

I commend Mele K. Kāneali'i for this remarkable accomplishment and for exemplifying the leadership and public service values at the core of the Truman Scholarship, and I extend my sincere congratulations on this outstanding recognition.

CONGRATULATING CcCHASE  
FAAMAUSILI

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, CcChase Faamausili, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Fortis."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was glad to sponsor CcChase's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate CcChase and I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING RABBI AVIVA FELLMAN  
OF CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor Rabbi Aviva Fellman, an extraordinary spiritual leader and a beloved member of our Worcester community, as she completes her 12th year leading Congregation Beth Israel.

Rabbi Fellman arrived at Congregation Beth Israel in 2014, bringing with her a passion for teaching, and a profound commitment to building a Jewish community rooted in faith, learning, inclusion, scholarship, and justice.

During her time as Rabbi, she has led countless members of her congregation through some of the most meaningful moments in their lives. She has helped so many young people grow not only in their faith, but in their understanding of what it means to live a life of purpose, responsibility, and moral courage.

Under Rabbi Fellman's rabbinic leadership, Congregation Beth Israel has continued to be a place where people are welcomed, valued, and seen. She has worked tirelessly to break down barriers, expand inclusion, and ensure that religious spaces reflect the dignity and humanity of all God's children.

But Rabbi Fellman's leadership extends far beyond the walls of Congregation Beth Israel. She is an important part of Worcester's vibrant civic and interfaith community. She mentors students through the Hillels at local schools.

She regularly teaches adult courses through the community WISE program. She serves on the executive board of Worcester Interfaith. And she has been active in local efforts to end homelessness, confront racism, and address inequality in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Fellman is an inspirational community leader, but I am also proud to call her a dear friend and mentor. On many occasions, I have turned to her for advice and guidance on difficult moral questions, and I have always been grateful for her thoughtfulness, her honesty, her integrity, and her steady sense of what is right. She does not simply teach her faith. She lives it. And all of us are better off because of her wisdom, humility, and a deep concern for social justice.

Rabbi Fellman is an incredible community leader and a person of deep faith and deep conviction. She remains intellectually curious, devoted to her faith, and committed every day to growing as a rabbi, a teacher, and a servant leader.

I congratulate Rabbi Fellman on her Bat Mitzvah year of service to Congregation Beth Israel. I look forward to all that she will continue to do for her congregation, for the Worcester community, and for all those who are fortunate enough to learn from her example.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am proud to celebrate Rabbi Aviva Fellman's inspiring achievements, and I pray for her continued success at Congregation Beth Israel.

HONORING CAPTAIN BRIAN  
TANAKA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain Brian Tanaka on the occasion of his departure from North Carolina Piedmont Region NROTC Program as Commanding Officer and retiring from the Navy after serving for 30 years as a Submarine Officer. I commend him for his extraordinary leadership, steadfast devotion, and distinguished service to our Nation.

Captain Tanaka has dedicated 30 years of service to the United States Navy. His sea duty assignments have included Navigation/Operations Officer onboard USS Jefferson City, Executive Officer on USS West Virginia and Commanding Officer of USS Minnesota. While at sea, he completed deployments to the U.S. European and Indo-Pacific Command areas of responsibility, two strategic deterrent patrols and multiple depot level maintenance periods. His more recent ashore assignments include Deputy Director, Navy Liaison to the United States House of Representatives, in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs, Deputy Commander, Task Force 69 at the Headquarters, United States Sixth Fleet, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific and Commanding Officer, Training Support Department Hawaii, and Commanding Officer of the North Carolina Piedmont Region NROTC Program.

Captain Tanaka's leadership has left a lasting impact on those privileged to serve along-

side him. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to mission accomplishment while never losing sight of the importance of mentorship, teamwork, and care for the people under his leadership. His contributions have immensely strengthened operational readiness, advanced organizational success, and positively influenced countless colleagues and service members. As he transitions from this command, we also recognize the support and sacrifices made by his family, whose encouragement and unwavering commitment have undoubtedly contributed to his success. Public service is never undertaken alone, and their support deserves our sincere gratitude.

Captain Tanaka is an incredible Navy officer and has done a phenomenal job serving our Nation. I will always treasure the times we had while traveling together during his time at Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 1st District of Virginia and the United States Congress, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation to Captain Brian Tanaka for his exemplary service and leadership. I wish him continued success in the next chapter of his life and thank him for his enduring contributions to our Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
MARTIN M. "MARTY" LOONEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to The Honorable Martin M. "Marty" Looney on the occasion of his retirement. As the Connecticut state legislative session closed earlier this month, so too did the legislative career of a remarkable public servant and someone I am honored to call my friend, Senate President Pro Tempore Martin M. Looney. Over the course of his forty-six years in Connecticut's General Assembly, six terms in the House and seventeen terms in the Senate, he has left his mark on our state government, our communities, and the people of Connecticut.

For nearly fifty years, Marty has been a close friend, a confidant, and co-conspirator—and it all started in 1975, when we began our journey together in government and local politics. I happened to knock on his mother's door in Fair Haven, along with Frank Logue who was running for Mayor of New Haven. She told us that it was her son, Martin, that we should talk to. She brought Marty out and we asked him if he was interested in helping to get Frank elected. Marty said yes, he would help—and Connecticut has never been the same. Five years later, I had the privilege of helping to elect Marty to the General Assembly. I have celebrated this decision every day since.

