

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING KENNA PARKER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenna Parker for earning one of this year's JeffCo Prosperity Partners Graduate Awards.

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On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Kenna Parker on their incredible accomplishments and for receiving the 2026 JeffCo Prosperity Partners Graduate Award.

HONORING MARQUISE McMILLER

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marquise McMiller as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Military Appreciation Month. Marquise McMiller, JD, is a twelve-year veteran of the United States Army and the Florida Army National Guard. Originally from Gary, Indiana, Mr. McMiller relocated to Florida and served within the 144th Transportation Company in Marianna and the 1218th Transportation Company, eventually attaining the rank of Sergeant (E-5).

Marquise utilized his extensive experience in transportation, along with a dedication to education law and public policy, to serve as an educator with Orange County Public Schools. While teaching, he simultaneously attended law school and maintained his military service during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. He later applied his diverse skill set to advance state and regional infrastructure priorities across Central Florida with the Florida Department of Transportation, District 5.

Currently, Sergeant McMiller has returned to his passion for education policy, serving as a district administrator for Orange County Public Schools. In his role as senior director of government relations, he ensures that educational choices reflect the priorities of all students and families, particularly those within the public education system, of which he is a lifelong product.

Marquise remains committed to the principle of never accepting defeat in the face of adversity. He advocates tirelessly to ensure that education remains a primary focus for lawmakers at the local, state, and federal levels. By upholding the core Army Values of LDRSHIP (Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage), he works daily to shape policies that strengthen families and ensure students across Florida and the United States remain a competitive force on a global scale.

HONORING MS. AMIA D. EDWARDS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a visionary entrepreneur, performing artist, and servant leader, Ms. Amia D. Edwards, whose work is transforming lives across Mississippi through the power of the arts.

Ms. Edwards is the Founder and Executive Director of the Amiable Arts Foundation, a youth development organization dedicated to expanding access to performing art academic enrichment, and leadership opportunities for young people. Under her leadership, the foundation has produced impactful camps, after-school programs, theatrical productions, and community events designed to ensure that every student has the opportunity to discover and develop their talents.

Through strategic partnerships, Ms. Edwards has extended her reach directly into classrooms and communities. Her foundation has collaborated with the Jackson Public School District to implement after-school performing arts and film programs that equip middle and high school students with real-world skills in theatre, storytelling, and media production, preparing them for college and career pathways in the arts.

Additionally, her work has expanded into the Hinds County School District, where her foundation provides after-school programming focused on arts education, tutoring, and confidence-building, creating safe and creative spaces for students to grow academically and artistically.

Driven by a belief that creativity is a pathway to confidence, healing, and purpose, Ms. Edwards has built a platform that not only nurtures artistic expression but also develops leadership, discipline, and self-worth in the next generation.

In addition to her nonprofit leadership, Ms. Edwards is an entrepreneur developing mission-driven ventures centered on arts, entertainment, and community-based impact. She is known for her strong vision, strategic partnerships, and commitment to building sustainable pathways for youth success.

Ms. Edwards is also an emerging actress, pursuing opportunities in film and media that

reflect her passion for storytelling, representation, and cultural influence. Whether on stage, on screen, or in the community, she uses her platform to inspire and uplift.

A respected speaker, collaborator, and creative leader, Ms. Edwards continues to pour into communities with purpose and intention. Her work reflects a deep understanding that when young people are given the tools to create, they are also given the power to lead, to dream, and to transform their futures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Amia D. Edwards, a trailblazer whose commitment to the arts, youth empowerment, and community advancement is leaving a lasting impact across Mississippi and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE WEST HENRIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the West Henrietta Fire Department as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of dedicated service to the Henrietta community and Monroe County, New York.

Founded on February 13, 1926, the West Henrietta Fire Department has spent a century answering the call to protect lives, homes, businesses, and families throughout the community. What began as a volunteer fire company serving a growing rural area has evolved into a vital part of the Henrietta Fire District, continuing a proud tradition of neighbor serving neighbor through courage, sacrifice, and selfless dedication.

For one hundred years, the firefighters of West Henrietta have stood ready at all hours of the day and night to respond to emergencies and assist residents in times of crisis. Through fires, accidents, medical emergencies, severe weather events, and countless other challenges, generations of volunteer firefighters have exemplified professionalism, compassion, and unwavering commitment to public service. Their work has earned the admiration and gratitude of the entire community.

The West Henrietta Fire Department's legacy reflects the very best of the volunteer fire service tradition. Beyond emergency response, its members have strengthened community bonds through outreach, education, and civic engagement, helping make Henrietta a safer and stronger place to live, work, and raise a family. The Department's centennial celebration is a testament not only to its remarkable history, but also to the enduring spirit of service carried forward by its firefighters, past and present.

