

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures in America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hardworking individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 7 to 13, 2026, by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN MICHAEL "OZZY" OSBOURNE

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of John Michael Osbourne, known around the world as Ozzy Osbourne. The legendary front man of Black Sabbath and a towering figure in the history of rock and heavy metal.

Ozzy came from very humble beginnings. Raised by parents who were both factory workers, he rose from modest circumstances to become one of the most influential artists of all time, a true working-class hero whose success never erased his authenticity or connection to ordinary people.

With landmark albums like *Paranoid*, *Master of Reality*, and *Black Sabbath Vol. 4*, Black Sabbath forged a powerful new genre, one that captured the emotions and energy of a changing world. After his time with Black Sabbath, Ozzy embarked on a legendary solo career. His debut album, *Blizzard of Ozz*, introduced the world to a new chapter of his artistry, with hits like "Crazy Train" and "Mr. Crowley" becoming instant classics.

Ozzy Osbourne sold over 120 million albums combined from his solo career and as a member of Black Sabbath. He has been honored with numerous accolades, including inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, both as a member of Black Sabbath and as a solo performer, as well as five Grammy Awards and numerous lifetime achievement recognitions.

One of Ozzy's biggest successes was *Ozzfest*, a festival created by his wife and manager, Sharon, with help from his son Jack, which became an instant hit with metal fans and helped elevate emerging bands. That same family bond was later shared with millions through the groundbreaking MTV reality series *The Osbournes*, which introduced a new generation to Ozzy and offered an

unfiltered look at the warmth, humor, and love that defined their home.

Ozzy's influence was extraordinary, but his life and career were shaped alongside Sharon, whom he met in 1970. What began as a professional relationship became a lifelong partnership through which they built a loving family together.

Though he was born in England, Ozzy lived more than half of his life in America and truly loved this country. He became an icon deeply woven into the fabric of American music culture and a great ambassador around the world for our Nation, embodying the same defiant, freedom-loving spirit that defines America itself. As one of the original architects of heavy metal, he helped forge a sound that would influence generations of musicians and fans alike.

Today we say, "no more tears," for Ozzy Osbourne lived life without restraint. His voice and memory live on as an enduring symbol of the rebellious independence, creative freedom, and unapologetic individuality at the heart of the American spirit.

HONORING STEPHEN RITZ

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary educator, innovator, and community leader from the Bronx: Stephen Ritz, founder of Green Bronx Machine.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Stephen Ritz has transformed lives through the power of education, sustainability, and hope. What began as a single classroom initiative in the South Bronx has grown into a global movement, one that has reached more than 375,000 students across six continents and trained over 11,000 educators worldwide. Green Bronx Machine was named by Fast Company as Most Innovative Company in 2024.

Known as "America's favorite teacher," Stephen created the first edible classroom in the world, and he and his students have grown more than 375,000 pounds of fresh vegetables right in the South Bronx, proving that classrooms can cultivate not only food, but opportunity, health, and dignity. His students, hailed as "The Miracle in the Bronx," have earned national STEM championships, seven Anthem Awards, and the first Emmy Award in New York City Department of Education history. They have been celebrated at the Obama White House three times and featured on the cover of *TIME* for Kids.

Through Green Bronx Machine, Stephen has woven together academic achievement, food justice, environmental stewardship, and economic empowerment, helping create more than 2,200 living wage jobs in New York City alone. He has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ending Hunger in America and presented at the United Nations and World Business Forum, carrying the spirit of the Bronx onto the global stage with unmatched passion, compassion, and energy.

Stephen has also been recognized as a CNN COVID Food Hero, a 2023 Global Food

Hero, a 2024 Food Waste Warrior by Food Tank, and most recently was awarded the 2025 Global Food Changemaker Prize in Social Impact. For over a decade, he has served as Executive Director of the National Health, Wellness, and Learning Center at Community School 55 as an unpaid, full-time volunteer.

But perhaps what speaks loudest about Stephen Ritz is not the awards or the accolades: it is the life he lives every single day. He still calls the Bronx home, where he tends the most productive school garden per square foot in New York City, located in the heart of public housing. He raises chickens and exotic koi fish, including what is believed to be the largest captive goldfish in the Bronx. He shows up in his signature green shoes, cheese-hat in tow, and has taken over two million photos with children and celebrities alike, because to Stephen, every person he meets is worth celebrating.

Today, we celebrate Stephen Ritz not only for his remarkable achievements, but for his unwavering belief that every child can grow, thrive, and succeed. The Bronx is proud to call him one of our own.

CELEBRATING THE 208TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 208th anniversary of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Stafford County, Virginia.

Mount Olive Baptist Church has a rich history that is marked by resilience and courage. On May 16, 1818, five Black landowners gathered near Roseville in Western Stafford County, Virginia to found the church. Their first service was held beneath a simple slab-wood shelter, where a congregation began to take shape under conditions that required far more than faith alone.

In 1818 Virginia, it was illegal for Black people to assemble without a white person present. As a result, Reverend Crutcher, a white minister, was required to attend as a legal requirement.

Yet it was the five Black landowners who made the true foundation possible, men who owned the land, chose to worship together, and accepted the risks of gathering in an unjust system.

Although they were denied formal recognition, they were the driving force behind the church's formation and worked tirelessly to ensure its growth.

Over the years, Mount Olive Baptist Church has grown and flourished, expanding its ministries and outreach to serve a growing congregation. Today, it offers Sunday school programs, men's and women's fellowship ministries, youth and adult choirs, and a wide range of services that serve the broader Stafford community.

