

RECOGNIZING THE LAZAREX
CANCER FOUNDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of the Lazarex Cancer Foundation, which has announced it will conclude operations at the end of this calendar year after 19 years of remarkable service.

Since its founding in 2006, by my good friend Dana Dornsife, Lazarex has invested over \$30 million to support more than 13,000 patients in finding and participating in cancer clinical trials through its CARE and IMPACT Reimbursement Programs. It has also provided cancer education and equitable access to resources, services, and care to tens of thousands of people in underserved communities through its Cancer Wellness HUBs.

In Texas, Lazarex has worked extensively with the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center, ensuring that financial barriers such as travel and lodging never stood in the way of patients seeking hope through clinical trials. Nationally, Lazarex has been a driving force for change, helping to pass legislation in California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, Massachusetts, and Texas affirming that reimbursement of patient travel expenses is not inducement but essential support. This has reshaped the clinical trial landscape, making travel reimbursement a standard practice and opening doors for more diverse and representative participation in research.

Lazarex has not only changed laws and policies—it has changed the conversation. By diminishing stigma and fear, Lazarex created space for honest discussions about cancer in homes, communities, and places of worship. Its work has inspired patients, families, and health systems alike to reimagine what equitable access to cancer care should look like.

Mr. Speaker, the decision to close was not made lightly. Shifts in the pharmaceutical funding landscape, the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act, cuts to research funding, and a broader retreat from diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives created economic headwinds that made continuation unsustainable. Yet even as it closes, Lazarex leaves behind a proud legacy—one of compassion, equity, innovation, and measurable impact.

On behalf of patients in Texas and across the United States, I want to express deep gratitude to Lazarex staff, community partners, sponsors, donors, and, especially the founder and heart and soul of Lazarex for the last 19 years, Dana Dornsife. Their belief in this mission has changed—and saved—lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Lazarex Cancer Foundation for its 19 years of tireless advocacy and achievement in the fight against cancer.

CELEBRATING SIKH AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the American Sikh Congressional Cau-

cus, I rise today with deep pride and gratitude to celebrate Sikh History Month and to strongly support a resolution recognizing the history, culture, heritage, and immense contributions of the Sikh American community.

Sikhism, founded over 500 years ago by Guru Nanak Dev Ji, is built on three unbreakable pillars: meditating on the Divine; earning an honest living through tireless work; and sharing generously with others. These core principles of equality, social justice, selfless service (*seva*), and human dignity continue to guide Sikh Americans as they overcome adversity and strengthen our Nation.

In California's Central Valley, Sikh and Punjabi farmers proudly wearing the turban form the backbone of American agriculture. They produce more than 90 percent of our peaches, nearly two-thirds of our prunes, and vast harvests of almonds, walnuts, and other crops that feed America from coast to coast. From the fields to our military, boardrooms, classrooms, and humanitarian efforts, Sikh Americans exemplify entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and unwavering patriotism.

Their gurdwaras serve as beacons of compassion, offering free meals to every person in need proving that no one eats alone and no one goes hungry. This month is an opportunity to highlight Sikh identity and articles of faith, promotes education and cultural events, and reaffirms America's sacred commitment to religious liberty and pluralism for all.

I congratulate our Sikh brothers and sisters on Sikh History Month.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LLYWELLON EDWIN "VAL-
LEY/LEW" MOHR

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and extraordinary legacy of Llywellon Edwin Mohr, known to his family as "Valley" and to his community as "Lew," who passed away on April 20, 2026, at the age of 96. Lew was a proud resident of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, a devoted family man, a veteran, and one of the most dedicated servants to his community that Bucks County has ever known.

Lew was born in Upper Saucon Township, Pennsylvania, beneath the Bethlehem Star atop Lehigh Mountain. He was the beloved husband of the late Isabelle C. Mohr, with whom he shared more than 55 years of marriage. Together, they raised two children, Duane Llywellon Mohr and Debra Kay Pigott, and Lew was blessed to see his family grow to include six grandchildren and more than a dozen great-grandchildren.

Lew was a proud graduate of Pennsbury High School, a member of its very first graduating class, and served as its first-ever Student Council President. Just days after graduating on June 13, 1949, he enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 16, 1949, and left home on June 20, 1949. He served 28 months of active duty in Germany during the Korean Conflict, returning home in 1952 after completing 40 months of total service to his country.

