

spending time with family and loved ones, wearing new clothes, and sharing meals and charitable gifts with those who are less fortunate. This is also a sacred time of reflection when many Muslims start their Haaj, or holy pilgrimage to Mecca, a central pillar of Islam.

I wish those making the Haaj, a safe and meaningful pilgrimage. As Chair of the Pakistan Caucus, I am especially proud to recognize the enormous contributions of Pakistani Americans and Muslim Americans to our nation during this Asian American month. Our country is stronger and more successful for the Pakistani-American diaspora, and the values of hard work, family, and faith they bring. I also want to join the Muslim American community in mourning after the awful shooting at the San Diego Islamic center just a few days ago. At a time when the world can feel divided, holidays like this remind us of our shared humanity. Eid Mubarak, and may God bless all those celebrating.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN GLOVER AND CALLING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE GLOVER FARMHOUSE IN SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS

### HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary service and enduring legacy of Brigadier General John Glover of Massachusetts, one of the indispensable military leaders of the American Revolutionary War, and to call attention to the urgent need to preserve General Glover's historic farmhouse in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Before the Revolution, John Glover was a merchant, mariner, and civic-minded citizen of Marblehead whose life reflected industry, modesty, and devotion to community. During the struggle for independence, he became one of General George Washington's most trusted and indispensable officers. Through courage, discipline, and unmatched maritime skill, General Glover helped secure the survival of the Continental Army and thereby the cause of American liberty itself.

General Glover commanded the famed Marblehead Regiment, often known as the "Marblehead Mariners," a force composed largely of fishermen, sailors, and tradesmen drawn from the port community of Marblehead. At a time when prejudice and rigid social divisions characterized much of colonial society, Glover organized and led a regiment in which men of differing racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds served together in a common cause. Contemporary accounts reflect that African Americans and indigenous Americans served alongside men of European ancestry within his command. Glover valued seamanship, discipline, courage, and technical competence above social standing or background, establishing a model of unity in service that was far ahead of its time.

General Glover's military achievements altered the course of the Revolutionary War. Following the disastrous Battle of Long Island in August 1776, it was Glover and his Marblehead Mariners whose skill and discipline enabled General Washington and the Conti-

ental Army to escape across the East River under cover of darkness, preserving the American cause at one of its gravest moments. Just months later, on Christmas night of 1776, Glover and his regiment again changed history by ferrying Washington's forces across the ice-filled Delaware River, enabling the successful surprise attack at Trenton that revived the hopes of the Revolution.

Glover's service extended far beyond these celebrated moments. He played a critical role in the Saratoga campaign, served with distinction at Rhode Island and Valley Forge, and supervised the construction of strategic fortifications in New York at General Washington's direction. Equally significant was Glover's pioneering integration of maritime and land operations. His coordination of troop movement, logistics, navigation, amphibious maneuver, and naval support anticipated the modern doctrine of joint military operations employed by the Armed Forces of the United States today.

General Glover's contributions to American naval development were profound. In 1775, he outfitted vessels for privateering against British shipping, and General Washington chartered Glover's schooner Hannah, which many historians regard as the first armed vessel of what became the Continental Navy. Through his strategic understanding of waterways and amphibious warfare, Glover established principles that would later become foundational to American naval and Marine Corps operations.

General Glover also demonstrated devotion to the welfare of his community before and during the Revolution. In the years preceding independence, he and his brother helped establish an inoculation hospital on what is now Children's Island to combat the spread of smallpox and protect the people of their region.

Despite these extraordinary contributions to the founding of the United States, the farmhouse to which General Glover retired after his service now faces the danger of demolition. This historic structure stands not merely as a building, but as a tangible connection to one of the architects of American independence and to the ideals of unity, courage, and innovation that shaped our Nation.

The preservation of General Glover's farmhouse would honor not only one man, but also the diverse regiment he led and the enduring American principle that achievement and patriotism transcend race, class, and creed. Future generations deserve the opportunity to learn from this legacy and to understand how leadership, sacrifice, and cooperation helped secure the liberties we cherish today.

