

capacity during wartime. During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, CRAF pilots moved 400,000 troops and 335,000 tons of cargo over 165 days, what has been called the greatest airlift in history. Erwin flew 35 sorties in support of those operations, the same number, by extraordinary coincidence, as his twin brother Edwin.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I want to share our gratitude for Erwin's service to this country, in uniform as a Marine and in the cockpit as a civilian pilot who kept flying into harm's way long after his discharge.

REPORT ON WORKPLACE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TRAINING

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, per House Resolution 480 and Committee on House Administration Resolution 119-13, the Chief Administrative Officer has informed the Committee that all current Members of the House have completed the required training for 2025.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND GEORGE PHILLIP SHOULTZ, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heart that is heavy beyond measure, and yet overflowing with gratitude to a gracious God, to honor the life, the ministry, and the enduring legacy of a man I have been blessed to call my friend, my brother, my teacher, and my faithful companion for more than fifty years—the Reverend George Phillip Shultz, Jr., of Columbus, Georgia. A home-going service to celebrate his remarkable life will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, when I think of George Shultz, I do not think of his many accomplishments, though they were many. I think first of a friend. I think of a brother. I think of the man who, more than half a century ago, sat in the same Sunday School class with me at the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, and who one day, by God's providence, would rise from the pew beside me to stand at the front of the classroom as my Sunday School teacher. That is who George Shultz was to me. He was the friend who became the teacher. The brother who became the shepherd. The companion who walked with me on every road I have ever traveled in public life.

Mr. Speaker, George was born on November 14, 1951, in Savannah, Georgia, the fourth of six children born to George Phillip Shultz, Sr., and Cora Bell Shultz. From his earliest days, he understood the meaning of hard work and family responsibility. Even as a young man at Tompkins High School, he worked to help support his family—a quiet sacrifice that

would come to define his character. After graduation in 1969, he managed a Burger King and worked at Joe's Picnic, and he went on to study Accounting at Savannah State College, where, in a Sociology class in 1970, he met the love of his life. Miss Betty L. Martin. On July 29, 1972, George and Betty were joined in holy matrimony—a union that would last a lifetime and bless this world with three children. George, III, Brandi, and Geoffrey, and four beautiful grandchildren who were the very light of his eyes.

Mr. Speaker, George Shultz was a businessman of rare vision. He climbed the ranks at Heykow, Inc., from a local store in Savannah to becoming a regional buyer and district manager. In 1975, he arrived in Columbus, Georgia, to serve as Managing Partner of the iconic Sol & Harry's menswear store. And on January 1, 1983, through grit, faith, and sheer determination, he and his family purchased that beloved institution outright. For more than four decades, G. Shultz & Company has clothed the men of Columbus with dignity and distinction. He was named Outstanding Business of the Year by the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1983, and Regional Retail Minority Entrepreneur in 1985. But ask anyone who walked into his store, and they will tell you—George did not just sell suits. He extended credit when a young man could not afford one for a job interview. He prayed with customers who were grieving. He turned his clothing store into a ministry of dignity.

Mr. Speaker, our friendship was forged in the house of the Lord. For more than twenty years, George and I worshiped together at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. We sat in the same pews. We sang from the same hymnal. We sang and travelled with the choir. We bowed our heads in the same prayers. We sat in the same Sunday School class, week after week, year after year, opening the Word of God together. And there came a day when the Lord raised up our beloved George to teach that very class—and I, who had sat beside him as a fellow student, now sat as his student. He taught the Scriptures the way he lived them: with reverence, with humility, with conviction, and with a love so deep you could feel it in every word he spoke. I am a better man because George Shultz shared with me the Word of God. I am a better servant of people because of what I learned saw in George.

Mr. Speaker, our bond was woven through every chapter of our lives. He trusted me as his attorney, as I had the honor of representing him and his family in matters of business and matters of life. He trusted me with his counsel; I trusted him with my soul. There are not many men in this world whom you could trust unconditionally. George Shultz was such a man. We watched each other's hair turn gray, and we thanked God for every gray strand of it.