Following his military service, Lew built a distinguished career with New Jersey Bell

Telephone Company, later Bell Atlantic, and now Verizon, where he served as an Assistant Manager for 38 years before retiring. He remained deeply engaged in the telecommunications community as Secretary of the Telecom Pioneers of the Trenton/Burlington Life Member Club and was honored with the Pioneer of the Year Award in 2001. He was a devoted member of the Morrisville Presbyterian Church for more than 65 years, serving as a Deacon for 15 years and an Elder for 6 years, and was also a proud Mason with the Newtown Lodge No. 427 F.&A.M. and a life member of American Legion Post No. 0834.

Perhaps no chapter of Lew's life speaks more powerfully to his character than his more than sixty years of service to the Boy Scouts of America. He began as Scoutmaster in 1954 with Troops 3 and 46 in Morrisville, and over the decades, he shaped the lives of countless young people through the Playwicki District and Bucks County Council, now the Washington Crossing Council. The honors he earned in Scouting are a testament to a life of selfless mentorship: the Silver Beaver, Wood Badge, Scoutmaster's Key, Scouter's Key, the James E. West Fellow Award, the Luther Lord Award, the Commissioner's Arrowhead, the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, the Masonic Daniel Carter Beard Award, the Legion of Honor Award of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, and many others. In 1991, the Bucks County Commissioners proclaimed November 1st as "Lew Mohr Day" in recognition of his extraordinary contributions.

Lew Mohr lived ninety-six years of purposeful and faithful service to his country, his family, his faith, and the young people whose lives he helped shape. He leaves behind a legacy that stretches across generations, and our community is a better place because of him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE HONORABLE MARY JO
HAYWOOD

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and the deepest respect to honor the life and legacy of the Honorable Mary Jo Haywood of Camilla, Georgia—a servant-leader whose faith, courage, and tireless work transformed a community and lifted countless lives. A funeral service to celebrate her remarkable and dedicated life will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Open Door Church of Praise in Camilla, Georgia.

Mayor Mary Jo Haywood's story is the story of this Nation at its best: a life shaped by faith and duty, tested by hardship, and fulfilled through relentless service. Born in 1948, she carried the values of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church into every role she embraced—as a devoted Sunday School teacher, a mentor, a paralegal advocating for the most vulnerable, a civic leader, and a history-making mayor. Her faith was not private sentiment but public action: she taught, organized, wrote, counseled, and stood watch so that others might find justice and dignity.

She was a daughter who bore loss with courage, a single mother who raised a brilliant daughter, Dr. Chanta M. Haywood, and a loving grandmother whose pride in Jordan,

Logan, and Kalen was visible in every warm story she told. She was a guardian to nieces and nephews, a trusted confidante to friends, and a pillar for a community that came to depend upon her steady hand and fearless voice.

Professionally, Mayor Haywood was a relentless advocate for equity. As a senior paralegal and later a self-employed practitioner specializing in Social Security disability cases, she stood with those denied a fair chance. She helped open the first Black law firm in Camilla, forging a path for justice where there had been barriers. In the NAACP, in voter drives, in fundraising for families shattered by tragedy, and in campaigns for fairness in city employment, Mayor Haywood's leadership moved people to action and moved systems toward justice.

In 2007, history was made as she became the first woman and the first African American elected mayor of Camilla. She wore both distinctions not as trophies but as responsibilities—to ensure transparency, accountability, and equal opportunity for every resident. Her term as mayor, and her continued civic engagement afterward, changed the civic fabric of Camilla for the better. In 2024, the city rightfully honored her by dedicating the Honorable Mary Jo Haywood Council Chambers, a testament to a life that taught us how public service should be practiced.

Mayor Haywood's work reached beyond policy: she was a keeper of memory. For years, she maintained a quiet vigil remembering the victims of the 1868 Camilla Massacre, refusing to let their names be lost to time. She championed the legacy of Georgia B. "Miss Bea" Williams, ensuring that the midwife who delivered thousands—in an era of segregation and exclusion—received the recognition and dignity she deserved.

Her honors were many, yet she remained the same humble servant who believed that the truest measure of life is how it is devoted to others. From induction into the Southern Rural Black Women's Hall of Fame to recognition as a Woman of Distinction by the Georgia NAACP, she accepted accolades with gratitude and returned them to her community through continued work and mentorship.

Today we mourn a devoted daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, and stateswoman. We grieve the passing of a woman who taught us that persistence, faith, and love are powerful forces for change. We give thanks for the guidance she offered, the doors she opened, and the lives she touched.

