

recognize her as the 2026 First Responder of the Year. Her leadership, compassion, and commitment to others make her truly deserving of this honor.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLTS NECK COMMUNITY CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Colts Neck Community Church (CNCC), a vibrant non-denominational Christian community in my central New Jersey congressional district, which will celebrate, 50 years of faith-filled fellowship on May 17, 2026, and worship in their church on Merchants Way.

The church's history is notably defined by grassroots beginnings, compassionate volunteerism, ministry expansion—within and beyond Colts Neck—and steadfast humility and service in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. This community pillar is a powerful beacon, with dedicated Christians working tirelessly to serve and bless Colts Neck, New Jersey, and the world.

Founded by Don and Alma Stewart in the early 1970s, this vigorous home-based mission quickly outgrew the Stewart house and soon began to worship in nearby churches in Eatontown, Freehold, and Aberdeen. Immersed in scripture readings, inspiring music and Bible study, the congregants also wished, worked and prayed for a new physical structure to call their spiritual home.

Their prayers were answered and their work paid off, as they ultimately purchased a 7.5-acre plot of land in the heart of Colts Neck. Under the inspiration and leadership of their first full-time pastor, Reverend John Lindsey, the construction was completed and dedicated in less than four months.

Thanks in no small part to volunteer labor from congregants and neighboring churches, as well as assistance from Fort Monmouth chaplains and contributions from local residents, the CNCC at last had its own worship sanctuary, in which they could preach, praise God, spend time in fellowship and grow as a community. And grow, they did.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Colts Neck Community Church, led by Pastor Darwin Bacon, expanded in attendance, membership, finances, and ministry scope. The church strengthened its community with fellowship meals and services. It also enhanced its mission works and outreach by establishing a church in Howell, New Jersey, supporting foreign missions with volunteer work and financial assistance, and initiating local ministries, like prison outreach and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.

After years of dedicated service to CNCC, Pastor Bacon became a full-time missionary, and Dr. Philip J. Swanson then took the helm. Under Dr. Swanson's leadership, the church emphasized a vision of "Back to the Basics—Into the Future," focusing on foundational ministries while preparing for future growth. This period saw the addition of a parsonage on church property and the Fellowship Hall, which houses a number of special events and programs.

In 2005, then-pastor George Russ reemphasized local outreach, which enabled it to strengthen its service in Colts Neck. The church established day-long leadership conferences for local high school students, financial seminars during the economic downturn of 2007 to 2008, fundraisers for the Fire Department and EMT services, and participation in community events, such as Colts Neck Day.

The church also inspired its youth to serve the community's elderly with home-improvement volunteer work. In fact, in 2006, the CNCC became the first church in the Northeast to host its first of many World Changers programs. At World Changers, hundreds of teenagers and their sponsors come together every year to mow lawns, repair roofs, install wheelchair ramps and more in the local communities of Neptune and Freehold, New Jersey.

Also in 2006, Pastor Chris Durkin, today's current pastor, was tapped to lead the congregation. With hundreds of member families, the church, under Pastor Durkin, continues its strong dedication to meeting the needs of the greater community. Members continue to provide fun, Bible-based summer activities for children through their Vacation Bible School program, fall festival and their well-attended Christmastime living nativity. Additionally, they help support those dealing with loss by facilitating the Griefshare program.

Similarly, CNCC members participate in disaster relief and serve local non-profits, such as Jersey Shore Rescue Mission and Solutions Pregnancy Center, showing true Christian love and providing critical support to those in need.

Over the years, CNCC has continued to build upon the vision and commitment of its predecessors—sharing the Gospel with more people and expanding the reach of its ministries and services. Their powerful combination of faith and good works knows no bounds.

On this joyous occasion of the CNCC's Golden Jubilee anniversary, I am honored to congratulate church leader, Pastor Chris Durkin and his wife, Melissa; my good friend and congregation President, the remarkably effective Glen Dalakian and his wonderful wife, Cyndi; and all the leaders and members of the Colts Neck Community Church.

