

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MEMORIALIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1252, memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

This week—National Police Week—is an opportunity for Congress to show our appreciation to the men and women in law enforcement, and express our gratitude for their integrity, sacrifice, and service.

Every day, these brave individuals put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe. They protect us and devote themselves to the pursuit of justice. To each of them, we say, “thank you.”

We especially honor those who lost their lives while striving to make our neighborhoods safer and more secure.

At the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the names of many Georgians are inscribed among the more than 20,000 men and women who have died while serving their communities. Sadly, 363 more names will be added to the memorial this year.

These have been particularly hard times for Georgia’s law enforcement community. We have lost several officers in the last 18 months and I include in the RECORD their names:

Spalding County Sheriff’s Office Deputy and U.S. Army veteran, Joe Crumpton;

Officer David Rose of the Dekalb County Police Department;

Columbia County Sheriffs Office Deputy and Army veteran, Brandon Sikes;

South Fulton Police Department Lieutenant and former United States Marine, Helio Garcia III;

Officer Jeremy Labonte [Lah-BON-tee] of the Roswell Police Department;

Hahira Police Officer Caleb Abney; and Gwinnett County Police Officer Pradeep Tamang.

We remember them and their families and offer our sincerest condolences.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we all take this week to pause and truly contemplate the sacrifices made by these courageous men and women, who go to work every day, regardless of the risk. God bless them and their families.

RECOGNIZING THE BRASH RODEO AND ITS CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION TO PRESERVING MONTANA’S HERITAGE

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brash Rodeo and its continued

contribution to preserving Montana’s western heritage and way of life.

For more than 150 years, rodeo has been an important part of Montana’s culture, celebrating the tradition and values that defined the American West and made the official state sport of Montana in 2025. Today, the Brash Rodeo carries on that legacy by providing an opportunity for cowboys and cowgirls from across the region to showcase their talents while sharing the excitement of rodeo with families and visitors from around the world. Starting each day of events off with prayer and the pledge of allegiance, events from bull riding and saddle bronc riding to barrel racing, team roping, and breakaway roping showcase the tasks that Montana family ranchers do every day, the way the generations before them did. Brash Rodeo brings together cowboys from every corner of the world, from Conrad and Kalispell to vaqueros from Brazil and Argentina. This diverse group of people coming together highlights the determination and grit that have long defined this western way of life.

Located in the Flathead Valley at the Majestic Valley Arena beside the historic Blue Moon Nite Club, the Brash Rodeo is deeply rooted in the community. For generations, the Blue Moon has brought people together through hospitality and entertainment, while the Brash Rodeo carries forward Montana’s western traditions in the arena just outside its doors. Together, they have become gathering places where families, friends, and visitors create lasting memories and experience the spirit of Montana.

The competitors who enter the arena represent a proud legacy of hard work, discipline, and perseverance, while the rodeo itself serves as a reminder of the skills that once defined daily life across the frontier. The Brash Rodeo helps preserve these traditions and share them with future generations. Within multiple events, teams of father-daughter duos compete, showcasing not only their skills on horseback but a deeply rooted family bond and tradition. These events and the Brash Rodeo help ensure that Montana’s history remains alive and relevant in the modern era.

Mr. Speaker, the Brash Rodeo represents more than competition. It represents family, tradition, and the enduring spirit of the American West. Through its commitment to preserving Montana’s heritage and bringing people together, the Brash Rodeo continues to strengthen the communities it serves and inspires appreciation for the values that helped build our great state.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM “BILL” POSEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America is grateful for the life and extraor-

dinary career of The Honorable William Joseph “Bill” Posey. The Congressman selflessly served the people of Florida and our Nation for 16 years in the United States House of Representatives. His warm smile will always be cherished.

I appreciate his dedication and commitment to America. I include in the RECORD the following obituary provided by the Funeral Solutions SM:

Former United States Congressman William Joseph “Bill” Posey passed away on May 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Bill dedicated his life to serving the people of Florida and our nation with integrity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to public service. His passing marks the end of a remarkable career that spanned decades of leadership at the local, state, and federal levels. He approached public office not as a path to personal recognition but as a solemn responsibility to serve others honorably, faithfully, and effectively.

His legacy will endure through the countless lives he touched, the communities he strengthened, and the values he championed throughout his years of service. Those who knew Bill personally understood that beyond the titles and accomplishments was a kind, grounded, and deeply loyal man who loved his family above all else.

Congressman Posey represented Florida in the United States House of Representatives from 2009 to 2025, following distinguished service in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. Throughout his career, he earned a reputation as a principled conservative, a steadfast advocate for fiscal responsibility and government transparency, and a tireless supporter of America’s space program and the communities he proudly represented along Florida’s Space Coast.

Bill will be remembered with gratitude, admiration, and profound respect. His dedication to public service, his love for Florida, and his steadfast belief in the promise of America will never be forgotten.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Beatrice Posey, brother, Bob, and nephew, Robbie. He is survived by his wife, Katie, brother, Wayne (Liza), daughters, Pam Perse (Mike), Cathi Householder (Jeff), God-daughter Melissa Dietel (Warren), grandchildren, Billy Carson (Sarah Grace), Clarke Henry (Curtis), Katie Leyte-Vidal (Daniel), Hunter Perse, Tanner Dietel, and five great-grandchildren.

HONORING ASIA SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Asia Scott, a senior at Charleston High School in Tallahatchie County, for being named a finalist for the prestigious Mentor Memphis Grizzlies 2026 Mentee of the Year. This distinguished honor celebrates outstanding young leaders participating in mentoring programs across Mississippi and Tennessee.

