanding can be devastating. Research shows that many neurodivergent individuals, particularly those with conditions such as autism or ADHD, experience significantly higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation.

It was for this reason that Josh created the Neurodiversity Strength Flag in October 2021—a flag of red, white, and gold. The design features two red bars at each end, a gold backdrop, and a large white diamond containing a red infinity symbol, accented with subtle gold highlights.

When asked to explain the symbolism of the flag, Josh said: "Red is a power color, representing the immense inner power and strength of neurodivergent people. We have survived and endured so much. In the diamond we see value, because deep down we have always known our worth—and when this flag flies high, the world will see it as well. In gold we see first place. For too long we have been seen and treated as second- or third-class citizens. We fly this flag unapologetically and say: no more. We are first class, just like the rest of the population. And in the infinity symbol we see the true emblem of neurodiversity—not a puzzle piece struggling to fit in, but an infinite spectrum of possibilities."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Josh Mirsky my constituent. His creativity, compassion, and dedication to uplifting others is exemplary. By creating the Neurodiversity Strength Flag, Josh has given a sense of pride and visibility to millions of neurodivergent individuals.

HONORING MR. VINCE SMITHERS FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Vince Smithers on his 40 years of federal service.

Throughout his career, including at the Office of Personnel Management within the Healthcare and Insurance arena—Mr. Smithers has exemplified professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to those around him. As a federal warrant holder, he carried out his responsibilities with the highest ethical standards, playing a critical role in supporting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, one of the largest employer sponsored health programs in the Nation.

Though he is known for his quiet demeanor, Mr. Smithers' presence has a way of uplifting every room he enters, his colleagues describe him as a true team player—thoughtful, kind, and dedicated to fostering a healthy work-life balance within the workplace.

I want to personally thank Mr. Smithers for the outstanding impact he has had on his colleagues, his workplace, and the many individuals he has served over the past four decades. His leadership and expertise reflect the very best of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Vince Smithers, honoring his service and the difference he has made in our communities. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and in the years ahead.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. WYANETTA JOHNSON

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson.

Whereas, Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson, born April 18, 1939, in Wyatt, Missouri, to Lem and Estel Gilliam Johnson, who grew up in Charleston, Missouri, and who departed this life on New Year's Day, January 1, 2026, at the age of 86, was a pioneering Black leader, a fierce and loving advocate for educational equity, and a woman whose tireless service transformed the lives of generations of children and families in the communities of Oak Park and River Forest, Illinois, in the 7th Congressional District; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson came from a family whose roots in racial justice predated the Civil Rights Movement itself—her family was engaged in justice efforts while working as sharecroppers in the Missouri Delta, and she carried that inheritance of courage and conviction with her when she and her husband Forrest moved to Oak Park in the early 1980s to be near their children and grandchildren, a move that set the course for more than four decades of transformative community advocacy; and

Whereas, in the late 1980s, Mrs. Johnson became a founding leader of the African American Parents for Purposeful Leadership in Education—known as APPLE—serving as both president and vice president of the organization over many years, building a grassroots network that achieved a sustained, daily presence in all of Oak Park's public schools, mentoring Black students during the school day and after school, providing homework assistance, career days, Saturday School, parent seminars, and overnight retreats—all born from her unwavering belief that every child deserved to be seen, supported, and given a full and fair opportunity to succeed; and

Whereas, APPLE maintained its own room at Oak Park and River Forest High School where all students were welcomed, counseled, tutored, and found rest, and where Mrs. Johnson—who did not hold a college degree—nonetheless counseled first-year teachers on classroom management and discipline, earning the deep respect of educators, administrators, and parents alike, because her authority came not from credentials but from decades of walking alongside children and families with unfailing love and practical wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson was a central and decisive force in advocating for the adoption of

a racial equity policy by Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200, helping to launch the Freshman All Honors Curriculum now in its fourth year of implementation, and working alongside attorneys and community education experts to challenge the gross inequities Black children experienced in Oak Park's special education and discipline policies—efforts that set the stage for a major overhaul of special education and the establishment of the district's first Director of Equity position, a living institutional monument to her decades of advocacy; and

Whereas, known to generations of students, parents, and community members simply as "Grandma," Mrs. Johnson embodied a generosity of spirit that extended far beyond meetings and school board chambers—she regularly reached into her own pocket to feed children, buy clothing for students in need, and support families facing hardship; she attended community events, recruited young filmmakers, catered receptions for emerging artists, drove children to school in sub-zero temperatures, and called, visited, and personally congratulated young people when they achieved positions of leadership and service, as she did when Oak Park's Christina Waters was elected village clerk; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson's daughter Dorise Monroe reflected that her mother wanted to make sure that people were treated fairly—whether poor Black, poor White, poor Hispanic, or poor Asian—because she had a heart for people, and no matter where you went, somebody knew her; and OPRF Superintendent Greg Johnson confirmed that many of the school's current practices around community engagement, including the Director of Equity position, have their roots in her advocacy, stating that she was 'a powerful force for the students in our school' and that it was 'absolutely appropriate' to recognize and honor her efforts; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson is survived by her seven children—Gwendolyn, David Hawthorne, Vivian Henderson, Dorise Monroe, James Henderson, Carolyn Henderson, Annette Garnish, and Cynthia Johnson—as well as seventeen grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, a family as vast and abundant as the love she poured into her community for more than four decades; and,

