

and dedication to service will continue to be invaluable assets for the Trump Administration.

While Lottie has moved into a new role, her impact in my office and on the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District will continue to be felt in the work we do every day. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the constituents I proudly serve, I want to thank Lottie Featherston for her loyal service, her commitment to excellence, and her patriotic spirit. I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING RABBI ANDREA C.
LONDON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Andrea C. London, of Beth Emet The Free Synagogue in Evanston, Illinois. Rabbi London's retirement after many years of devoted and passionate spiritual leadership for our congregation and the broader Evanston community marks a meaningful moment of transition and celebration. It is also a chance to do something I do not do often enough: to pause and express my deep gratitude for my Rabbi.

For more than twenty-five years, Rabbi London has led Beth Emet with a steady hand and strong vision. Through it all, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to Jewish learning, pastoral care, and justice.

Much of her leadership has centered on building bridges. Across cultures. Across religions. She was always there with an extended hand and a warm smile. Her longstanding efforts have established strong and lasting relationships across lines of faith and race that truly inspire me. Today, Beth Emet has successful and growing Black-Jewish and Jewish-Muslim partnerships.

Rabbi London operates with moral clarity in a world that is often brutal and complex. She has offered a clear, courageous voice on issues of peace in Israel and Palestine. The North Shore NAACP, J Street, and a wide range of interfaith partners have recognized her for that work, and The Forward named her one of the most inspiring rabbis in the country. The City of Evanston has honored her as well, marking her contributions with a formal proclamation.

Rabbi London once organized a trip, taking Black and Jewish Evanston teenagers on a civil rights journey through the American South. This trip was designed to give young people a real opportunity to connect with the journey of African Americans living through the civil rights era and to walk in the shoes of those fighting for justice. Through this trip, Rabbi London helped young people understand themselves as part of a moral tradition that makes real demands. That is her gift: she does not tell people what to think. She puts them somewhere they have to reckon with what they believe.

Mr. Speaker, I have turned to Rabbi London many times over the years. I have sought her out for counsel, for clarity, and for the kind of grounding that only comes from someone who has devoted their life to justice and to people.

She has that rare quality in a leader: she helps you think, rather than thinking for you. I am a better public servant for knowing her.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I want to offer my deep gratitude for Rabbi London's efforts on our behalf over the last quarter century. Her efforts have made Evanston, and our entire country, more just. I know she will continue her great work in our community, making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. I am proud to call her my rabbi, and forever proud to call her my friend.

HONORING ASHLEY ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ashley Robinson and his lasting impact on collegiate education and athletics.

Mr. Robinson currently serves as Vice President and Director of Athletics at Jackson State University. I honor his exceptional vision, unwavering commitment, and dedication to advancing athletic excellence at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. His leadership continues to elevate both athletic performance and the overall student-athlete experience.

A native of Bolton and Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Robinson's journey began at Murrah High School, where he was a standout point guard and a member of a championship basketball team. He continued his academic and athletic career at Mississippi Valley State University, where he was a four-year letterman in basketball, became the program's all-time leader in assists, and earned honors as Athlete of the Year and President's Scholar-Athlete.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Robinson has received numerous accolades, including HBCU Athletic Director of the Year, Black Student-Athlete Summit Athletic Director of the Year, and recognition from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. In addition, Mr. Robinson will be enshrined in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame Class of 2025, further cementing his legacy of excellence in collegiate athletics.

Under his leadership, Jackson State (JSU) has experienced remarkable success, including more than 20 championships and the prestigious C.D. Henry Award for the top men's athletic program in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. His tenure has been defined by strategic growth, facility improvements, and a commitment to building a culture of excellence that has elevated the university's national profile.

Prior to his tenure at JSU, Mr. Robinson served in key leadership roles at Delaware State University, Prairie View A&M University, and Mississippi Valley State University, as well as in the Southwestern Athletic Conference office. These experiences helped shape the visionary leadership he continues to demonstrate today.

During his time at JSU, Mr. Robinson has made impactful leadership decisions, including the hiring of notable figures such as Deion Sanders, Mo Williams, and Coach T.C. Taylor, further strengthening the university's athletic prominence and visibility.

