

Whereas, following his military service, Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. devoted 37 years to Geissler Knitting Mill and applied the leadership, discipline, and values learned in the Navy to both his profession and his community; and

Whereas, alongside his devoted wife and family, Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. has led a life defined by service to others, dedicating his time and talents to mentoring local youth through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Soap Box Derby, Little League and Minor League baseball, while also supporting fellow veterans through his involvement with the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

Whereas, Bruce Huttenstine, Sr.'s lifetime of service, leadership, and civic involvement has enriched the Greater Hazleton area and stands as an enduring example of patriotism, dedication, and community spirit;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROB BRESNAHAN, JR., Member of Congress, do hereby recognize and honor Bruce Huttenstine, Sr. for his distinguished military service, his steadfast commitment to his family and community, and his many contributions to the Greater Hazleton area and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT
PHILIP STRECZYK FOR HIS
SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 82nd anniversary of D-Day and to honor East Brunswick, New Jersey's native son, Technical Sergeant Philip Streczyk, a distinguished World War II veteran.

Tomorrow marks 82 years since Philip and the men of the 16th Infantry Company, 1st Infantry Division, led the charge up the Easy Red sector of Omaha Beach. Technical Sergeant Streczyk showed incredible courage and tactical skill to guide his men off the beaches despite incredible enemy fire. He also displayed resilience and innovation to find a pathway up the mine-laden bluffs safely.

His company commander, Captain Ed Wozenski stated "I think that he's the greatest unsung hero of World War II. To the best of my knowledge, he was the first one on the beach and it was the path that he took that I picked up. The rest of our battalion followed, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, and then later on I think almost the whole corps went up that same path."

That pathway became a leading edge for our troops to storm Normandy, fight amongst the hedgerows deeper inland and ultimately, defeat the Germans. Philip's actions truly began the liberation of France from the grip of tyranny. Captain Wozenski went on to say: "If [Streczyk] did not earn a Congressional Medal of Honor, no one did."

Philip's bravery didn't stop at the beachhead. He proceeded to take out a deadly machine gun nest and capture several Polish prisoners of war. General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery would later present him personally with the Distinguished Service Cross and British Military Medal. All told, Streczyk served nearly 440 days straight in combat from North Africa to Sicily to Normandy through to the Hurtgen Forest.

His combat valor is unmatched and was dubbed by The Central Jersey Home News a "one-man invasion." He was the recipient of a Silver Star with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and several more decorations.

Like many of the Greatest Generation, Philip lived a simple, humble life upon returning home to New Jersey. He raised his 4 kids with his wife, Sophie, and worked as a mason and builder and was active in Veterans organizations, but, sadly, the toll of warfare caught up with him. A gangrenous neck wound suffered during combat led to daily, intolerable pain. Streczyk took his own life in 1958 at just 39 years old. Technical Sergeant Streczyk is buried in a small, hidden family plot in a residential cul-de-sac in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Streczyk was never given true recognition by his hometown and state for his actions that preserved democracy. I rise today on behalf of New Jersey's 12th District to proudly honor this one-of-one military legend and American hero. We can never repay the debt we owe to Philip and his fellow Soldiers, but we can always honor and remember the sacrifices they made so that all of us may live freely today. We are eternally grateful to our Greatest Generation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Technical Sergeant Philip Streczyk and his service to our country.

COMMEMORATING THE 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE JEWISH FED-
ERATION OF WEST CENTRAL
NEW JERSEY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey, which has steadfastly supported Jewish communities in Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties for more than six decades. Since 1961, the Federation has played a pivotal role in nurturing Jewish communities throughout West Central New Jersey, Israel, and beyond. Their efforts span local agency partnerships, programming, fundraising, and community service.

This year marks a significant milestone as the Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey celebrates 65 years of dedicated service. Their ongoing commitment to comprehensive social service programs enables members of the Jewish diaspora in West Central New Jersey to thrive within a supportive community. The Federation is committed to ensuring that all populations within the Jewish community receive support, offering programs tailored for seniors, those with disabilities, refugees, children, and families. Importantly, the Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey also provides essential support services to Holocaust survivors, ensuring their well-being as they face the challenges of aging.

Notably, the Federation's initiatives include scholarships for Jewish youth to participate in programs in Israel, emergency financial assistance, food security efforts, mental health support, and community-building activities. Mem-

bers of the Federation are also active in advocating for legislation and funding at various levels of government to assist those in need and promote social justice, particularly in response to rising antisemitism. Their civic engagement programming strives to create a more equitable society for all.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deep gratitude to the Jewish Federation of West Central New Jersey for their unwavering dedication to enriching our state's Jewish communities and actively combating antisemitism. Their remarkable efforts have not only fostered unity and resilience locally but have also inspired positive change on a global scale. As we celebrate their accomplishments, I am confident the Federation will continue to make a lasting difference for many years to come.