It is with profound respect and gratitude that I recognize the West Henrietta Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. I thank all of the firefighters, volunteers, officers, and families who have dedicated themselves to protecting the community over the

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past century, and I extend my best wishes for continued success and service in the years ahead.

HONORING JACK CLARK

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Clark as he is inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Raised in Huntington Beach, California, Jack's remarkable athletic skills were apparent from a young age. He played offensive tackle at Orange Coast Junior College before transferring to UC Berkeley, where he played varsity football and rugby. He signed with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers before shifting his focus toward rugby. He played for the U.S. national rugby team and was named Most Valuable Player in the 1979 Inter-Territorial Tournament/National Team Trials.

Jack has served as varsity rugby coach at Cal since 1984. During his tenure, he has led the team to 31 National Championships, and his coaching has produced 157 All-Americans. Jack is now in his 43rd season serving as head coach at Cal. Jack also coached the U.S. national rugby team from 1993 to 1999, earning 16 test victories with the team, the most victories ever by a U.S. National Team coach. He also led the United States to the 2003 Rugby World Cup during his tenure as the team's general manager.

Jack was inducted into the USA Rugby Hall of Fame, Orange Coast College Hall of Fame, and the California State Junior College Hall of Fame. He is also the first active coach to ever enter the Cal Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jack's mentorship has touched the lives of countless young athletes in the Bay Area and beyond. Our community takes great pride in honoring Jack's outstanding athletic skills and his legendary performance as Cal's head rugby coach. Please join me in recognizing Jack Clark upon his induction to the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING DAVID GOLOSKY

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OF COLORADO

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RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL JOHN T. REIM

HON. ANALILIA MEJIA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the retirement of Major General John T. Reim after more than 36 years of distinguished service to our country. Most recently, Major General Reim served as the first Portfolio Acquisition Executive Agile Sustainment & Ammunition and as the Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal since June 2022. I am proud to honor a New Jersey native whose leadership and dedication has strengthened New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, the State of New Jersey, and the United States as a whole.

Prior to his new role as one of the first Portfolio Acquisition Executives, Major General Reim served as Joint Program Executive Officer Armaments & Ammunition. In both roles, he has been an unwavering leader within the Army's acquisition and innovation enterprise. The systems, munitions, and capabilities developed under his leadership have made our country safer. He led critical efforts to modernize and revitalize the Nation's munitions production base, strengthen industrial capacity and ensure the readiness of our stockpiles in support of global contingencies. His work was vital to sustaining America's defense priorities and those of our allies.

As Commanding General of Picatinny Arsenal, Major General Reim led with distinction. The installation's more than 6,000 Soldiers, civilians, and contractors benefited from his commitment to their mission and to their morale, welfare, and professional development. Under his leadership, Picatinny Arsenal continued to serve as a cornerstone of defense innovation and an engine of economic strength for the region.

Major General Reim has been an invaluable partner to Congress. His expertise strengthened congressional oversight and improved our ability to advocate effectively for our national defense priorities.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Major General Reim commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps in 1990 and later entered the Acquisition Corps in 1998. His career includes a wide range of leadership and staff assignments across the Army, Joint Special Operations Command, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Major General Reim's many awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, reflect a career defined by excellence and selfless service. Above all, he is supported by his wife Patty and their four children, whose sacrifice and commitment have been essential to his success.

HONORING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2026

HON. MIKE CAREY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark Building Safety Month 2026 and to recognize the more than 60,000 members of the International Code Council (ICC) who are committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and its partners to remind the public about the professionals who ensure buildings are safe, resilient, affordable, and livable.

The Code Council brings together local, state, and federal government stakeholders, as well as those from the private sector to develop model codes and standards that protect the occupants of the buildings in which we live, work, and play. Those standards are then implemented year-round by building safety officials, the fire service, architects, engineers, builders, and skilled tradespeople to ensure the safe construction and maintenance of buildings.

This year's Building Safety Month theme is "Built to Last" which seeks to remind the public to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale.

In late 2020, FEMA released its comprehensive "Building Codes Saves" report, which found that implementing modern building codes could save \$600 billion in disaster-related spending by 2060. FEMA further confirmed a prior report by the National Institute of Building Sciences that found that adopting modern codes provides \$11 in mitigation savings for every \$1 invested.

Building codes and standards include important safeguards to protect the public from hurricanes, tornadoes, snow and ice storms, floods, and earthquakes.

As Americans rebuild following these events, we recognize and thank those who implement and enforce building codes for protecting lives, property, and businesses, and ultimately ensuring our communities are resilient to these events.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President Mike Boso, the Chief Building and Zoning Official of Grove City, Ohio—a constituent I represent—as well as ICC's Chief Executive Officer John Belcik, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC's Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month 2026.

HONORING JOHN PAUL CHURCH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 29, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John Paul Church as distinguished leader in Central Florida for Military Appreciation Month. John Paul Church was born on April 25, 1926,