

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 173, on H.R. 8365, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NAY.

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HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 174, and YEA on Roll Call No. 175.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DONNY "DON" KAY PRICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of an extraordinary North Carolinian, my friend Mr. Donny "Don" Kay Price.

The owner of LaFayette Ford in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Don passed away peacefully on September 10, 2025, surrounded by his family.

A great American patriot, Don loved his country. He served four years in the United States Air Force, 482nd Fighter Squadron, and completed a tour in Pakistan before settling in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Don began working at LaFayette Ford as a car salesman and eventually worked his way up to become the sole owner in 1995.

Even more important than his business dealings, Don was an active member of our community. He served Salem Methodist Church, the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club, the Eastover Civic Club, the Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base Special Activities Committee, and was a chairperson for the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council. Don always used to say, "If you are good to your community, your community will be good to you," and he truly embodied that sentiment.

Throughout his life, Don received many awards for his service to the community and country, including Honorary Commander for the U.S. Air Force's 440th Airlift Wing and the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Ford Motor Company's "Salute to the Dealers Award," and designation as an honorary graduate of Methodist University, to name a few.

Don leaves behind a lasting legacy in the Fayetteville community and in the lives of his family. He is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter, Kim; and his son, Tim.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Don Price and the remarkable contributions he made to his community throughout his 82 years of life.

HONORING REVEREND GERMAINE M.W. ANDERSON, TH.M.

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Reverend Germaine M.W. Anderson, Th.M. for his inauguration as the 14th Pastor in Succession of Second Baptist Church of Vallejo.

I also rise to extend my sincere appreciation for his distinguished leadership, service, and commitment to community transformation. The Second Baptist Church of Vallejo has stood for more than 118 years known to be a pillar of this proud community, earning its other name as "The Mother Church" and as "The Jewel of the North Bay."

There is probably no better word to describe Second Baptist Church of Vallejo as "The Mother Church" because like a mother who loves their children, this church has provided for the community, with food, with emergency relief for families and with unity for almost 120 years. Think of everything that has happened in the last 118 years. The Mother Church was there. The Jewel of the North Bay was there. This place of worship was there. We cannot talk about the history of this church without mentioning this incredible fact: That this is the first and oldest Black church in Vallejo. This church saw Jim Crow, which manifested itself here in Vallejo when families fled the violence of the South.

This church saw the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act; all of which is even more relevant now, as everything that the Civil Rights movement built is now being torn down but that means that faith is even more important now than it has ever been.

This church needs a capable leader to navigate these hard times and with no doubt, that is why Reverend Germaine M.W. Anderson, Th.M., is the right person to serve as the 14th Pastor in Succession of Second Baptist Church of Vallejo. Reverend Anderson has faithfully served the Oakland community and the greater Bay Area through years of impactful ministry, community outreach, mentorship, and civic engagement, earning recognition and acknowledgments from distinguished civic leaders, including former Mayor Libby Schaaf, for his commitment to strengthening communities and serving the people of the Bay Area.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such a historic place of worship will be in the most dedicated and capable hands of Reverend Anderson. Once again, I congratulate Reverend Anderson whose distinguished leadership, service, and commitment to the community will no doubt continue the stellar reputation of this church for generations to come.

HONORING THE GRANT HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION TEAM

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the outstanding

students of the Constitution Team at Grant High School in Portland, Oregon, for their remarkable achievement in earning third place at the national civics competition—We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution.

This accomplishment demonstrates both scholarly achievement and a serious commitment to civic engagement and public service. At a time when our democracy depends upon informed and engaged citizens, these students have demonstrated the very best of what civic education can inspire.

Competing against some of the top students from across the Nation, the Grant High School team showcased extraordinary dedication, critical thinking, and teamwork. Their success is a testament to countless hours spent studying constitutional principles, preparing testimony, and engaging thoughtfully with the institutions and ideals that shape our country.