Mr. Speaker, when I first stepped into the arena of public service in 1976, seeking election to the Georgia State House of Representatives, George Shultz was there. He was a young businessman then. I was a young lawyer. And he stood beside me—not because he had anything to gain, but because he believed. He believed in the calling. He believed in the work. He believed that representation mattered. And from that very first campaign, in 1976, all the way through every election I have ever waged—every State House race,

every State Senate campaign, every single congressional election from my first run in 1992 to this very day—George Shultz was there. Not for a season. Not for a cycle. For a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, during my very first campaign for the United States Congress in 1992, George Shultz served as my Transportation Coordinator—the man who organized and directed our fleet of volunteer drivers to take me from town to town as I campaigned to become the congressman from the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia. And he dispatched them by phone from his counter at Sal and Harry.

And how we would talk politics, Mr. Speaker. How we would talk. On the phone late into the evening, over coffee in Columbus, on the church steps after Sunday service, at the back counter of Sol & Harry's with a customer waiting—George had a mind that was sharp as a blade and a heart that was tender as a child's. He understood the long arc of the moral universe, and he believed, as Dr. King believed, that it bends toward justice. But he also knew that it does not bend on its own. He believed it must be pulled, prayed over, and pushed by faithful hands. His hands were among the most faithful I have ever known. He served as Captain of the Dimon Precinct for Mayor Bill Feighner. He worked tirelessly for Councilman Nathan Suber. He stood with Reverend Jesse Jackson, and on the night this Nation elected Barack Obama as President of the United States. George Shultz and I wept together as men who had lived to see what our fathers and mothers had only dared to dream. In 1991, he joined the bus ride through Forsyth County—an act of moral courage that I shall never forget so long as I draw breath.

Mr. Speaker, above every title George Shultz ever earned in business or in civic life, he wore one with greater pride than all the rest: servant of the Most High God. Ordained to the ministry in the late 1990s, Reverend Shultz served Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in nearly every capacity a man can serve—as Deacon, as Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, as Chairman of Transportation, as Chairman of Mission, as overseer of the church's radio ministry that carried the Word of God across the airwaves of Georgia on JOY FM and FOXIE 105. He served in the Inspirational Choir, the Evangelism Ministry, the Benevolence Ministry, and the Stewardship Ministry. He also served as Associate Pastor of Spirit, Truth, and Liberty Ministries International. There was no task too small, no hour too late, no soul too lost for Reverend Shultz to serve.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once preached words that could have been written about my friend George Shultz:

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., February 4, 1968

Mr. Speaker, that was George Shultz. A heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. He never sought greatness, and yet greatness found him—because he gave himself away in service to others, day after day, year after year, for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, there is a particular ache that comes when you lose a friend you have

known across the long arc of a lifetime. It is the ache of fifty years of memories. It is the ache of remembering a young man sitting beside you in a Sunday School class and knowing that the seat will be empty now. It is the ache of picking up the phone to call him with news, only to remember that he has gone home. It is the ache of every campaign yet to come, every election night yet to be, every Sunday service—and knowing that George Shultz will not be there. But, Mr. Speaker, I take comfort in this: he will be there in spirit. He will be there in every Scripture I remember from Sunday School. He will be there in every pew at Fourth Street where his prayers still linger like incense. He will be there in the laughter of his grandchildren. He will be there.

His beloved wife of more than fifty years, Betty—walked every step of this journey by his side, from a Sociology class at Savannah State College in 1970 to the threshold of eternity—my heart is broken with hers. To his children, George, III, Brandi, and Geoffrey; to his precious grandchildren, George, IV, Emira, Lydia Grace, and Amira; to his surviving siblings; and to his Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church family who loved him so well—I offer my deepest condolences and the prayers of a grateful Nation. Their loss is immeasurable. But take comfort, dear ones, in the promise we read in 2nd Timothy: he has fought the good fight, he has finished the course, he has kept the faith. And henceforth, there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend George Phillip Shultz, Jr. I have lost more than a friend. I have lost a Sunday School teacher who opened the Scriptures to me. I lost a client who trusted me with his affairs. I lost a campaign warrior who carried me from the State House to the U.S. House across fifty years and countless elections. I lost a brother who walked with me through every season of my life. Columbus lost a pillar. Georgia lost a giant. The Kingdom of God gained a saint. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary life of Reverend George Phillip Shultz, Jr.—a husband, a father, a grandfather, a businessman, a deacon, a minister, a teacher, a freedom fighter, and, to me, simply, my beloved friend.

