

Upon returning to the United States, Sergeant Mike McLoone married his wife of 55 years, Maureen McLoone and bought their first home in the Borough of Merchantville in 1974 at the corner of Centre Street and Chestnut Avenue. He became a certified public accountant and briefly moved out of Merchantville until returning once again in 1979 and has now lived for 47 years on Chestnut Avenue. There, Maureen and him raised their sons Andrew and Peter, who now both reside with their families in the Borough of Merchantville.

Today, we recognize both Sergeant Mike McLoone's service to his country and his community. He has served on the Railroad Planning Committee in years past and served as both a coach and officer for the Merchantville Bambino Baseball League throughout the 1990's. Mike also has served on the Merchantville School Board for 7 years, including two years as president of the board. He is a member of American Legion Post 68 in Merchantville, VFW Post No. 6650 in Ocean City, and a member of the Merchantville Historical Society. He and Maureen have worked diligently to restore and preserve their home, the Centennial House, which has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1991. He and his family have supported businesses and organizations throughout Merchantville, buying a lifetime supply of chocolate nonpareils from Aunt Charlotte's.

RECOGNIZING TAIWANESE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

**HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as Taiwanese American Heritage Week and to celebrate the many contributions Taiwanese Americans have made to our communities and our Nation.

Taiwanese Americans have played an important role in shaping the cultural, economic, scientific, and civic life of the United States. Across generations, they have strengthened communities through public service, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, technology, and the arts.

In Northern Virginia and across the Washington metropolitan region, Taiwanese American families and organizations continue to enrich our communities through cultural engagement, business leadership, and civic involvement. Their contributions have helped foster stronger communities and deeper connections across our region.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week also serves as an opportunity to recognize the rich history and traditions of Taiwanese culture and the importance of preserving and sharing that heritage with future generations. Cultural celebrations and community events throughout the week help promote understanding, strengthen community ties, and highlight the diversity that makes our Nation stronger.

I would also like to recognize the many Taiwanese American community leaders, advocates, educators, and volunteers whose efforts continue to make a meaningful difference throughout Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Taiwanese American Heritage Week and in celebrating the many contributions Taiwanese Americans continue to make to our communities and our Nation.

CONGRATULATING ATZENHOFFER  
CHEVROLET IN VICTORIA, TEXAS  
ON 100 YEARS OF OPERATIONS

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Atzenhoffer Chevrolet in Victoria, Texas, for over 100 years of business. Founded on April 19, 1926, by Ed Atzenhoffer, this dealership began as a modest operation with just two employees in a small downtown building. Through determination, hard work, and a commitment to treating people right, Ed built a business and a lasting institution of the region. Known for his larger-than-life personality, he set a standard of service and integrity that continues to define the company today.

Their success is deeply intertwined with the story of Victoria itself. Over the past century, Atzenhoffer Chevrolet has played a vital role in the economic growth and development of Victoria and the surrounding region. From the early days of South Texas expansion to the modern era, the dealership has provided reliable transportation, created jobs, and supported countless local families.

This milestone is especially remarkable because of the continuity of leadership across four generations. Each generation of the Atzenhoffer and Greeson families has carried forward the founder's vision while adapting to changing times. From Ed Atzenhoffer, to Milton "Bully" Greeson, to Milton Greeson, Jr., and now to current dealer-principal Tommy Taylor, the business has remained rooted in the same values of hard work, community commitment, and long-term stewardship.

Reaching 100 years in business is no small feat. It reflects resilience through economic downturns, industry shifts, and changing consumer needs. It is a testament not only to strong leadership, but also to the loyalty of employees and the trust of generations of customers throughout South Texas.

Today, Atzenhoffer Chevrolet stands as a cornerstone of the Victoria community and a shining example of the American entrepreneurial spirit at work. Their century-long legacy demonstrates what is possible when dedication, family values, and community spirit animate the principles of an organization. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Atzenhoffer Chevrolet on their 100th anniversary and for their continued work in representing the best of what Victoria has to offer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 169 on H.R. 6260, I mistak-

enly recorded my vote as AYE when I should have voted NO.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP THOMAS  
G. WENSKI ON THE 50TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF HIS PRIESTLY OR-  
DINATION

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant of God and our South Florida community, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, on the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination.

For five decades, Archbishop Wenski has dedicated his life to faith, service, and the defense of human dignity. Throughout his ministry, he has been a steadfast spiritual leader for the people of South Florida and a strong voice for the oppressed, especially those suffering under tyranny and persecution around the world.

As Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, he has guided countless families with compassion, wisdom, and unwavering faith. His commitment to serving the poor, welcoming the vulnerable, and defending freedom has left a lasting impact on our community.

Archbishop Wenski's leadership has strengthened the moral fabric of South Florida and inspired generations through his humility, courage, and devotion to Christ and His Church.

On behalf of Florida's 28th Congressional District, I congratulate Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski on this extraordinary milestone and thank him for fifty years of faithful service to God, the Church, and our community.

May God continue to bless Archbishop Wenski and the Archdiocese of Miami.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed one vote on May 14, 2026, due to personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 173.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF MASSMUTUAL

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional milestone for an institution in Massachusetts' 1st Congressional District: the 175th anniversary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. For generations, MassMutual has played a vital role in the financial security of millions of Americans and the economic strength of western and central Massachusetts.