Accordingly, I urge all interested parties, preservation organizations, public officials, and citizens to work together to preserve the Glover farmhouse as a permanent historic memorial to Brigadier General John Glover and the Marblehead Mariners. The legacy of John Glover is inseparable from the legacy of the United States itself, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that this chapter of American history is neither forgotten nor destroyed, especially this year.

HONORING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER CENTER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. YASSAMIN ANSARI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, an enduring institution that has served as a cornerstone of African American history, culture, education, and community life in Arizona for 100 years. Since its founding in 1926 as the segregated Phoenix Union Colored High School, what once was a symbol of separation, is now a pillar of community, education and perseverance.

Today, the Carver is recognized as a national historic landmark dedicated to preserving, documenting, studying, and sharing the history and culture of African Americans in Arizona and throughout the American West. Through its exhibits, educational programs, seminars, cultural events, and community initiatives, the organization continues to foster creativity, learning, and socio-economic advancement while ensuring that the stories and contributions of Black Arizonans are honored and preserved for future generations.

For a century, the Carver has maintained deep roots within the community, creating welcoming spaces for dialogue, artistic expression, historical reflection, and civic engagement. Its commitment to inclusion, multigenerational learning, and accessible community programming has strengthened neighborhoods, empowered families, and inspired countless young people to pursue lives of leadership and service. Through events such as historical seminars, cultural celebrations, speaker series, and Juneteenth commemorations, the Carver continues to bring people together in unity and shared purpose.

This extraordinary milestone is a testament to the outstanding leadership, dedication, and vision of the Carver's board members, staff, volunteers, educators, alumni, and community partners, past and present. Their stewardship has transformed the Carver into not only a guardian of history, but also a living center of culture, education, and empowerment for communities across Arizona. Under the leadership of Executive Director Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker and the organization's dedicated team, the Carver continues to expand its impact while remaining firmly grounded in its historic mission.

As the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center celebrates its 100th Anniversary and looks "100 Years Forward," we recognize its immeasurable contributions to Arizona's cultural and civic life. May its legacy of education, inclusion, resilience, and community leadership continue to inspire generations to come.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I extend my deepest gratitude and congratulations to the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center on this remarkable centennial celebration.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181.

## CELEBRATING THE TEDDY BEAR DEN ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Teddy Bear Den as they celebrate 30 years of service to mothers, babies, and families in Sioux Falls and the surrounding communities. Since opening its doors in June 1996, the Teddy Bear Den has helped more than 48,000 women by encouraging healthy pregnancies, regular prenatal care, and strong early childhood support for families facing financial hardship.

Led at the helm by Executive Director Sandy Lown, the Teddy Bear Den has grown from serving fewer than 200 women annually to nearly 1,900 women today. They provide education, transportation assistance, support, guidance, and essential baby incentive items to mothers who maintain healthy lifestyles and attend prenatal and baby appointments. Through partnership with hundreds of healthcare providers, schools, clinics, and social service agencies, the Teddy Bear Den has become a trusted resource for families.

The impact of the Teddy Bear Den would not be possible without its dedicated volunteers, donors, staff, and board members. Last year alone, volunteers contributed more than 6,100 hours of service, helping the organization continue its mission of supporting healthier moms and babies.

As the Teddy Bear Den marks this important milestone, I congratulate everyone who has contributed to its success over the past three decades. South Dakota is grateful for the compassion, dedication, and care this organization has shown to thousands of families, and I wish them continued success in the years ahead.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MICHAEL COY

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a Minnesota hero, Michael Coy of St. Paul Park, Minnesota, who passed away on April 21, 2026.

Mr. Coy served his community for more than 35 years as a UPS delivery driver and was a committed member of Teamsters Local 638.

On April 18, 2024, while driving on the highway, Mr. Coy witnessed another driver, Sam-

uel Orbovich, crash into a lamppost, setting his vehicle on fire. Mr. Coy immediately stopped to assist him.