My parents both served in elected office, and I learned from them that government should work for people. I took that vision with me when I ran for Congress, and Marty Looney embodied it every day of his forty-six years in the state legislature. Throughout his tenure as the longest-serving Senate President Pro Tempore and Senate Majority Leader

in our state's history, Marty has been the conscience of the Connecticut legislature. He fought for workers, for families struggling to make ends meet, for those who have no lobbyist and no seat at the table. He championed a higher minimum wage, expanded access to healthcare, and stood firm against every effort that would have made life harder for the people of Connecticut.

What makes Marty extraordinary was not what he passed, but how he governed—with quiet patience, principle, and an unshakeable belief that government, done right, can lift people up. Some would say he would rather take the slice than hold out for the whole loaf. That wisdom is how he changed people's lives. He worked to make things better, one day and one bill at a time, while never losing sight of the bigger goals. Marty is one of the finest public servants I have ever had the honor to call a colleague, and one of the dearest friends of my life, Connecticut—is better measurably and materially better—because of him.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law and partner in the law firm of Keyes and Looney, Marty has also enjoyed a successful career as an attorney. A mentor, advocate and educator, he is also a practitioner in residence with the Criminal Justice Program in the Department of Public Safety at the University of New Haven as well as an adjunct faculty member in the Political Science Department at Quinnipiac University and the Quinnipiac University Law School.

Marty has left an indelible mark on state politics, the halls of Connecticut's Capitol, and in the lives of so many where he has made a difference. His leadership and political savvy will be missed, but he has inspired a new generation of leaders who will follow his example. Today, as he marks his retirement from public service, I am honored to join family, friends, and colleagues in paying tribute to Martin M. Looney and his extraordinary career. I wish Marty, his wife, Ellen; their son, Michael; as well as their three grandchildren, Matthew, Anna Katherine, and Isabel Grace, all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING DR. EMMANUEL O.  
OMOJOKUN ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Emmanuel O. Omojokun on the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of extraordinary service to Virginia State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For nearly four decades, Dr. Omojokun has exemplified the very best of public higher education through his leadership, scholarship, innovation, and unwavering commitment to student success. As Dean of the Reginald F. Lewis College of Business and Professor of Computer Information Systems, he has helped shape generations of students and has left an indelible mark on Virginia State University's academic and technological advancement.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Omojokun held numerous leadership positions at Virginia State University, including Dean,

Associate Dean, Department Chair, Director of the Institute on Computing, and faculty member. In each role, he demonstrated a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, institutional growth, and workforce development.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Omojokun established Virginia State University's Computer Science program in the 1990s, developing the curriculum, securing institutional approval, and personally teaching all of the courses offered during the program's inaugural year. He also spearheaded the development of the University's MBA program and created the Cyber Security and Forensics minor, helping prepare students for careers in some of the Nation's fastest-growing and most critical industries.

Dr. Omojokun also played a transformative role in modernizing the University's technological infrastructure. He designed the first computer network on the VSU campus, helped lead the installation of the University's first fiber optic backbone, and played a central role in bringing internet connectivity to the institution. His work strengthened both the University's operational capacity and its ability to prepare students for the demands of an increasingly digital world.

In addition to his academic leadership, Dr. Omojokun's scholarship and research efforts helped secure more than \$25 million in funded proposals and research activity involving the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, and other federal partners. His contributions have advanced research, expanded educational opportunities, and strengthened partnerships between higher education, government, and industry.

Just as importantly, Dr. Omojokun has been a dedicated mentor, colleague, and servant leader. His guidance and support have helped countless faculty and students succeed, and his leadership has strengthened Virginia State University for generations to come.

Dr. Omojokun's career reflects the highest ideals of public service, higher education, and innovation. His legacy will endure not only through the programs and systems he helped build, but through the thousands of students, faculty, and community members whose lives he impacted.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Omojokun on his retirement and in thanking him for his remarkable service to Virginia State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONGRATULATING THE LATTA  
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. RUSSELL FRY**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Latta High School baseball team on winning the Class A state title in South Carolina. This championship marks the program's 10th state title and its first since 2018, a tremendous accomplishment that reflects the team's determination, resilience, and commitment to excellence.

The Vikings finished the season with an impressive 27–10 record and showed true championship character when it mattered most. After trailing 2–1 in the bottom of the sixth in-

ning, Latta mounted a comeback, highlighted by a go-ahead two-run double from Caden Hyatt. Throughout the season, the team benefited from outstanding contributions across the roster, including strong performances from Darren Alford and David Greer, whose play helped power the Vikings' successful run.

I also want to recognize Head Coach Robbie Brown, Assistant Coach Aaron Miles, the players, families, school community, and all those who supported the team throughout the season. Their hard work and dedication brought great pride to Latta and to the State of South Carolina. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Latta Vikings on this well-earned championship.

CONGRATULATING TYLER SWOOPE

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Tyler Swoope, upon his acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force, the United States Air Force.

Guided by the motto "Aim High . . . Fly-Fight-Win" the U.S. Air Force is the world's preeminent force in air, space, and cyberspace.

Throughout our history, American Airmen have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was honored to sponsor Tyler's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at the Air Force Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Tyler and I know that he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING NORTH CENTRAL  
STATE COLLEGE AND THE OHIO  
STATE UNIVERSITY—MANSFIELD

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two institutions of higher learning in Mansfield, Ohio, that have been recognized for academic excellence.

North Central State College was recently announced as the recipient of the 2026 Leah Meyer Austin Award from Achieving the Dream, a non-profit group that supports community colleges throughout the Nation. This award, which comes with a \$100,000 prize, honors institutions that have demonstrated support for long-term student success. NCSC has been a member of the Achieving the Dream network since 2005.

Also, The Ohio State University's Mansfield campus has been designated an Opportunity College in the 2025 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. To earn this designation, colleges must emphasize a commitment both to enrolling students from a wide