

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING FREYDA SCHNEIDER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month to recognize an exceptional arts educator, theater producer, and community leader from Rochester, New York: Freyda Schneider.

Freyda Schneider is best known as the founder and longtime director of TYKES (Theatre Young Kids Enjoy), the children's theater program at the Louis S. Wolk Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester. A lifelong member of the Rochester JCC community, she co-founded TYKES in 2004 with a vision of providing high-quality theatrical experiences that foster creativity, literacy, empathy, and self-expression among children and families.

Under her leadership, TYKES grew into one of the region's leading children's theater organizations, offering professional productions, school programs, summer camps, and youth workshops that have enriched the lives of countless young people across the Rochester community. Through her work as a producer, educator, and collaborator on original theatrical works, Freyda has consistently demonstrated the power of the arts to bring people together and strengthen community bonds.

Her contributions have also helped preserve and elevate Jewish storytelling and cultural education. As co-producer of SURVIVORS, a theatrical production sharing the testimonies of Holocaust survivors in the Rochester community, she helped ensure that these important stories continue to educate and inspire future generations.

Freyda Schneider's career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to education, creativity, and Jewish communal life. During Jewish American Heritage Month, it is especially fitting that we honor individuals who have gone above and beyond to strengthen our communities and preserve shared cultural heritage. I am proud to recognize her and extend my deepest gratitude for her continued service.

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FORMER SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT KATIE WALLACH

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my sincere gratitude to my former Senior Legislative Assistant, Katie Wallach of Irving, Texas, for her exceptional service, steadfast dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District. From the

earliest days of my tenure in Congress, Katie has been a cornerstone of my team. Her sharp policy insight, institutional knowledge, and tireless work ethic helped shape my legislative strategy and ensured that my constituents received the strong, principled representation they deserve.

Katie's commitment to public service began long before she joined my office. She pursued her passion for government at the University of Dallas, where she majored in Politics. Throughout college, she strengthened her experience in politics serving in both congressional and state government offices, including with Representative PETE SESSIONS, the Texas General Land Office, and numerous campaigns always demonstrating initiative, professionalism, and a deep respect for the institutions she served.

In May 2021, Katie joined my office as a Staff Assistant. It did not take long for her talent and determination to stand out. Through earned promotions, she advanced from Legislative Correspondent to Legislative Aide, Legislative Assistant, and ultimately Senior Legislative Assistant.

As Senior Legislative Assistant, Katie led my policy efforts on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Her strategic insight and procedural expertise were instrumental in advancing my legislative priorities. Most notably, she played a critical role in helping secure the passage and enactment of my first bill being signed into law—the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act. This achievement stands as a testament to her diligence, persistence, and command of the legislative process. Her ability to navigate both the substance and the strategy of Congress made her an indispensable member of Team Jackson.

Today, Katie continues her distinguished service as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of War for Legislative Affairs. In this role, she will continue supporting our warfighters, strengthening our national defense, and advancing policies that put America First.

Although Katie has moved into a new role, her impact on my office and on the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District will be felt for years to come. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the constituents I proudly serve, I want to thank Katie Wallach for her years of loyal service, her commitment to excellence, and her unwavering patriotic spirit. I wish her nothing but success as she continues serving the American people.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE: CLARENCE MEMORIAL DAY DEDICATION

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of

those who have served our great Nation. Memorial Day is a holiday of reverence: a time for us all to come together as a Nation and remember those brave soldiers who died defending our freedoms.

On May 25, 2026—this Memorial Day—twenty-three names will be added to the Clarence Veteran's Memorial Honor Walls. I am honored to include their names in the RECORD to be remembered forever:

Gary J. Barker, Army; Irving W. Beard, Army; Roland K. Beard, Jr., Army; Allen L. Butler, Army; Ralph D. Coppola, Army; Donald J. Daniels, Marine Corps; William A. Doolittle, Navy; Jeffrey A. Doolittle, Marine Corps; Gustav S. Gembala, Army; Carolyn M. Krehbiel, Marine Corps; Karl T. Krehbiel, Jr., Army; Matthew J. McCraith, Marine Corps; Ronald S. Menti, Army; Peter J. Michalski, Air Force; Bret J. Norris, Army; Christopher J. O'Leary, Navy; Henry J. Pola, Army; Alfred J. Romus, Navy; Greta E. Simon, Air Force; William R. Stewart, Navy; Austin D. Swanson, Army; David P. Whitacre, Air Force; and Bernard C. Wilkinson, Air Force.