I also want to recognize and thank their teacher and coach, Angela DiPasquale, whose leadership, mentorship, and commitment to civic education helped guide these students to national recognition. Educators like Ms. DiPasquale play a vital role in strengthening our democracy by empowering young people to understand their rights, responsibilities, and ability to create meaningful change in their communities.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the students representing Grant High School:

Wren Abbruzzese, Eli Anderson, June Baeck, Elianna Beckham, Silas Blum, Ella Burgess, Sophie Durocher, Maggie Evans, Nico Garcia, Gwyn Gerber, Caspian Green, Sabina Halperin, Morgan Holloway, Rain Hoogen, Nora Isles, Marie Lambert, Margot Kalmanson, Emma Doyle, Henry Wines, Cora Landford-Crick, Ariel Manning, Augustus Martin, Keller Mazzetta, Kate McFarland, Evan Mettler, Cate Moore, Diego Moreno, Tess Nestel, Eli Peterson, Bena Rodecap, Ada Siemens, Brandon Solano-Miranda, Orion Souders, Jacob Snider, Hope Stanley, and Issy Winston.

Their hard work, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to democratic values serve as an inspiration to students and communities across our Nation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Grant High School Constitution Team on this extraordinary accomplishment and in wishing them continued success in all their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. TAI-HENG CHENG

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during AANHPI Heritage Month to honor the contributions of Dr. Tai-Heng Cheng, specifically regarding his work with the National Museum of Asian Art. In 2022, a gift from Dr. Cheng and his husband, Cole Harrell, established the museum's first paid graduate internship program.

Since its inception, twenty-two energetic students have been named Cheng-Harrell Graduate Interns and have worked on museum exhibitions, research, and public programs. These young people come from diverse backgrounds, each bringing a unique perspective

not only to the National Museum of Asian Art, but also to other cultural institutions throughout their future careers.

This pipeline of diverse, intelligent, and passionate talent in the museum and curatorial space is essential and will assuredly lead to collections that present a more complete history for all to enjoy and learn from.

Dr. Cheng's contributions have helped ensure that AANHPI history is preserved, curated, and presented with humanity and dignity. During this AANHPI Heritage Month, I congratulate him, the National Museum of Asian Art, and all of the students who have benefited from this program.

RECOGNIZING DEACON EMERITUS
CHARLES AUGUSTUS WOOD OF
SUTTON BRANCH BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Augustus Wood, a man of exceptional character and an outstanding leader from Kershaw County, South Carolina.

Charles has spent his life in South Carolina and has become a central part of both his community and, notably, of Sutton Branch Baptist Church.

Charles grew up farming in South Carolina and attending Sutton Baptist Church in Lugoff. He attended Wood's School and later went on to graduate as third in his class from Jackson High School in 1954. Just a few years later, he married his beautiful wife, Gladys, in 1959. It was after hearing a sermon at Sutton Branch Baptist Church that Charles first felt a calling to give his life to Christ, a calling that he followed at the age of 24 when he was baptized.

Charles immersed himself in his church community, ushering, assisting community members in getting to church on Sundays, teaching Sunday school, serving as Sunday school superintendent, and filling various other roles wherever he was needed. He immersed himself in every part of Church life, including in the men's choir, and in Christian education conventions to broaden his understanding of God's word.

He was one of the first trustees initiated at Sutton Branch Baptist Church, and helped to establish a burial committee at the Church. In 1977, Charles was invited to serve as an armor bearer for pastors and to minister to the congregation as a deacon at Sutton Baptist. He was soon after ordained deacon in January of 1977. What an honor.

Since that time, Charles has worked tirelessly to counsel numerous individuals, to celebrate births and baptisms, to visit the sick, lead church administration, make visits to hospitals, mentor church youth, and so much more. He has constantly been a force for joy and a pillar of wisdom, acting as a confidant to any who might need it, and an aid to pastors as he served as a deacon.

Charles went on to become Vice Chairman of the Deacon Board, and later on Chairman. He has faithfully watched over multiple generations at Sutton Baptist, and throughout his time at Sutton, has been a constant devoted witness to Christ.

In both 1971 and 1972, Charles was recognized with the Man of the Year Award, and was presented with a plaque for outstanding service to Sutton Baptist in 1996. He was again honored with a Certificate of Appreciation in 2023. In 2024, Deacon Charles was recognized as the Oldest Living Active Member of Sutton Baptist.