Whereas, scripture reminds us in Proverbs 31:26, 'She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue'—words that describe not an aspiration but a life actually lived, by a woman who walked into every room carrying both truth and grace, who out-talked the most educated people in the service of the least powerful children in the room, and who leaves behind a community permanently changed for the better by the force of her love and the steadfastness of her will;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Congressman Danny K. Davis, representing the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Wyanetta Johnson, and offer this Extension of Remarks as a tribute to her life, her advocacy, and the profound and lasting impact

she made on the children, families, educators, and institutions of Oak Park and River Forest.

Let this Resolution serve as both a recognition of a life poured out in extraordinary service to justice and children, and as a call to all who carry forward her vision—that every child, in every school, deserves to be seen, supported, and given a full and fair opportunity to thrive.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE REVEREND JESSE LOUIS
JACKSON, SR.

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.

Whereas, the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., born Jesse Louis Burns on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina, and who departed this life on February 17, 2026, at the age of 84, was one of the towering moral voices of the American civil rights movement, a Baptist minister, two-time candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and a lifelong champion of the poor, the marginalized, and the voiceless across this nation and around the world; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jackson first demonstrated his courage and calling as a young man in the segregated South, leading a sit-in at the Greenville County Public Library in 1960 that resulted in his arrest but ultimately contributed to the desegregation of that library system—an early act of nonviolent defiance that planted seeds of justice which would define the next six decades of his extraordinary life; and

Whereas, in 1966, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. personally selected Reverend Jackson to lead the Chicago chapter of Operation Breadbasket—the economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference—and under his leadership, the program secured more than 2,000 new jobs and \$15 million in new annual income for Chicago's Black community in its first fifteen months alone, forever binding Reverend Jackson's name and mission to the city of Chicago and its people; and

Whereas, in December 1971, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH—People United to Serve Humanity—on Chicago's South Side, an institution built on the conviction that economic empowerment, voter registration, and educational access were inseparable from the full realization of civil rights, and which became one of the most consequential social justice organizations in American history; and

Whereas, in 1984 and again in 1988, Reverend Jackson waged historic campaigns for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States—the first African American man to mount a serious and sustained national campaign for the presidency—winning more

than 7 million votes in 1988 and inspiring millions of Black, Latino, working-class, and young Americans to believe that the highest office belonged to them too, and laying the groundwork which, as President Barack Obama later acknowledged, made future paths to the White House possible; and

Whereas, in 1996, Reverend Jackson merged Operation PUSH with the National Rainbow Coalition to form the Rainbow PUSH Coalition—a national organization whose South Side Chicago headquarters remains a beacon of activism, scholarship, and community power, carrying forward his mission of leveling economic and educational playing fields, expanding voting rights, advancing corporate accountability, and promoting peace and justice around the world; and

Whereas, Reverend Jackson and Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS shared a bond forged in decades of shared struggle and common purpose—fellow travelers in the ongoing work of organizing communities, registering voters, expanding economic opportunity, and demanding that the full promise of American democracy be extended to every citizen regardless of race, income, or circumstance; Congressman DAVIS, speaking on the day of Reverend Jackson's passing, bore witness to this partnership with characteristic eloquence, declaring that Chicago has become a center of the universe in terms of social activism, social involvement, and people power—and that much of that must be attributed to Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson—and closing with the words: 'Long live Reverend Jesse Jackson, because the spirit of his being and the accomplishments of his work will live on forever and forever;'

Whereas, even in his final years, as Reverend Jackson battled Parkinson's disease with the same quiet dignity with which he had faced firehoses, courtrooms, and campaign trails, he remained a source of moral authority and inspiration to generations of organizers, clergy, elected officials, and ordinary Americans who learned from him that change is not given—it is earned, through sustained, fearless, organized, and faithful work; and

Whereas, scripture reminds us in Micah 6:8, 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'—words that describe not a distant ideal, but the actual life that Reverend Jesse Jackson lived, from the streets of Greenville to the pulpits of Chicago to the floors of convention halls and the boardrooms of corporate America;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, representing the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, do hereby extend this Extension of Remarks as a tribute to the life, ministry, and enduring legacy of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.—a giant of the civil rights movement, a son of Chicago, a man of God, and a friend whose voice shaped this city, this nation, and this world.

Let this Resolution stand as both an expression of gratitude for a life poured out in service to justices and as a solemn call to all who carry on—to register voters, demand equity, build community, and above all, to keep hope alive.