HONORING MRS. DORCUS CURRY
THIGPEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Dorcus Curry Thigpen, a revered gospel music leader, choir directress, minister of music, and beloved matriarch whose name is deeply woven into the legacy of Mississippi music the sacred tradition of gospel ministry.

A native daughter of Mississippi's rich gospel tradition, Mrs. Thigpen's life in music began early though the influence of her father, Elder David R. Curry, Sr., founder of what is now known as Liberal Trinity Church of God in Christ. It was there that she learned music was not simply performance, but ministry, testimony, and a sacred way to bring people together in faith.

Mrs. Thigpen became connected to the Mississippi Mass Choir through her brother, David Curry, Jr., who asked her to serve as a director when the choir was being formed alongside gospel visionary Frank Williams in 1988. Though she missed the choir's first meeting while on maternity leave, she would go on to give 38 years of faithful service to the Mississippi Mass Choir, becoming one of its most recognizable and beloved leaders. For nearly four decades, she helped guide the choir's sound, discipline, stage presence, and spiritual power.

Known for her commanding direction, graceful spirit, and unwavering standard of excellence, Mrs. Thigpen helped carry the Mississippi Mass Choir from local church roots to national and international recognition. She also directed the Mississippi Children's Choir, mentoring approximately 200 young people from across the state and helping train the next generation in gospel music and ministry.

Beyond her musical accomplishments, Mrs. Thigpen is celebrated for her faithfulness, humility, mentorship, and motherly presence. To many, she is more than a choir directress; she is a mother of five sons, grandmother, teacher, encourager, worship leader, and living testimony. Her legacy is heard in every lifted voice, every disciplined choir stand, and every heart moved by the power of gospel music.

As she is honored for her 70th birthday and retirement this month, Mrs. Dorcus Curry Thigpen stands as Mississippi gospel legend

whose service has blessed generations and whose impact will continue to echo through the church, the choir, and the lives of all she has touched.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating Mrs. Dorcus Curry Thigpen for her extraordinary contributions to gospel music, Christian ministry, mentorship, and the cultural legacy of the great State of Mississippi.

HONORING MR. DWIGHT MURPHY

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dwight Murphy of Winfield, Tennessee. Dwight will officially retire on June 9, 2026, from his position as President of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology—Oneida/Huntsville.

Dwight Murphy became President of TCAT—Oneida/Huntsville in January 2006. For the past 20 years he has focused on cre-

ating a workforce pipeline to fill local jobs and support local industries while allowing the next generation of residents of Scott County to remain in this community and raise their children there. He has grown the programs offered on campus from fewer than ten to 20 full-time programs. Under his tenure, the school has also created pathways to college with transferable credits that can be applied to degree programs. Also under his guidance, TCAT—Oneida/Huntsville students have a 96 percent licensure exam pass rate and 86 percent graduation rate.

Dwight has been a lifelong educator. Before becoming President of TCAT—Oneida/Huntsville, Dwight taught first at Winfield Elementary School, then at Scott High School, and spent time as an adjunct professor at Roane State Community College.

Dwight's commitment to this community is evidenced by his public service. He served two terms as a Scott County Commissioner before serving four terms as Scott County Mayor. Dwight is a founding member of the Boys & Girls Club of Scott County, serving on the Elgin Foundation, the Scott County Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Board of Scott County and the Industrial Board of Winfield County, the East Tennessee Development

Board, the East Tennessee Resource Board, and the Mountain People's Health Board. Dwight has also served as President of the TCAT Presidents Association and as President of the County Mayors Association. Dwight is a Deacon in the Winfield Baptist Church, where he has been active in the children's ministry programs, served as a Sunday School teacher, as organist, as a church bus driver, Vacation Bible School Director, and within the church's food ministries programs.

Dwight and his loving wife, Terri Phillips Murphy, have been married for 48 years. Together they have been blessed with three children, Jordan, Blake, and Cole, and seven beloved grandchildren. His daughter, Jordan, summed up Dwight in this way, "I can say that dad's life reflects a deep commitment to faith, family, education, and public service, with a lasting impact on Scott County and the surrounding region."

Dwight is a friend who has helped me gain valuable insights into Scott County, Tennessee, and its people during my time as their Representative. He has truly made a difference in all that he has done for this region. I have enjoyed our conversations over the years and wish him the best in his retirement.