The congregation's unwavering commitment to faith laid the foundation for the community that still thrives today. For 208 years, Mount Olive Baptist Church has stood as a sanctuary for worship and spiritual nourishment.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us honor the legacy of those five individuals who contributed to the church's mission over the

years. Their dedication has helped build a thriving community that will continue to flourish for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Mount Olive Baptist Church on its 208th anniversary. I am honored to represent the families and individuals who make up this caring and loving community, and I look forward to celebrating their continued success for years to come.

RECOGNIZING TYLER KEMP ON BEING NAMED THE 2026 MISSOURI SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tyler Kemp, owner and CEO of MK Machining, on being named the 2026 Missouri Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. This is an outstanding achievement, and one that reflects Tyler's hard work, leadership, and commitment to excellence.

Based in Mid-Missouri, MK Machining represents the very best of American manufacturing and entrepreneurship. Through innovation, precision, and a dedication to quality, Tyler has built a company that not only contributes to our local economy but also supports the skilled workforce that keeps Missouri competitive and growing.

As a Member of the House Committee on Small Business, I have seen firsthand the critical role small businesses play in driving job creation, strengthening local communities, and powering our Nation's economy. Business leaders like Tyler Kemp embody the entrepreneurial spirit that makes our country so strong.

I congratulate Tyler, his family, and the entire MK Machining team on this well-deserved recognition. Missouri is proud of his success, and I look forward to seeing his continued impact in the years ahead.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. JOHN S. RUTKAUSKAS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of Dr. John S. Rutkauskas, Chief Executive Officer of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

For more than 27 years, Dr. Rutkauskas has led the AAPD with a singular focus: ensuring that every decision is guided by one fundamental question: what is best for children. Under his leadership, the organization has become not just member-driven, but truly child-driven, shaping the future of pediatric oral health across our Nation and around the world.

Since assuming his role in 1999, Dr. Rutkauskas has strengthened the AAPD into a globally recognized authority, with approximately 11,000 members and an impressive retention rate of nearly 94 percent. His commit-

ment to excellence has elevated continuing education, advanced evidence-based guidelines, and expanded policies and best practices that now define pediatric dentistry and are utilized by providers, institutions, and policymakers worldwide.

Dr. Rutkauskas has also played a critical role in public policy, establishing the Academy's first political action committee and increasing its presence here in Washington. Through the AAPD Foundation, he has helped secure vital resources to provide dental homes for underserved children, ensuring access to care for those who need it most.

A trained clinician, educator, and executive, his career reflects a deep commitment to improving the lives of children, particularly those with complex medical needs.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Rutkauskas' leadership has made a lasting difference in the oral health and well-being of children across the globe. On behalf of the 28th District of Texas, I thank him for his decades of service and dedication.

HONORING THE FALLEN OFFICERS OF CLAY COUNTY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the fallen officers of Clay County.

There is a moment at every police memorial that always stands out to me. It is the moment when the names are read. No applause. No music. Just a voice, speaking each name slowly into the quiet.

In that moment, something powerful happens. Those names stop being lines on a page and return to us as lives once lived—fathers and daughters, partners and friends. Men and women who once pinned on a badge, stepped into the unknown, and chose service over self. I include in the RECORD, twelve of those names from Clay County, Florida:

Sheriff Josephus A. Peeler; Sheriff Charles M. Wilson; Sheriff Theodore S. Cherry; Sergeant Richard Watkins; Auxiliary Deputy Arthur Caton; Deputy Wilson Walker; Sergeant Eddie Hayes; Detective David A. White; Deputy Ben Zirbel; Sergeant Eric Twisdale; Deputy Clint Seagle; and Chief Derek Asdot.

Each of these men served the people of Clay County with courage, integrity, and a deep sense of duty. Each answered the same call that law enforcement officers across America answer every day—a call to stand between danger and the community they serve. They knew the risks of the badge, and they accepted them anyway.

Behind every one of these names is a story of service. Long shifts. Missed holidays. Quiet acts of courage that most people never see—a commitment to protect their neighbors and uphold the law even when it demanded the ultimate sacrifice. Their legacy continues today through the deputies and officers who still serve Clay County with honor.

On May 7, 2026, the Clay County Sheriffs Office gathered to remember these heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty. Their

families, fellow officers, and community stood together to ensure that their service is never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, a grateful Nation remembers. Their watch has ended, but their example lives on, and in Clay County, Florida, their names will always be called.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on January 21, 2026, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 38.

HONORING JENNIFER MARGARET YEZAK

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Margaret Yezak for more than 40 years of extraordinary contributions to agriculture, the State of Texas, and our Nation. A proud graduate of Texas A&M University, Jennifer's career reflects deep expertise in federal policy and public administration.

From serving as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senators to her leadership as Deputy Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Jennifer has consistently championed the needs of rural America. Her distinguished federal service includes senior roles at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs, strengthening vital ties between the White House, Congress, and state officials.

Earlier in her career, she advocated for all 50 state agriculture departments at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and held key roles within the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

Throughout her distinguished tenure, Jennifer has been an indispensable asset to my office, serving as a vital bridge between complex federal policy and the practical needs of our agricultural community. Her profound expertise is matched only by her graciousness; she is an accomplished professional who consistently exceeded the call of duty to support my staff, the university, and the countless Texans who depend on her guidance. Jennifer's dedication has left an unforgettable mark on all who have had the privilege of working alongside her.

Beyond her professional accolades—including the 2017 Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Distinguished Alumna Award—Jennifer remains deeply rooted in her community and her Polish heritage. Growing up in a family that founded the *Bremond Press*, she carries forward a legacy of civic engagement through her active support of local leadership and the annual Polish Pickle Run. Jennifer has "planted trees" through her career that will provide