A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Mr. Robinson attributes his success to the people he surrounds himself with, emphasizing teamwork, strong leadership, and a shared commitment to the success of student-athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Ashley Robinson, whose leadership, vision, and dedication have brought honor not only to Jackson State University, but to the State of Mississippi and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING CHRIST JOURNEY
CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christ Journey Church as the congregation celebrates 100 years of faith, fellowship, and service to the South Florida community.

Founded in 1926, Christ Journey Church has spent a century serving families throughout Miami-Dade County growing from 75 members to over 5,000 members through worship, discipleship, leadership development, missions, and community outreach. For generations, the church has stood as a pillar of spiritual guidance and compassion, helping strengthen the values of faith, unity, and service across our community.

Christ Journey Church has distributed more than 650,000 pounds of food since 2009, helping provide an estimated 540,000 meals to families throughout South Florida. The church has also mobilized countless volunteers supporting local schools, nonprofit organizations, and families.

Beyond South Florida, Christ Journey Church has led mission efforts and partnerships throughout Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and communities across the United States, reflecting its longstanding commitment to serving others.

As the congregation marks this historic milestone, we recognize the pastors, leaders, members, and families whose dedication and faith helped shape the church's extraordinary legacy over the past century. Under the visionary leadership of Rev. Dr. William W. White, Christ Journey Church has continued to grow and expand its impact, recently completing a major expansion project that reaffirms its commitment to serving future generations.

May Christ Journey Church continue to inspire hope, strengthen families, and serve our community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. JONG-HOI KIM

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable literary achievements and lifelong dedication to Korean literature and education of Dr. Jong-Hoi Kim. Through decades of scholarship, teaching, and cultural leadership, Professor Kim has

made an enduring impact on the literary and academic communities both in Korea and abroad.

Born in Goseong, Gyeongnam, South Korea, Dr. Kim graduated from the Department of Korean Language and Literature at Kyung Hee University before earning his doctorate in literature from the university's graduate school. He went on to serve as a professor in the Department of Korean Language and Literature at Kyung Hee University, where he mentored generations of students and scholars. Today, he serves as the head of the Hwang Sun-won Literary Village, Sonagi Village, and President of the Korean Literature Association, the Korean Digital Writers Association, and the Korean Dica Poetry Association.

Since his literary criticism debut through *Munhaksasang* in 1988, Dr. Kim has served in editorial leadership roles for numerous literary journals and has led respected literary and academic organizations throughout his distinguished career. His scholarship and literary accomplishments have earned him honors including the Kim Hwan-tae Literary Criticism Award, the Kim Dal-jin Literary Award, the Pyeonun Literary Award, the Yusim Award, and the Korea Christian Arts Award. His published works and contributions to Korean literature have enriched readers and scholars around the world.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Jong-Hoi Kim for his outstanding contributions to literature, education, and cultural preservation. His lifelong commitment to advancing Korean literary scholarship continues to inspire future generations.

RECOGNIZING HERB SKERKER

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 a dedicated community leader and volunteer from Rochester, New York: Herb Skerker.

For decades, Herb Skerker has been a respected and active leader within Rochester's Jewish community through his longstanding involvement with Temple B'rith Kodesh, one of the region's historic Reform congregations. Through his service and leadership, he has helped strengthen Jewish communal life in Rochester across generations, supporting the synagogue's religious, cultural, and philanthropic initiatives.

Herb's commitment to Jewish education, congregational leadership, and preserving the traditions of Rochester's Jewish institutions has earned him the admiration and gratitude of countless members of the community. In addition to his work with Temple B'rith Kodesh, he has supported broader charitable and civic efforts that reflect his deep dedication to service and community engagement.

Widely regarded as a thoughtful and devoted presence within Rochester Jewish life, Herb has consistently contributed his time, leadership, and energy to ensuring the continued vitality of the local Jewish community. His example demonstrates the profound impact that dedicated volunteerism and faithful serv-

ice can have on generations of families and congregants.

