

Her first role in education was at Marine Corps Base Quantico, serving as an elementary school English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) instructor, where she approached her students with patience, intentionality, and compassion. She has always been motivated by a desire to help others through learning just as her teachers once helped her.

Mrs. Brown currently serves as the computer and technology teacher at St. Patrick's School. In the computer lab, she has developed an innovative curriculum to teach elementary schoolers digital literacy, typing, coding, and robotics. These foundational skills will serve students for life in a world with rapidly developing technology.

Not only do these classes help students meet the growing technological demands of the 21st century, but they also inspire students to pursue advanced studies in areas such as computer science, artificial intelligence, and engineering.

In addition, Mrs. Brown serves as a leader of the St. Patrick's theater program, casting, directing, and producing multiple plays per year. This provides her students with the opportunity to express themselves creatively and faithfully in artistic outlets.

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Brown has helped organize the school's Halloween Carnival, led her local Girl Scout Troop, and kept her community safe by coordinating a Watch Dog Program.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Mrs. Yvonne Brown on her many accomplishments and thank her for her continued service. Her leadership serves as a model for teachers to uplift communities across South Texas and the Nation.

CONGRATULATING ROCKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A LEADER IN ME LEGACY SCHOOL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bowling Green, Kentucky's Rockfield Elementary School on being named a Leader in Me Legacy School. This distinction reflects years of commitment to building a culture where every student is empowered to lead, grow, and succeed.

The Leader in Me program, launched in 2008 by Franklin Covey and based on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, teaches students leadership and life skills through a schoolwide model. Schools that demonstrate sustained excellence can earn Lighthouse status, with the highest recognition, Legacy School, being awarded to those that embody and maintain a strong leadership culture over time.

Rockfield Elementary has demonstrated years of commitment to leadership development through empowering students to take ownership of their learning, fostering a positive school culture, and consistently building leadership habits in both the classroom and community.

This award rightfully highlights the school's efforts to support its students in developing the skills that will set them up for success in their futures.

Rockfield Elementary joins a growing list of Warren County Public Schools to be named a Leader in Me Legacy School. I congratulate them again, and go Raiders.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GANADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of Ganado Independent School District, a proud pillar of education and community in South Texas.

Established on June 8, 1900, Ganado ISD has upheld a long-standing commitment to excellence. For over 125 years, the district has shaped generations of students, guided by a passionate community that puts kids first.

Ganado ISD has achieved remarkable success both inside and outside the classroom. The district has earned eight team state championship titles in athletics, along with numerous individual state championships across athletics and other extracurricular activities. Its award-winning band, known as "The Pride of the Tribe," has been recognized as a state marching medalist. Additionally, Ganado ISD consistently produces high achievers at the state and regional levels in UIL academic contests, art, cheerleading, One Act Play, and FFA.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Jonathon Szymanski, the district continues to build upon its strong foundation while preparing students for the future.

As the community gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, we congratulate Ganado Independent School District on 125 years of excellence and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING STEPHEN LEPRELL ON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and fellow Kentuckian, Stephen LePrell, upon his acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy. Nominating young people to our service academies is one of my greatest honors as a Member of Congress.

As a future Air Force cadet, he will soon embark on a life-changing journey, joining the greatest fighting force on the face of the earth, the United States military.

Stephen has shown himself to be an exemplary candidate, securing offers from not only

the Air Force Academy but also the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Throughout the entire application process, he showed himself to be a talented and well-rounded candidate. I do not doubt that he will succeed in his future academic and military career.

As a graduate of West Point, I can confidently say that the years I spent in a service academy were among the most transformative of my life. I am confident that Stephen's time at "the Zoo" will be similarly impactful for him.

Guided by the Air Force's motto of "Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win," the coming years will challenge Stephen to grow in character, strengthen his leadership, and commit to a life of service to our Nation.

Again, I congratulate Stephen LePrell on this impressive accomplishment. Our Commonwealth and the entire Nation thank him for his willingness to serve in uniform and wish him the best in this next chapter.

HONORING KATHERINE GETTY KOOHMARAIE AND HER SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katherine Getty Koohmaraie and her service and contributions to Virginia's 1st District and the Nation.

Katherine joined my team in March of last year from Emergent BioSolutions, where she was head of federal affairs, after serving at the NRCC for two cycles. Before her campaign experience, she pursued her master's degree in public administration at George Washington University and worked at Akin Gump, where she helped health-care clients achieve their objectives. Katherine is also a proud alum of the University of Florida.

Katherine served as a mentor and leader for the legislative team and the entire office, sharing her expertise and knowledge with the rest of my team. Her counsel and guidance have shaped my staff into the most effective and successful team on Capitol Hill. Katherine was highly motivated, thoughtful, and kind. In a role that demands precision, flexibility, and the ability to delegate responsibilities thoughtfully, she consistently rose to the occasion. Above all, Katherine's willingness to teach and mentor other staff in the office allowed her to foster a positive and collaborative environment that will be missed. Through her tireless work she leaves behind a legacy of excellence.

I would like to thank Katherine for her many contributions and dedicated service over the last year. She has been an invaluable member of my team, and I wish her the best of luck as she moves on to the next chapter of her professional career with Representative Neal Dunn in the Florida Delegation. May God bless her as she embarks on a new challenge, and I look forward to seeing her continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Katherine Getty Koohmaraie for her service to Virginia's 1st District and the Nation.