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The Mentee of the Year recognition highlights students who exemplify excellence through academic achievement, active engagement in mentoring organizations, meaningful community service, and participation in mentorship-related initiatives. Asia Scott's dedication, leadership, and positive influence within her community distinguish her as an exceptional nominee worthy of this recognition.

A proud member of Exquisite Pearls of Excellence, Asia continues to embody the organization's mission of empowerment, service, and excellence. Through her involvement, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to personal growth while uplifting and inspiring those around her.

Asia attributes much of her success to the guidance and support of her mentor, Keshunda Thomas, a Charleston High School educator. Their mentorship reflects the profound impact of encouragement, leadership, and meaningful community connection in shaping the next generation of leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Asia Scott for her outstanding achievements and in celebrating her bright future. Her accomplishments serve as an inspiration to her peers and as a testament to communities across our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT JUSTIN R. BAYSORE

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) Justin R. Baysore upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. SMSgt Baysore entered the Air Force in 2004, completing Basic Training and Security Forces Technical Training at Lackland AFB, after which he became the Response Force Leader with the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 2006, he served as the Entry Controller with the 51st Security Forces Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea. He briefly returned stateside, serving as the Installation Patrolman with the 88th Security Forces Squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, before deploying to the United Arab Emirates as the Security Response Team Leader with the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

At the end of his active component enlistment in November 2008. SMSgt Baysore served with the 193d Special Operations Security Force Squadron in Middletown, Pennsylvania, where he served as the Fire Team Leader, and deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, in 2009 and 2010 as a force protection specialist in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he ensured the security of a Special Operation Forces compound. During the deployment in 2009, he was selected to forward deploy to Fire Base Thomas at Shindand Air Base, Afghanistan, where he provided personnel security at an austere location.

In 2013, SMSgt Baysore transferred to Air Transportation with the 193d Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron as an Air Transportation Specialist. While assigned to the Cargo, Ramp, and Passenger Services

sections, he handled cargo and passenger processing, aircraft on and off-loading operations, fleet service functions, and special handling of hazardous materials. In 2019, he deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, where he was crucial to the redeployment of over 75 personnel and 175 short tons of equipment back to the United States. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Air Freight Section of the 193d Air Transportation Function.

SMSgt Baysore has earned a multitude of awards, decorations, and recognitions, including—but not limited to: Meritorious Service Medal; Air and Space Commendation Medal; Joint Service Achievement Medal; and Air and Space Achievement Medal (w/1 OLC).

Just prior to his retirement, SMSgt Baysore served as the Air Transportation Function Operations Supervisor with the 193d Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron in Middletown, Pennsylvania, during which he led a 46-member flight overseeing critical cargo, passenger, and special handling functions for global air mobility operations across the Department of War.

In his civilian life, SMSgt Baysore enjoys camping at his river lot, fishing, and hunting. While he will continue to work as an FMS Program Manager with the U.S. Navy, he is retiring to spend more weekends with his wife and two sons.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Justin Baysore upon his retirement after more than 21 years of uniformed service to our Commonwealth and Nation in uniform. His tireless, selfless, dedicated, and honorable service to his fellow Airmen and the United States of America, set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
ACCOUNTING DAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of accountants in my district and across the Nation in recognition of National Accounting Day. This day, recognized by organizations throughout the country, honors the hundreds of thousands of accounting professionals whose work strengthens the foundation of our economy.

CPAs promote accuracy, transparency, and integrity in financial reporting. From the local CPA advising families and small businesses to those serving large and multinational organizations, CPAs play an important role in every community—supporting American entrepreneurship and job creation, compliance and understanding an increasingly complex financial landscape.

The accounting profession is defined by rigorous education, examination, and licensing requirements, adherence to high professional standards, and a strong commitment to ethics and competence. These safeguards help protect investors and taxpayers and uphold confidence in financial markets.

As technology and financial systems continue to evolve, CPAs apply advanced skills in

mathematics, data analysis, and technology to measure performance, manage risk, and build trust. Their work reflects the growing connection between accounting and STEM disciplines—combining technical expertise with professional judgement to support innovation and economic growth.

I applaud the dedication and service of CPAs in my district of Pennsylvania and throughout the country, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 19th as National Accounting Day.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ROBERT C. "BOB" BURNHAM,
SR.

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Robert C. "Bob" Burnham, Sr., who will be posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, and to pay tribute to a life marked by service, sacrifice, and devotion to both his country and his family.

Bob joined the United States Army in 1943 as the world faced unparalleled conflict during World War II. He completed basic training at Fort Custer, where he prepared for the demands of wartime service with discipline and resolve. He went on to serve as a member of Battery D of the 548th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, rising to the rank of Corporal through dedication and leadership.

In 1945, while serving in Germany, Bob was wounded in action. His courage and sacrifice during this pivotal moment in our Nation's history stand as lasting reminders of the price paid by those who fought to secure freedom and peace around the world.

In 1946, Bob returned home and built a life grounded in humility, hard work, and steadfast love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose quiet strength shaped the lives of all who knew him. Bob also served his community for many years as a courier for Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Robert Burnham, Sr. reflects the very best values of our Nation: courage in service, dedication in work, and love in family. As we honor him with the Purple Heart, may this recognition stand not only as acknowledgment of his sacrifice on the battlefield but also of the dedication and resolve that he lived each day of his life. May his family find comfort in knowing his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 148, I mistakenly voted Aye when I intended to vote No.