

Pancake Day fundraiser that allowed the Club to fund and continue their community service. The tradition continues today through pancake breakfast fundraisers for school youth groups and other local charities. Additionally, from 1999 to 2019, they held the Kars for Kids Car Show annual fundraiser, which was enjoyed by both participants and the community.

On behalf of the people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I would like to thank the Las Cruces Kiwanis Club for their service to the Las Cruces community and its youth and congratulate them on their centennial anniversary. We are grateful for the Club's astounding contributions to New Mexicans, and we wish them continued success for years to come.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN PARMELEE
AS MARCH 2026 CONSTITUENT OF
THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Susan Parmelee as my March 2026 Constituent of the Month.

Susan is truly an advocate for change. At a time when so many of our youth are struggling with anxiety and depression, she created a place where they don't have to struggle alone.

The Wellness & Prevention Center provides a safe and welcoming space for young people and their families to turn to when they need support most. The Center offers peer support, clinical training, policy advocacy, community education, and so much more. It is truly remarkable work.

I know Susan does not do this work for recognition, but it is truly an honor to select her for this distinction, and our district is better off because of her work.

RECOGNIZING PRIME MINISTER OF
ISRAEL BENJAMIN
NETANYAHU'S DEFENSE OF THE
DRUZE COMMUNITY

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 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who, in July 2025, demonstrated resolute leadership and moral clarity through his actions to defend the Druze community in Syria during a period of escalating violence and instability. As Druze villages and families faced mounting threats in southern Syria, Netanyahu made clear that Israel would not remain silent or indifferent while innocent people—particularly a community bound to Israel by generations of friendship and shared sacrifice—were placed in danger. His commitment reflected not only strategic leadership, but also a deep recognition of the historic bond between the Jewish and Druze peoples, a relationship built on loyalty, courage, honor, and mutual respect.

For decades, the Druze community has played an integral role in the fabric of Israeli

society, serving with distinction in the Israel Defense Forces, contributing to public life, and standing shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel in moments of both triumph and hardship. Netanyahu's decision to act in defense of Druze civilians in Syria sent a powerful message to the world: true allies do not abandon one another in times of crisis. His leadership underscored the principle that protecting vulnerable communities and confronting extremism are essential to preserving regional stability and human dignity.

At a time when much of the international community hesitated, Netanyahu's actions reflected conviction, strength, and a willingness to uphold Israel's longstanding commitment to the safety and security of the Druze people. In standing with the Druze during one of their most difficult moments, Prime Minister Netanyahu reinforced a legacy of partnership, solidarity, and unwavering support that will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING CHARLENE
VAZQUEZ'S RETIREMENT AFTER
34 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Charlene Vazquez on the occasion of her retirement. It brings great pleasure to me today to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Ms. Vazquez, a respected educator and community leader, whose work at Pillsbury House + Theater for the past 34 years has touched the lives of many young people and families in Minnesota. She has inspired generations of young children to become lifelong learners and engaged citizens. Children she taught have sought her out to teach their own children.

At Pillsbury House, Ms. Vazquez's contributions have gone far beyond teaching. She has been a mentor, an advocate, and a guiding force for many generations of students who have faced life's struggles with bravery and determination. She has achieved an impressive 100 percent ready for kindergarten designation for every child in her care.

Every single day, Ms. Vazquez showed up with the intention, the patience, and the love needed to make a difference in places that were too often ignored and under-supported. She recognizes the value of an educational experience that is culturally relevant while making sure that young people—especially people of color and immigrants—could see themselves reflected in their learning environments.

It is impossible to calculate the value of Ms. Vazquez's impact on our community based solely on the number of years she spent working tirelessly, but it can be counted in students whose lives she inspired and families she uplifted. Her dedication has made our community stronger.

Today, we honor Charlene Vazquez as she retires from her many years of service to the community, and we celebrate her commitment to education, to equity, and to creating a better future for generations to come. This is the true measure of an educator and a leader whose effort to build brighter tomorrows will not be forgotten.

CHERISHING CHAIRMAN GREG
SHOREY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to cherish Chairman Greg Shorey, an historic patriot in South Carolina as the first modern Republican State Party Chairman. His competence, integrity, and vision were crucial beginning in 1958, when no elected officials in South Carolina were Republican throughout the Twentieth Century; to 2026, when all statewide officials in South Carolina are Republicans and massive majorities in local offices and the General Assembly. He is an inspiration. I include in the RECORD the following obituary, which has been provided by Mackey Funerals of Greenville:

GREGORY DAY SHOREY, JR.

It is with profound sorrow and deep respect that we announce the passing of Gregory Day Shorey Jr., a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, esteemed businessman, and devoted community leader. Greg departed this world peacefully on May 18, 2026, at the age of 101. Born on June 27, 1924, in Belmont, Massachusetts, he embodied a century of wisdom, love, and service.

Greg was a man who lived his life with unwavering dedication and compassion. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1945, and later in the Navy Reserve until 1947. Following his military service, he pursued higher education and graduated from the Boston University School of Public Relations in 1948. Armed with both knowledge and determination, he ventured into the business world, founding Style Crafters Inc. in 1951. This company, renowned for its marine safety and water sports equipment under the brand Aqua Float, became a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit. After selling the company in 1969, Greg established Shorey and Associates Marketing and Communications, passing the torch to his son, Gregory Day Shorey III, upon his retirement in 1990.