Herb Skerker's service reflects a deep and enduring commitment to faith, leadership, 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 him and extend my deepest gratitude for his continued service.

HONORING KAY RUHSTALLER'S EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the extraordinary career of Kay Ruhstaller, Chief Executive Officer of the Family Resource Center in San Joaquin County. After more than three decades of transformational leadership, fearless advocacy, and unwavering commitment to children and families, Kay leaves behind a legacy that has strengthened countless lives across the Central Valley.

As Chief Executive Officer of the Family Resource Center, Kay has led one of San Joaquin County's largest nonprofit organizations, stewarding a budget of more than \$100 million and serving over 8,000 children each year. Under her guidance, the Family Resource Center became a statewide model for innovative, equity-driven, and collaborative approaches to strengthening families and supporting children.

Kay's leadership has always been rooted in the belief that children and families are the foundation of a healthy community and that diversity is San Joaquin County's greatest strength. She advocated against cuts to SNAP and Medicare, expanded access to early learning opportunities, championed youth voice through the Teen IMPACT Center, and co-founded the San Joaquin Children's Alliance, helping secure more than \$5 million in mental health funding for families following the pandemic.

A leader who consistently turned insight into action, Kay helped establish 211 San Joaquin, which now supports more than 500,000 residents annually, strengthened trauma-informed services at the Family Justice Center, and oversaw the delivery of more than 4 million healthy meals to children. Her leadership also extended statewide through service on the First 5 San Joaquin Commission and the California Early Childhood Policy Council. In 2023, as the 13th female President of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, she elevated childcare as a workforce priority and strengthened partnerships across the region.

At the heart of Kay's leadership is her dedication to lifting others, especially women. She is widely recognized as a generous mentor whose authenticity and steady guidance have helped emerging leaders find their voice and step into leadership roles. In recognition of her extraordinary service and impact, Kay received the 2025 ATHENA Award from the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kay Ruhstaller for her remarkable career and

steadfast dedication to the people of San Joaquin County, and in wishing her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LAS CRUCES KIWANIS CLUB ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on their 100th anniversary. For 100 years, this group has dedicated its time and effort to the betterment of the local community and its youth.

Originally chartered in 1926 as the 19th club in the Southwest District, the Las Cruces Club has maintained an active status through a rapidly advancing and changing society. Their work reflects the Kiwanis Club's defining statement, "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time."

Supporting children and youth is an integral part of Kiwanis, and in 1957, the Las Cruces Kiwanis Club established the first Key Club at Las Cruces High School. Over time, they expanded Key Clubs to Centennial, Mayfield, and Organ Mountain High Schools. They maintain active partnerships with each school, hosting quarterly meetings with advisors to discuss new service opportunities and recognize the clubs for their work. They have also sponsored service leadership clubs in other schools in the community, including K-Kids for elementary school students at the Explore Academy and the Builder's Club for middle school students at Camino Real, Lynn, and Zia Middle Schools.

The Club also has a Signature Project, the Kiwanis Housing Insecure Students Support, or "KHISS," through which they work with the McKinney-Vento Project Link operating in the Las Cruces Public Schools. To support this project, they have held several fundraisers in recent years, such as Restaurant Day, a Halloween Fish Fry, a Chile Ristra Paint Party, and selling "rat on a stick" at the Renaissance Arts Faire.

In addition to their Signature Project, the Club has a long history of service to the community. They help purchase school supplies for kids in the Las Cruces School District, provide free books to children through interactive games, and host several other events to get youth involved in the community. Additionally, in the 1940s the Club began providing free milk to underprivileged children in Tortugas and other local communities.

The Club is constantly looking for ways to support their community and is always ready to lend a helping hand. In 2018, the Club provided \$1000 to Jardin de los Niños, and in 2021, they donated to the Mesilla Valley CASA to help make up for a loss suffered from a break-in. In one of their biggest projects to date, the Club assisted the youth center in 2020 by constructing fencing around the recreation area.

Supporting their community to this extent is no small feat and requires a lot of organization, dedication, and local involvement, which is displayed in the success of their fundraisers. From 1958 to 1990, they hosted a