His accomplishments are outstanding. Deacon Charles will be resigning as Chairman of the Deacon Board and as deacon on May 31, 2026. He has been, and always will be, an invaluable part of the Church and community which he has so faithfully served. His life of mentorship, faithfulness, and true servitude will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING RAMAT SHALOM
BETH ISRAEL ON ITS 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ramat Shalom Beth Israel (RSBI) on its 50th anniversary.

Founded in Plantation, Florida in 1976 in what began as a small Jewish discussion group meeting in members' homes, Ramat Shalom, now known as Ramat Shalom Beth Israel, has evolved into a prominent and respected synagogue that provides a place of inclusivity and a sense of belonging.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Andrew Jacobs, and his wife Rabbi Cheryl Jacobs, RSBI is an LGBTQ Safe Zone and weaves learning seamlessly into worship and holiday celebrations, deepening both understanding and spiritual experience.

The members of RSBI take the responsibility of Tikkun Olam, or healing the world, to heart. Through Ramat Cares, they volunteer to feed the hungry, house the homeless, shelter abused animals, clean our beaches and bring smiles to children who have lost everything. They are a thoughtful and compassionate group who perform various good deeds throughout the community—from hand-knitting healing shawls, baby blankets, and bonnets to baking challahs and cooking chicken soup for those who need some healing.

Rabbi Andrew's leadership extends well beyond the synagogue's walls. He is deeply involved in interfaith and community partnerships throughout South Florida, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, shared values, and civic responsibility. Rabbi Andrew has repeatedly stood alongside me and our interfaith community whenever and wherever we have gathered to speak out against the scourges of racism, bigotry, and antisemitism.

As Ramat Shalom celebrates this Jubilee year, I join in celebrating their commitment to compassion, inclusivity, and lifelong Jewish learning.

On behalf of my constituents, I congratulate the "Rabbis Jacobs" and am proud to call them my dear friends. Mazel Tov to the entire congregation of Ramat Shalom Beth Israel on 50 years of service and community leadership. May the next 50 years continue to be filled with the Jewish values of Tikkun Olam and L'dor V'dor, lighting the way for future generations.

HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE
VETERAN BRUCE E. ABARE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force veteran Bruce E. Abare.

Bruce E. Abare was born on May 16, 1951, in Glens Falls, New York, to his parents, Edward and Anna Abare. He graduated in 1970 from South Glens Falls High School and was raised in the close-knit communities of the greater Glens Falls and Moreau area that he would continue to serve throughout his life.

Bruce entered the United States Air Force on February 24, 1971. He trained as an Airplane Maintenance Specialist and was assigned to the 307th Organizational Maintenance Squadron (SAC), and later the 438th Military Airlift Wing (MAW). His service took him to Vietnam, and he was also stationed at U-Tapao Air Base in Thailand, where he reenlisted for his second tour of duty. Bruce was honorably discharged on March 29, 1978, at the rank of Sergeant.

For his dedicated service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his military service, Bruce was married to his wife, Sandra, for 32 years. Together they raised five children. Bruce was a longtime member of the Fortsville Methodist Church and worked for the Town of Moreau in their Department of Public Works until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going camping.

After serving our country, Bruce returned home to serve his community through his work with the Town of Moreau. His life reflected quiet dedication, service, and commitment to family and others. On behalf of New York, I am honored to recognize Vietnam-era Air Force Veteran Sergeant Bruce E. Abare.

RECOGNIZING BRIS AVROHOM DAY
OF UNITY AND TRUST

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bris Avrohom Day of Unity and Trust, which celebrates the organization's enduring mission of religious freedom, remembrance, and unity. Bris Avrohom, inspired by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, has spent more than forty-seven years helping immigrants integrate into American society while strengthening Jewish religious, humanitarian, and educational life.

A Sefer Torah was written in Jerusalem, Israel, to unite everyone touched by Bris Avrohom with the partners whose support sustains acts of kindness, faith, and perseverance. In solidarity with Bris Avrohom, we remember the Holocaust, when the Nazi regime murdered six million Jews and countless other innocent victims, and we stand together against antisemitism and hatred in all forms.