Founded on May 15, 1851, in Springfield, Massachusetts, where it remains headquartered today, MassMutual has stood for nearly two centuries as a pillar of stability and integrity, maintaining a steadfast and deep commitment to the communities it serves. From its earliest days, the company has embraced an enduring mission: to help people secure their future and protect the ones they love.

For 175 years, MassMutual has been a consistent source of strength in moments of change, challenge, and celebration. They have supported American families through defining periods such as the Great Depression and the COVID-19 pandemic, helping communities endure and recover.

Beyond its core business, MassMutual has demonstrated a strong commitment to community investment and civic responsibility. Through initiatives such as the MassMutual Foundation, the company has supported education, workforce development, and nonprofit organizations across the Commonwealth and throughout the country.

Institutions like MassMutual remind us of the enduring value of trust, responsibility, and service. Their legacy is measured not only in years, but in the lives strengthened through financial security and opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MassMutual on 175 years of excellence and recognizing its continued contributions to our communities and our economy. I wish the company and its employees continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE BLIND IN GREECE

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the American Friends of the Blind in Greece, an organization based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

Sharing a deep concern for the poor living conditions experienced by the blind in Greece, a group of Greek-Americans in New England founded the AFBG in 1946. The organization began by initiating smaller projects, including procuring funding for five Greek students to train in the United States. They aimed to expand opportunities for the blind and to prepare

them with the necessary skills to earn a living despite their impairment.

Their mission grew over the years. Throughout the twentieth century, the American Friends of the Blind in Greece helped to fund and design numerous programs to teach essential skills, including weaving, sewing, and reading braille, while also funding projects to teach agricultural and manufacturing trades. Their work culminated in the opening of the Lighthouse for the Blind in 1975, a centralized location for employing blind people in skilled manufacturing jobs. The AFBG also funded the opening of a metals workshop and a Tactual Museum to expand access to museum-quality art to the sightless.

Like all organizations, the American Friends of the Blind in Greece has faced setbacks. The 1999 Athens earthquake caused costly damages to the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Tactual Museum. The diligent fundraising of organization members and the generous contributions of Americans across the country helped to rebuild and repair the damaged buildings to ensure the continued support of the blind community.

Even in an era of greater awareness in the twenty-first century, the work of the American Friends of the Blind in Greece remains critical. Both the Greek Financial Crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic threatened the stability and prospects for countless blind people in Greece. Confronting public and private funding cuts, job losses, and reduced services, the AFBG again answered the call, raising historic funds to preserve support for sightless communities.

Today, on behalf of New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate the American Friends of the Blind in Greece for 80 years of exceptional service. I commend its members for their compassion and thank them for their caring, diligent work. It is inspiring to see a local organization make a global impact, and I encourage all of us to learn from its history. From small towns in New Hampshire to big cities across the globe, there is so much we can achieve by serving others. I thank the American Friends of the Blind in Greece for showing us the impact we can make when we stand up for our values, and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE KAPPA OMEGA OMEGA CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kappa Omega Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Bakersfield, California, on its 50th anniversary.

Chartered on May 13, 1976, Kappa Omega Omega became the first Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter established in Bakersfield. Built through the vision and dedication of community leaders like Susianna Anderson and the chapter's founding members, the organization was created to strengthen the community through service and mentorship. Over the past five decades, the chapter has remained a driving force for education and positive change

throughout Kern County and the Central Valley.

Since 1980, Kappa Omega Omega has hosted its annual Graduation Awards Program, helping African American students prepare for higher education and awarding more than 1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Their Miss Fashionetta fundraiser has also served as a mentoring experience for young women as they transition from high school to college, providing them with invaluable career exploration and scholarship opportunities.

Beyond their educational initiatives, the chapter's Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP) program has helped fight childhood hunger by providing meals to families in need. They have also supported local seniors through the Senior Shower of Love, participated in health efforts like the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and partnered with organizations across the community, including the Boys and Girls Club Angel Tree Project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the sisters of Kappa Omega Omega on this remarkable milestone and in thanking them for fifty years of dedicated service to Bakersfield, Kern County, and the Central Valley.

CONGRATULATING PEORIA POLICE CHIEF ERIC ECHEVARRIA ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 15, 2026*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and honor Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria on his retirement and thank him for his decades of dedicated service to the people of Illinois and our Nation.

Chief Echevarria has served as Chief of the Peoria Police Department for the past five years, leading the department with professionalism, integrity, and a commitment to strengthening public safety throughout the Peoria community. Prior to his service in Peoria, Chief Echevarria dedicated twenty-two years to the Elgin Police Department, where he rose through the ranks and built a reputation as a respected law enforcement leader devoted to protecting and serving others.

Before beginning his law enforcement career, Chief Echevarria proudly served four years in the United States Marine Corps. His military service instilled in him the values of discipline, leadership, and sacrifice that continued to define his career in public service.

Throughout his tenure as Chief, Eric embraced innovative approaches to modern policing and worked to build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community. Under his leadership, the department adopted new technologies to address crime more effectively, incorporated social workers into co-responder units to better assist individuals in crisis, and prioritized meaningful engagement with residents across Peoria. His efforts contributed to a significant reduction in violent crime and helped strengthen trust between officers and the community they serve.

Chief Echevarria's leadership has left a lasting impact on the City of Peoria and set an example for departments across Illinois. He