During his time at Madison Shannon Palmer High School, Ja'Shun has been actively involved in several organizations that support leadership and student success. He is a proud member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, FCCLA, and Teen Health Mississippi, where he has consistently worked to better his school and community.

Ja'Shun's academic achievements have earned him national recognition. He is the recipient of the prestigious National Merit Stamps Scholarship, an honor awarded to only 0.2 percent of students across the nation, making him the first recipient from the Mississippi Delta. This remarkable accomplishment highlights his dedication to academic excellence and his determination to succeed.

After graduating, Ja'Shun plans to attend the University of Mississippi, where he will major in Biological Sciences with plans to pursue Nursing. His long-term goal is to become a Nurse Anesthesiologist, a career that will allow him to serve others through healthcare and make a meaningful impact in his community.

Ja'Shun is the son of Latrasha Adams, whose support and encouragement have played a significant role in his academic journey. He also credits much of his success to the guidance of those who have supported him throughout his education. His favorite teacher, Ms. Hannah Watts, and his mentor, Mr. Ricardo Sacks, have played important roles in helping shape his academic path and inspiring him to pursue his dreams.

Mr. Speaker, Ja'Shun Adams represents the very best of Mississippi's young leaders. His commitment to education, leadership, and service serves as an inspiration to his classmates and community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ja'Shun Adams for his outstanding accomplishments and wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AS IT HONORS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following proclamation on behalf of the National Garden Club, and their President Donna Donnelly of South Carolina, in honor of Memorial Day. I especially appreciate the significance of Garden Club as my mother, Wray Wilson, was an active member of the Garden Club of Charleston and was Garden Editor of The News and Courier.

Whereas, on July 4, 1776, the United States of America was founded upon the enduring principles of liberty, self-governance, and the inherent dignity of all people; and

Whereas, for 250 years, the American nation has stood as a beacon of hope, inspiring free peoples around the world to pursue democracy, justice, and peace; and

Whereas the alliance between the United States of America and the French Republic is among the oldest and most cherished in modern history, forged in the cause of independence and strengthened in the shared defense of freedom; and

Whereas, during the Second World War, the soil of Normandy became hallowed ground through the courageous sacrifice of American servicemen who crossed an ocean to liberate Europe from tyranny; and

Whereas, on June 6, 1944, the Allied forces, including brave Americans, embarked upon the largest amphibious invasion in history, forever altering the course of the war and ensuring the restoration of liberty to the continent; and

Whereas the Normandy American Cemetery stands as a solemn testament to the valor, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of those who gave their lives in service to a cause greater than themselves; and

Whereas, Memorial Day in the United States is a sacred occasion to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms, both at home and abroad; and

Whereas the year 2026 marks the Semiquincentennial of the United States, a moment to reflect upon our shared history, reaffirm our principles, and honor the enduring bonds of friendship with our allies;

Now, therefore, I, Joe Wilson, Member of Congress of the United States and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, do hereby offer this proclamation in solemn tribute:

That on this hallowed ground at Omaha Beach, we honor not only the fallen heroes of June 6, 1944, but all those who have borne the burden of defending liberty across generations;

That we express, with profound gratitude, the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and the people of France, whose shared sacrifices have secured peace and freedom for countless millions;

That as we commemorate 250 years of American independence, we recommit ourselves to the ideals for which these brave souls fought and died—freedom, justice, and the unyielding pursuit of peace;

And that we pledge to carry forward this sacred legacy, ensuring that the bonds of alliance between our nations remain strong, and that the sacrifices of the past shall never be forgotten.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this Memorial Day, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC LEGACY OF THE BLUE MOON NITE CLUB

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 historic legacy and lasting impact of the Blue Moon Nite Club, a Montana staple that for generations has served as a gathering place, dance hall. and symbol of community in the Flathead Valley.

Established in 1948 near Columbia Falls, Montana, the Blue Moon quickly became more than just a local dance hall. Built during a time when Northwest Montana was rapidly growing through the timber industry, railroad expansion. and hardworking families building communities across the Flathead Valley. During this time of change, the Blue Moon became a place for bringing these new neighbors together to share stories and enjoy live music. For decades, Montanans from all walks of life walked through their doors.

The Blue Moon earned a reputation throughout Montana for its live music, welcoming atmosphere, and deep connection to the local community that still lives on to this day. Generations of musicians, travelers, workers, and families spent evenings dancing beneath its lights, making it one of the most recognizable establishments in the region.

Beyond entertainment, the Blue Moon represented the character of small-town Montana. It reflected the values that continue to define communities across our state: hard work, resilience, hospitality, and the importance of bringing people together. Its legacy serves as a reminder that local establishments like the Blue Moon help shape the identity and history of the communities they serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to recognize and remember small town institutions that represent an important part of our Nation's culture. The Blue Moon Nite Club stands as a lasting symbol of Montana's heritage and community spirit. Its impact on the Flathead Valley will not be forgotten.

CRIMINAL HISTORY ACCESS ACT OF 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 8352, the Criminal History Access Act of 2026. This legislation would improve the vetting of state and local law enforcement officers, and I thank Congressman SCHMIDT and Congresswoman ROSS for working together to craft a straightforward. bipartisan bill.

The public counts on our law enforcement agencies to set a high standard for who may become a law enforcement officer. Each state uses a peace officer standards and training agency, or POST agency, to help set the standards and training requirements that a person must meet in order to be eligible to be hired and determine whether candidates actually meet those requirements. Under current law, law enforcement agencies can access the criminal history records of those who apply to be law enforcement officers, but POST agencies cannot. This means that POST agencies must rely on the hiring agency to pass along information about a person's criminal history which might disqualify them from service. This creates an opportunity for mistakes. Those who work on this issue regularly have told us that candidates with disqualifying criminal histories have been hired as law enforcement officers when they should not have.

This bill would provide another check against this problem by allowing POST agencies to access criminal history records, which they can use as they assist in vetting and certifying state and local law enforcement officers.

This bill is supported by several law enforcement focused organizations, including the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, the Major County Sheriffs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies.

I support this targeted bill to improve the vetting of law enforcement officers which will in turn promote trust and improve public safety.