Greg's commitment to his community was evident through his active participation in the South Carolina Republican Party, where he served as Party Chairman from 1958 to 1961. His leadership extended to national platforms as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1956 and 1964. Greg's passion for public service saw him appointed to the South Carolina Dairy Commission and the Beaufort County Board of Elections, among numerous advisory roles.

Beyond his professional and civic engagements, Greg was a devoted family man. He was predeceased by his cherished wives, Betty Young Shorey, with whom he shared 66 beautiful years raising four children, and Jill Irvine, his loving partner of 8 years. He also faced the heartache of losing his daughter, Pamela Shorey Jahns, and grandson, Justin Tyler Millwood. Yet, the legacy of love continues through his surviving children, Gregory Day Shorey III (Patty), Cynthia Shorey White (Steve), and Amy Shorey Grace. His spirit lives on in his grandchildren, Leia Jahns Herring, Jeffery D. White, Taylor D. Shorey, Michael G. White, and seven great-grandchildren who brought him endless joy.

An avid golfer, Greg enjoyed the fairways well into his late 90s, and he found peace boating on Lake Adger, NC, and off the coast of Beaufort, SC. These pursuits reflected his zest for life and his appreciation for the simple pleasures.

In honoring Greg's wishes, a private funeral ceremony will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a cause dear to Greg's heart.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the compassionate staff at Patriot Hospice and Palliative Care, Angel Heart Caregivers Services, and Linville Court at The Cascades for their unwavering support and care.

Greg Shorey Jr.'s life was a tapestry of love, service, and integrity. His legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace, forever cherished and remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLUVANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 and honor the Fluvanna Fire Department as it celebrates 100 years of dedicated service to the communities of Fluvanna, Jamestown, and the surrounding region of Chautauqua County, New York. Since its establishment in 1926, the department has stood as a pillar of courage, volunteerism, and community pride.

The origins of the Fluvanna Fire Department trace back to 1925, following a devastating fire in the Elmhurst area that revealed the urgent need for organized local fire protection. In response, members of the community came together with determination and a shared sense of duty to formally organize what would become the Fluvanna Fire Department. Through fundraising, volunteer labor, and steadfast commitment, the department purchased its first firefighting apparatus and began a century-long tradition of protecting lives and property.

Over the past 100 years, generations of volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, fire police, and support members have answered the call at all hours of the day and night. From structure fires and motor vehicle accidents to medical emergencies and rescue operations, the department has consistently demonstrated professionalism, compassion, and unwavering dedication to public safety. Today, the department continues to provide critical fire and emergency medical services to the Fluvanna community while remaining deeply rooted in the values of volunteer service.

As the Fluvanna Fire Department celebrates this historic milestone, we honor not only its proud history, but also the generations of volunteers whose sacrifice and dedication have

made this achievement possible. Their service reflects the very best of Western New York and serves as an example of selflessness and civic commitment for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing the Fluvanna Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary and in thanking its past and present members for a century of honorable and distinguished service to the people of Chautauqua County and New York State.

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FORMER SCHEDULER EMMA WILSON

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 Scheduler, Emma Wilson of Bakersfield, California, for her dedicated service and steadfast commitment to the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District. In a role that demands precision, poise, and tireless attention to detail, Emma ensured that our office operated efficiently and effectively each and every day. Her professionalism and organizational excellence played a vital role in supporting my ability to represent and serve my constituents.

Emma is a distinguished graduate of Auburn University's Harbert College of Business, where she majored in Finance and Marketing. A member of the Honors College, she earned Dean's List recognition every semester and was the recipient of numerous academic scholarships for her excellence, leadership, and character.

Emma discovered her passion for public service during her internship in the personal office of House Armed Services Committee Chairman MIKE ROGERS. During her time on Capitol Hill, she developed a deep appreciation for the legislative process and serving the American people. That passion ultimately led her back to Washington, D.C., where she joined my team.

As the Scheduler in my office, Emma managed a complex schedule with remarkable efficiency and poise. She balanced the priorities of the district, stakeholder meetings, committee responsibilities, and constituent engagements with steady professionalism. Her thoughtful precision, strong communication skills, and unwavering positive attitude made her an indispensable member of Team Jackson.

Today, Emma continues her public service as a Scheduling Coordinator in the Executive Office of President Donald J. Trump. I am confident that her strong work ethic, careful at-

tention to detail, and dedication to service have continued to make her an invaluable asset for the President.

While Emma has moved into a new role, her impact on my office and on the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District continues 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 Emma Wilson for her loyal service, her commitment to excellence, and her patriotic spirit. I wish her the very best as she continues her journey in public service.

RECOGNIZING NAOMI SILVER

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 civic and sports leader from Rochester, New York: Naomi Silver.

Naomi Silver serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Rochester Red Wings and Rochester Community Baseball, where her leadership has helped strengthen one of Rochester's most beloved institutions. Throughout her groundbreaking career in professional baseball, she has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to civic engagement, philanthropy, and youth development, carrying forward the community-centered legacy established by her father, Morrie Silver.

In addition to her accomplishments in professional sports, Naomi has long been deeply involved in Rochester's Jewish community through leadership and volunteer service with organizations including the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and Hillel Community Day School. Her dedication to strengthening educational, cultural, and nonprofit institutions has had a lasting impact across the region.

Widely respected throughout Rochester for both her professional leadership and her service to others, Naomi has become an important advocate for community-centered leadership and civic responsibility. Her work reflects the values of service, inclusion, and compassion that continue to strengthen the Rochester community.

Naomi Silver's career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to civic leadership, philanthropy, 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.