Her extended family, and the people of Camilla who called her mayor and mentor, should know that their loss is felt across Georgia and beyond. We join them in sorrow, and we pledge to carry forward the values she embodied: service without hesitation, courage in the face of injustice, and an unshakable belief in the dignity of every person.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life and legacy of Mayor Mary Jo Haywood. Mary Jo Haywood believed, as she lived, that God had a plan. By that grace and by her work, she became what she was called to be—a leader who opened pathways for others to follow. May her memory be a blessing, and may her life continue to inspire us to build communities of fairness, compassion, and opportunity.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER CHASE SAWYER

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX
OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Officer Chase Sawyer of the City of King Police Department who retired on April 29, 2026, after six and a half years of service.

In 2022, Officer Sawyer sustained injuries in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop in the early hours of the morning.

By the grace of God, and through the prayers of his colleagues, family, friends, neighbors, and community, he survived and has made positive strides in his recovery.

Mr. Speaker, every day, the men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line to defend their communities, confront criminality, and protect broader civil society.

We are all immensely blessed that they keep watch over us in all hours of the day and night. We are eternally grateful for Sawyer's service and sacrifice. May God bless him as he enters retirement.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF SOUTHSIDE EAST LAKE STREET CLINIC

HON. ILHAN OMAR
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of Southside Community Health Service's state-of-the-art facility, Southside East Lake Street Clinic.

Southside Community Health Services is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides affordable health care to all, regardless of ability to pay. Founded in 1971, Southside has a 55-year history of serving the diverse community of South Minneapolis and nearby communities. Over that time, they have earned national recognition as a top-performing community health center and, in 2025, were further recognized for exceptional patient outcomes. These awards reflect Southside's strong record of delivering high-quality care and an ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes for individuals and families.

Building on this foundation, the new East Lake Clinic will serve thousands more patients and bring all primary care services under one roof. Designed with a trauma-informed, healing-centered approach, Southside East Lake Street Clinic reflects collaboration between patients, providers, and the community. The new space will provide more exam rooms and the option for evening and weekend hours to better meet patients' needs. The space will also include additional services such as X-ray and mammography, as well as a flexible community area.

Southside remains grounded in a mission to improve healthcare access and outcomes by delivering high-quality care, reducing barriers, and supporting healthier communities. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the grand opening of Southside East Lake Street Clinic and the expanded access to high-quality care it symbolizes.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BAKER YOUTH CLUB

HON. RUDY YAKYM III
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Baker Youth Club of Warsaw, Indiana, on its 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1926 by East Coast banker and Rotary Club member Bramwell Baker, the club began with a simple challenge: match a \$1,000 donation and a Boys Club would be born. What started with comic books and a peach basket in the upstairs of a downtown Warsaw hardware store has grown into one of Kosciusko County's most vital institutions for young people.

For a century, Baker Youth Club has been guided by just four directors, each of whom grew up in the very club they would one day lead. Current Executive Director Tracy Furnivall has served for 23 years, growing the organization's budget from \$90,000 to nearly \$800,000. Today, the club serves up to 160 children each afternoon, with second- and third-generation families coming through its doors.

Perhaps no story better captures Baker Youth Club's mission than that of Director Robert "Coach" Lichtenwalter, who joined the Boys Club at age 10 as an alternative to juvenile detention and went on to serve as a member, staff, and director for 77 years. That is not just dedication. That is transformation.

Baker Youth Club's centennial is a testament to Warsaw and Kosciusko County, a community that has sustained this organization through the Great Depression, multiple wars, a recession, and a global pandemic, and has never stopped showing up for its kids.

I congratulate Baker Youth Club on 100 years of service.

HONORING THE FONDO DE AYUDA SOCIAL DEL LEONISMO DISTRICT 51-E, INC.

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ
OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 30, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Fondo de Ayuda Social del Leonismo, District 51-E, Inc. (FASL), an independent nonprofit organization that has provided sustained and meaningful assistance throughout Puerto Rico for 46 years.

Founded in 1979 by Guillermo Irizarry Rubio (1916 to 2017), the organization was established with a clear and enduring mission: to provide direct, responsible, and compassionate support to individuals and families facing urgent social and economic needs, particularly children and youth.

Mr. Irizarry Rubio served in the United States Army and later as Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from 1966 to 1969, carrying out the constitutional functions of Lieutenant Governor, and as Director of the Puerto Rico Budget Bureau. Following his distinguished public service, he continued serving the people of Puerto Rico through