My wife, Marie, and I thank them for their Christ-inspired love and service for our community, and we pray that the church continues to grow, thrive and attend to the good people of Colts Neck and Monmouth County, New Jersey for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF FIRST RESPONDER WENDY BOLDEN

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, to honor first responder Wendy Bolden, who gave her life in the line of duty on May 15, 2014. Wendy Bolden gave everything to her community while serving as a 911 dispatcher. Wendy truly enjoyed helping everyone in her community. It was her true passion. She worked hard to make sure everyone felt safe and cared for.

Wendy Bolden was a devoted wife to Keith Bolden and a dedicated mother to her three children. Her beloved daughter was 22 when she passed, and her precious sons were only 13 and 9. For over a decade, Wendy's family has carried the memory of her service and suffered the weight of her loss. Her children remember her as a baseball team mom whose personality would bring a smile to the face of anyone she encountered. Wendy had a great sense of humor and could make everyone laugh. She always brought loved ones together during the holidays. She is remembered as someone who welcomed others into her home. Her co-workers expressed the same at her funeral.

During Police Week, as we remember our heroes and heroines, our officers who risk their lives, who leave their beautiful families behind while fighting to protect ours, let us not forget first responders like Wendy, whose sacrifices are too often unseen. American families sleep safely, knowing that no matter what happens, first responders are just a 3-button phone call away. They are the first line of defense against fires, natural disasters, accidents, crimes, and even terrorist attacks. Today, let us honor our firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and 911 dispatchers. Though we can never repay them, let us pause, bow our heads, and thank them for their bravery and sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SACRIFICE OF SAINT PAUL POLICE OFFICER FELICIA D. REILLY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Saint Paul Police Officer Felicia D. Reilly, who died in March 2025 after she sustained life-altering injuries in the line of duty in 2010.

It was an honor to meet with the family of Officer Reilly and a delegation from the Saint Paul Police Department today as they shared stories of her passion, courage, and empathy throughout her 17 years of service with the SPPD. After beginning her law enforcement career as the first female civilian jailer in Dakota County, she went on to serve the City of Saint Paul with assignments in Central District, Vice Unit, and the East Side District.

Officer Reilly's daughter and husband shared her determination to make sure that women officers could embrace the strengths they brought to the job. She brought resourcefulness, integrity, and compassion to her service on the force. Felicia took on challenging details because that is where she could make the most difference for her community.

On March 24, 2010, Officer Reilly responded to a 911 call involving a domestic threat. During the response, she was violently assaulted and sustained severe head injuries while arresting the individual. The traumatic brain injury she suffered led to serious lasting health complications, forcing her retirement.

Felicia D. Reilly passed away from her injuries on March 1, 2025, and her name has now been added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial. This is to recognize the ultimate

sacrifice that Officer Reilly and her family made.

I extend my deepest condolences to Officer Reilly's family, friends, and community. Her heroic service will always be remembered and honored.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PRESTON N.
WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Preston N. Williams on the occasion of his 100th birthday. This milestone represents a century of wisdom, scholarship, leadership, and faith. Few people leave a legacy that touches classrooms, churches, universities, communities, and generations of students the way Dr. Williams has throughout his extraordinary life.

Born in the rural town of Alcolu, South Carolina, Dr. Williams is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, Johnson C. Smith University, Yale Divinity School, and Harvard University. His life has reflected an extraordinary commitment to learning and faith. His distinguished teaching career at historically Black colleges, Boston University, and Harvard Divinity School inspired generations of students and colleagues alike. In every setting, Dr. Williams has nurtured minds and spirits, encouraging students to recognize their own dignity, intellectual gifts, and capacity to lead during times when such affirmation was urgently needed.

Dr. Williams made history as the first tenured African American faculty member at Harvard Divinity School and later as the first African American to serve as Acting Dean of the School. He also served as founding director of Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute. Last year, I was honored to receive the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal from Harvard's Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, the successor to the Du Bois Institute. A leader among his peers, he also served as president of the American Academy of Religion, and president of the Society of Christian Ethics. Dr. Williams' scholarship in Christian ethics, African American religion, human rights, and social justice helped shape both academic study and public thought in profound and lasting ways. Those who know him best speak most often not of titles, but of his kindness, integrity, generosity, and wisdom.