CELEBRATING THE 81ST BIRTHDAY
OF PATRICIA KEATING

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 2026, we will celebrate the 81st birthday of Patricia Lou Keating of Chicago, Illinois.

Ms. Keating was born on May 9, 1945, in Chicago to Marie and Louis Kalowski, as the younger sister to Carol Gregory.

Patricia has lived the American dream working to serve the community until her retirement earlier this year. She has raised three daughters; Karen Roder, Jackie MacHarg, and Heather Perez.

I am grateful for Patricia's service to the community and for sharing her grandson, Michael MacHarg, II, an invaluable contributor to our office.

I wish Patricia Keating a Happy Birthday, and best wishes for many more.

CONGRATULATING OWEN DALE ON
HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and fellow Kentuckian, Owen Dale, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Nominating young people to our service academies is one of my greatest honors as a Member of Congress.

As a future West Point cadet, he will soon embark on a life-changing journey, joining the greatest fighting force on the face of the earth, the United States military.

Throughout the entire application process, Owen showed himself to be a talented and well-rounded candidate. I do not doubt that he will succeed in his future academic and military career.

As a graduate of West Point, I can confidently say that the years I spent in a service academy were among the most transformative of my life. I am confident that Owen's time at this incredible institution will be similarly impactful for him.

Guided by the Army's motto of "This We'll Defend," the coming years will challenge Owen to grow in character, strengthen his leadership, and commit to a life of service to our Nation.

Again, I congratulate Owen Dale on this impressive accomplishment. Our Commonwealth and the entire Nation thank him for his willingness to serve in uniform and wish him the best in this next chapter. Go Army.

RECOGNIZING BETH EL TEMPLE

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beth El Temple in Harrisburg on the auspicious occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

For the last century, Beth El Temple has been a thriving synagogue and a vital part of our local community. Located on the banks of the Susquehanna River, Beth El Temple has provided a home for Jewish families across Central Pennsylvania. From the first services, which welcomed the rising sun at the ark and watched it set at the doors to the Sanctuary by the river, the Temple has been a place where all are valued, and which the staff has continued to create a sense of community and belonging for anyone who visits.

Over the years, Beth El has significantly expanded its community outreach to a robust educational program, to include the Gersher Religious School, the Brenner Family Early Learning Center, and the PJ Library Program. Beth El also has a strong service and social action program, assisting and supporting service initiatives throughout the local community, and hosting food and essential service drives for the underprivileged.

On May 15 to 16, 2026, Beth El Temple will celebrate its 100th Anniversary at the Centennial Gala. Guest rabbis, community members, and others whose lives have been positively impacted by Beth El's presence and impact will join.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Beth El Temple and commend its 100th Anniversary and vibrant work. Beth El's impact on the local community, service initiatives, and welcoming environment continue to bring a light to our region and residents.

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL
INSURANCE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Central Insurance of Van Wert, Ohio, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. This milestone is a testament to the company's enduring commitment to its policyholders, agents, employees, and the community it has proudly called home since its founding.

Formally incorporated in 1876 as Van Wert County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Central Insurance started out as a small, community-based mutual insurer formed by neighbors to help neighbors share risk at a time when formal insurance was still emerging in rural America. Central's operations soon began to stretch beyond Van Wert County. By 1883, the company had become an interstate operation, and the name Van Wert County Mutual Fire Insurance Company was limited. In 1884, the name was changed to The Central Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company. By its 25th anniversary in 1901, the company had expanded operations into six states. As transportation transformed American life in the early

twentieth century, Central adapted its offerings to include automobile insurance. Its regional footprint expanded further in the following decades, with branch offices established in Boston, Atlanta, and Dallas. Today, Central Insurance serves hundreds of thousands of individuals and businesses across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Central Insurance on this extraordinary milestone. For 150 years, Central Insurance has exemplified the very best of American business and served with integrity and dedication. We wish Central Insurance all the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING HOLDEN
SCHOEN ON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and fellow Kentuckian, Holden Schoen, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future West Point cadet, he will soon embark on a life-changing journey, joining the greatest fighting force on the face of the earth, the United States military.

Throughout the entire application process, Holden showed himself to be a talented and well-rounded candidate. I do not doubt that he will succeed in his future academic and military career.

As a graduate of West Point, I can confidently say that the years I spent in a service academy were among the most transformative of my life. I am confident that Holden's time at this incredible institution will be similarly impactful for him.

Guided by the Army's motto of "This We'll Defend," the coming years will challenge Holden to grow in character, strengthen his leadership, and commit to a life of service to our Nation.

Again, I congratulate Holden Schoen on this impressive accomplishment. Our Commonwealth and the entire Nation thank him for his willingness to serve in uniform and wish him the best in this next chapter. Go Army.

CELEBRATING UCLA WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL FOR WINNING THE
2026 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the women's basketball team from the University of California, Los Angeles, which took home the 2025 to 2026 NCAA Division One National Championship on April 6, 2026. UCLA defeated the women's basketball team from the University of South Carolina by a score of 79–51 to clinch the title in Phoenix, Arizona.

This year's championship is the program's 1st NCAA national championship and 126th