The service of these men and women will not be forgotten. It is now our duty to remember their sacrifice, courage, and valor as we go forward and continue to grow and build the greatest Nation the world has ever seen.

SAVING THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the full-scale, murderous attacks on Ukrainian civilians by war criminal Putin have continued since February 2022. Many thousands of civilians have been mercilessly killed, including children.

It is inspiring there is an effort to protect these innocent children "sounding off."

The Sound of Life is a humanitarian awareness campaign launched by Trident Group Ukraine with the support of Ambassador Olha Stefanishyna of the Embassy of Ukraine to the United States.

In Ukraine, parents place whistles around the necks of their children before bedtime—so rescuers can find them if their homes collapse under missile strikes.

What should be a toy has become a lifeline. After the missiles, the greatest danger is silence or an inability to rescue survivors.

Continued American support is essential. Air defense saves lives by stopping missiles and drones before they reach targeted homes, schools, churches, and hospitals.

Courageous Ukrainians will be victorious for sovereignty, defeating war criminal Putin.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops as the Global War on Terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating Peace Through Strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump with murderous attacks on civilians across Ukraine.

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HONORING THE STUDENTS AND
STAFF OF ROOSEVELT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students and staff of Minneapolis' Roosevelt High School.

Earlier this year, Roosevelt became a target of the federal government's Operation Metro Surge, in which federal ICE agents descended upon the metro area and terrorized the people that call Minnesota their home. The students and staff of Roosevelt High School demonstrated remarkable bravery in the face of this violence, coming together as a community to stand their ground. I am exceptionally proud to represent the district that this community calls home.

Despite the freezing temperatures, students and staff showed up en masse to host a walk-out from their school, displaying the incredible courage and warmth that comes from community. Together, Roosevelt High School stood up for their friends, their families, and their community in the face of oppression. They served as an inspiration to onlookers fighting fascism across the Nation, and as a beacon of hope for countless Minnesotans.

The student journalists of The Roosevelt Standard, the high school's newspaper, produced profound work during this time. They covered not only the violence of the occupation and the terror that their community experienced, but also the important day-to-day news in order to show that their lives would continue after the surge. The authors and editors remained conscientious in ensuring that the information they published was accurate, while still including the personal aspects of these stories. These students' work serves as a reminder that the youth are our future, and that the future is in good hands.

The tenacity of the students and staff of Roosevelt High School serves as a testament to the power that comes from community and solidarity. Their resilience, compassion, and devotion will not be forgotten. Please join me in honoring the students and staff of Roosevelt High School for their incredible bravery.

RECOGNIZING SHEIKH MOWAFAQ
TARIF, SPIRITUAL LEADER OF
THE DRUZE COMMUNITY IN
ISRAEL

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif, the paramount spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel and a respected voice for Druze communities throughout the region.

For centuries, the Tarif family has held an important place in the spiritual life of the Druze people. Today, as the recognized leader of Israel's Druze community, President of the Supreme Druze Religious Council, and Chairman of the Druze High Appeal Religious Court, Sheikh Tarif stands not only as a guide for

Druze citizens of Israel, but as a symbol of unity, continuity, and resolve for Druze communities throughout the Levant. His leadership is rooted in faith, honor, service, and an unbroken commitment to the dignity and survival of his people.

Sheikh Tarif also serves as a guardian of Druze religious heritage, including the sacred traditions connected to the Nabi Shu'ayb, the Tomb of Jethro, the most important holy site in the Druze faith. As ancient communities across the Middle East face violence, displacement, and erasure, his leadership has helped preserve the identity and continuity of the Druze people.