Well done, my, brother. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. May he rest now, in the arms of the Savior he served so faithfully. Until that great gettin' up morning—until we meet again on that beautiful shore—rest, dear friend. Rest.

HONORING MR. THOMAS
TUTWILER FOR OVER 30 YEARS
IN MUSIC EDUCATION

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Thomas Tutwiler, a profound music educator with over 30 years of serving students.

Mr. Tutwiler built a remarkable career rooted in dedication, excellence, and deep passion for music education. He earned a master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and a bachelor's degree in music education and psychology from James Madison University, an academic foundation that prepared him to inspire generations of students.

Over the course of over 30 years, Mr. Tutwiler served at several schools and is now completing his 23rd and final year as Choral Director at C.D. Hylton High School. Throughout his journey, he has made a huge impact on students, parents, teachers, and the broader community, shaping the lives of countless young people through music, mentorship, and leadership.

His career includes a huge list of accomplishments. For more than 25 years, he performed with the Men/Girls/Boys Choirs of the Washington National Cathedral, an elite and highly competitive honor requiring exceptional sight-reading ability, vocal proficiency, and musicianship. In addition, he has served as a guest conductor on the regional, district, and county level honor choirs.

In 2015, Mr. Tutwiler was also named High School Teacher of the Year by Dale City in Prince William County, Virginia, and was recognized by James Madison University as Alumni Music Educator of the Year. I want to personally thank Mr. Tutwiler for the outstanding impact he has had on students, parents, colleagues, and the many generations he has guided throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Thomas Tutwiler for his outstanding service and the tremendous difference he has made in our communities. I wish him all the best in his well earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call No. 167. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable circumstances, I was absent on April 27, 2026, and therefore missed two votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 138, and YEA on Roll Call No. 139.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT JASON W. KERSTETTER

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 Jason W. Kerstetter

upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement from uniformed service after 32 years of selfless service.

Originally from Richfield, Pennsylvania, SMSgt Kerstetter first enlisted into the United States Army in January 1993. Shortly after his high school graduation, he attended Basic and One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, graduating as an M1A1 Abrams Armor Crewman. Over the course of his 16-year Army career, he was tasked with various assignments, serving on active federal service with the Pennsylvania National Guard in California, Kentucky, and South Korea.

In 2009, SMSgt Kerstetter transferred to the 193d Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron, Pennsylvania Air National Guard—becoming one of the first senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the newly created Aerial Port. He deployed in support of myriad missions, including Operations Enduring Freedom and Spartan Shield. Most recently, he completed a tour with the 609th CENTCOM Combined Air Operation Center, serving as the Subject Matter Expert with the A3/4 Air Mobility Division.

SMSgt Kerstetter currently serves as the Superintendent of the 193d Air Transportation Function, part of 193d Special Operation Logistics Readiness Squadron out of the Harrisburg International Airport, Middletown, Pennsylvania, which supports the Department of War's capability of moving passengers and air cargo worldwide. As superintendent, SMSgt Kerstetter plans, organizes, directs, coordinates, and controls air transportation activities. Additionally, he determines and justifies personnel, equipment, and facilities required to accomplish air transportation functions.

Outside of the military, SMSgt Kerstetter has been married to his wife, Krista, since 2022, and has served our youth for the past 20 years as a fifth grade teacher in the Lower Dauphin School District. He also is a licensed soccer official (since 2013) for both the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize, commend, and congratulate Senior Master Sergeant Jason W. Kerstetter upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 32 years of selfless service in the United States Military, and on a job extremely well done. His dedication, professionalism, and tireless devotion are a great credit to himself, our communities, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America, and set the standard by which all should be judged.

HONORING JA'SHUN ADAMS

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 honor and recognize the outstanding achievements of an exceptional student, Ja'Shun Adams.

Ja'Shun Adams is a senior at Madison Shannon Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi, where he has distinguished himself as a dedicated student and leader among his peers. Throughout his high school career, Ja'Shun has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and service.