Throughout his life, Dr. Williams has demonstrated a deep commitment to building what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called, "the Beloved Community." He expanded opportunities for students and scholars of color, helped broaden the study of African American and African religions in theological education, and created pathways for clergy and civic leaders through the Summer Leadership Institute for Church-Based Community and Economic Development. Even beyond his formal leadership roles, he has been a mentor, encourager, and trusted guide to countless individuals whose

lives were transformed by his generosity and wisdom.

As we honor Dr. Williams' 100th birthday, we give thanks for the countless lives he has influenced, including students who have become leaders, colleagues who became friends, and communities strengthened by his presence. His life reminds us that true greatness is measured not simply by achievement, but by the impact one has on others.

In June, Dr. Williams and his lovely wife Dr. Constance "Connie" Williams will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. In honor of their lifetime of service to students, Harvard recently established the "Constance W. and Preston N. Williams Scholarship Fund" in their honor. They are the proud parents of David and Mark Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Preston N. Williams on this historic and joyful milestone. May his life continue to inspire and uplift his community for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on May 13, 2026, due to a family health issue. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 158; YEA on Roll Call No. 159; YEA on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; NAY on Roll Call No. 163; YEA on Roll Call No. 164; YEA on Roll Call No. 165; YEA on Roll Call No. 166; and YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT WINSLOW

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Winslow of Fountain, Minnesota, for his recent appointment to the Minnesota USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee.

Scott is a fifth-generation farmer in Fillmore County, where he raises corn, soybeans, hogs, and beef cattle. He understands firsthand the challenges that family farmers and producers across southern Minnesota are facing, and he brings that real-world experience to his service.

Scott has long been a leader in our agricultural community, serving on the Fillmore County Farm Bureau Board, the Fillmore County Pork Producers Board, and previously on the Minnesota FSA State Committee. He also currently serves on the U.S. Grains Council Trade Team and the Minnesota Corn Research and Promotion Council, helping promote Minnesota agriculture at home and abroad.

It was an honor to nominate Scott to serve on the FSA State Committee. I congratulate him on this appointment and thank him for his continued service to Minnesota agriculture.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY TYLER
FERRO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hernando County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tyler Ferro for his extraordinary courage, decisive action, and unwavering commitment to preserving life in the face of extreme danger. On November 15, 2025, Deputy Ferro responded to a residential structure fire on Richmond Street and, due to his proximity, was the first deputy to arrive on scene. Upon arrival, he observed the residence fully engulfed in flames with heavy smoke throughout the structure. Without hesitation, Deputy Ferro entered the burning home and located an adult female occupant who was unable to stand or walk.

As conditions rapidly deteriorated, Deputy Ferro immediately began removing the victim from the residence. While still inside, multiple propane tanks at the rear of the structure began to explode, sending debris and shattered glass into the area and further intensifying the fire. Despite these life-threatening conditions, Deputy Ferro maintained control of the situation and successfully moved the victim to a safe location outside the structure. Once clear of immediate danger, he assisted fire rescue personnel in transferring the patient to an awaiting ambulance and provided critical information regarding conditions inside the residence. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation and was later reported to be making a full recovery. Deputy Ferro also received treatment for smoke inhalation as a result of his exposure. Following suppression of the fire, the residence was deemed a total loss, with the room where the victim was located reduced entirely to ash and exposed structural metal—underscoring the extreme danger present at the time of the rescue. Deputy Ferro's swift response, sound judgment, and willingness to place himself in harm's way directly resulted in the preservation of human life. Throughout this incident, Deputy Ferro demonstrated exceptional bravery, selflessness, and commitment to duty. His actions reflect the highest traditions of law enforcement service and the profound responsibility carried by those who protect our communities.

I commend Deputy Tyler Ferro for his heroic service to the community and proudly recognize him for his extraordinary valor and dedication to saving lives as a 2026 First Responder of the Year for Florida's 12th Congressional District. His courage and professionalism embody the very best of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and public service.