During a period of brutal violence facing Druze communities in Syria, Sheikh Tarif brought attention to the suffering of Druze civilians and urged action to prevent further bloodshed and humanitarian catastrophe. He also welcomed a historic delegation of Syrian Druze religious elders visiting Nabi Shu'ayb for the first time in decades, underscoring the bonds of faith, family, and history that connect Druze communities across modern borders. In 2025, Sheikh Tarif received the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor, recognizing his contribution to Israeli society, his defense of the Druze people, and his work as a bridge between communities.

His leadership also reflects the historic partnership between the Druze and Jewish peoples. Druze citizens of Israel have served with distinction in the Israel Defense Forces, contributed to public life, and held positions of national responsibility, including service in the Knesset, senior government roles, and even as Acting President of the State of Israel. Through that service, the Druze people have become an indispensable part of Israel's national mosaic.

Sheikh Tarif's leadership reflects the spirit of the Abraham Accords: looking beyond old divisions and toward a Middle East where ancient communities build a future of partnership, mutual respect, and peace.

Mr. Speaker, Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif stands as a model of principled leadership for the Druze people in Israel, Syria, Lebanon, and beyond—and deserves recognition by this Congress.

HONORING BETH BAUER ON HER
RETIREMENT

HON. ERIN HOUCHIN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Beth Bauer for her more than two decades of dedicated service to the State of Indiana and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Indiana she leaves behind a legacy that has fundamentally strengthened the "Crossroads of America."

Throughout her tenure, Beth has been a tireless advocate for the infrastructure that Hoosiers rely on every day. Her leadership was instrumental in the passage of Indiana's landmark 2017 transportation funding legislation. This historic achievement secured billions of dollars in long-term investment, ensuring that our state's roads, bridges, and water systems remain safe and reliable for generations to come.

Beth's influence extends far beyond Indiana's borders. She has distinguished herself as a fervent supporter of national infrastructure policy, having served from 2021 to 2022 as the President of the National Association of Engineering Council Executives. On the national stage, she has been a vital voice in Washington, DC, mobilizing professionals to educate federal lawmakers on the critical fiscal challenges facing state infrastructure funding and ensuring Indiana is never overlooked.

Under her guidance, ACEC Indiana has become a national gold standard for political engagement. For the 13th consecutive year, her chapter was the first in the Nation to reach its national goals, supporting bipartisan federal candidates who champion the engineering industry's agenda. This unwavering commitment ensures that critical issues—such as federal infrastructure funding, permitting reform, and workforce development—remain at the forefront of our work here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Beth Bauer is the embodiment of a dedicated servant-leader. Her collaborative approach, bipartisan relationship-building, and relentless professionalism have set a standard for advocacy nationwide.

As we fly the United States flag over this Capitol in her honor, we thank Beth for her 21 years of service to ACEC Indiana, her vision, and her unwavering commitment to the public good. We wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MA-
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PORAL EMMA MORIARTY AS
MAY 2026 VETERAN OF THE
MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Emma Moriarty for her honorable service in the United States Marine Corps and her continued dedication following her military career. It is my privilege to name her our May 2026 Veteran of the Month.

Cpl. Moriarty grew up in Ortonville, Michigan, and graduated from Brandon High School. Shortly after graduation, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Parris Island, beginning a career defined by resilience, adaptability, and service to our country. She was assigned to the finance field, where she trained in fiscal and administrative operations supporting fellow service members.

Following her training, Cpl. Moriarty's first duty station was in North Carolina, where she worked in military finance. In this role, she assisted Marines with pay-related matters, processed financial documentation, and helped maintain fiscal records essential to supporting daily military operations.

Cpl. Moriarty was later stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, where she continued serving in fiscal operations and coordinated with finance sections in Okinawa. Her responsibilities included processing and reviewing payments, assisting with military financial systems, and supporting operational readiness within her unit.

Throughout her military service, Cpl. Moriarty remained committed to furthering her