Mr. Coy attempted to assist Mr. Orbovich from the passenger door but was forced away by flames. He was instead able to direct fellow bystanders to break the driver's side window and rushed over to assist others in pulling Mr. Orbovich out of the vehicle through the driver's window. Both men were taken to the hospital for injuries sustained in the accident.

Because of Mr. Coy, Mr. Orbovich is still alive today.

Mr. Coy's bravery was recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund with a Carnegie Medal. He was one of fifty-two recipients of this award last year.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mr. Coy's family—his wife, son, siblings and the countless others who knew and loved him.

I want to thank him again for his service to our community.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE ROCK CREEK NATIONAL PARK ACT OF 2026

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Rock Creek National Park Act of 2026, which would redesignate the United States-owned Rock Creek Park in the District of Columbia as "Rock Creek National Park." Redesignating this park will highlight its significance to the Nation. Rock Creek Park is already a "national" park, as it was established by Congress in 1890 "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States."

Rock Creek Park was the first federally managed urban park and the third federal park ever created, after Yellowstone and Sequoia. Rock Creek Park was designed to preserve animals, timber, forestry and other interests in the park, and to ensure that its natural state is maintained as much as possible, not only for D.C. residents, but for all Americans. The park also preserves the ancient history of the land, as it was used for temporary settlements and as a quarry for weapons and tools by Native Americans from 7000 BCE until the 1600s.

Rock Creek Park offers residents of D.C., Maryland and Virginia, as well as tourists, an escape from our increasingly urban environment. Residents and tourists alike enjoy many activities in the park's 2,000 acres, including hiking and biking, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis and other recreational activities in some of the open fields. Our residents have expressed their appreciation by volunteering to clean up and maintain the park.

In 1918, landscape architects John Charles Olmstead and Frederick Law Olmstead, Jr. wrote of Rock Creek Park, "No matter how perfect the scenery of the park may be or may become, no matter how high its potential value, that value remains potential except insofar as it is enjoyed by large and ever larger numbers of people, poor and rich alike." Redesignating Rock Creek Park as Rock Creek National Park will help recognize the national status of this remarkable resource in our Nation's capital.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## HONORING MORGAN ELIZABETH GOOCH

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my extraordinary granddaughter, Morgan Elizabeth Gooch, on the occasion of her graduation from high school as valedictorian of her class. Morgan's achievement reflects not only academic excellence, but also perseverance, devotion, and sacrifice. In classrooms, on the field, and within her community, she has consistently demonstrated character and leadership that inspires everyone fortunate enough to know her.

To graduate at the top of one's class is no small accomplishment. It requires countless hours of study and determination. Yet what makes her success even more remarkable is the humility and kindness she has carried through this journey. She treats others with respect and is grounded in the values of faith, family, and hard work that have guided her every step of the way.

As her grandfather, I have had the privilege of watching her grow from a curious child with big dreams into a poised and accomplished young woman prepared to make her mark on the world. I can say with confidence that our Nation's future is brighter because of young leaders like Morgan, individuals who understand the importance of integrity, compassion, and service above self. Her generation will inherit great challenges, but also tremendous opportunities, and I know that Morgan will meet both with courage and wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my granddaughter, Morgan Elizabeth Gooch, on this outstanding milestone. May this achievement serve as only the beginning of a lifetime filled with purpose, success, and meaningful contributions to her community and country. Her family could not be prouder, and we look forward with excitement to all that she will accomplish in the years ahead.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE HUTTENSTINE, SR.

**HON. ROBERT P. BRESNAHAN, JR.**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2026*

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. of West Hazleton, Pennsylvania honorably served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954 during the Korean War, attaining the rank of Second Class Gunner's Mate aboard the USS *Wisconsin* and earning numerous military honors, including two Korean Service Medals, a Battle Star, and a Good Conduct Medal; and

Whereas, throughout his military career, Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. served with courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment, exemplifying the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces; and