

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

variety of backgrounds and to ensuring that students are best equipped to earn competitive salaries post-graduation. The designation places OSU-M in the top 16 percent of colleges in the Nation.

The two schools will hold a joint event in Mansfield on June 8, 2026, to celebrate these milestone recognitions. On behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to both schools and applaud all they do to provide affordable education and workforce training to students from throughout the region.

HONORING THE FORT WORTH CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS HISTORIC SEVENTH STREET LOCATION

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Fort Worth Club on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its historic Seventh Street location in Fort Worth. This remarkable milestone marks a century of service as one of the premier social, civic, and business institutions in North Texas.

Since the completion of its construction, the Fort Worth Club has stood as a distinguished gathering place for leaders in business, government, and public life. Over the decades, its halls have welcomed notable figures including Franklin D. Roosevelt, James H. Doolittle, and countless civic leaders, athletes, and prominent members of the community.

The Fort Worth Club has served not only as a venue for fellowship and commerce, but also as a cornerstone of civic engagement and cultural tradition. The building is home to the Davey O'Brien Foundation Hall of Fame and annually hosts the prestigious Davey O'Brien Award, recognizing student-athletes who exemplify excellence in teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and academics.

In addition, the Club continues to provide a home for a wide range of businesses and organizations, including distinguished law firms, energy companies, technology enterprises, nonprofit organizations, and public offices, all of which contribute to the continued growth and vitality of the Fort Worth community.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate the Fort Worth Club on 100 years at its Seventh Street location and in recognizing its enduring legacy of leadership, service, and commitment to the people of Fort Worth and the State of Texas.

HONORING SOFIA V. MELENDEZ-SANTIAGO AS A 2026 HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLAR

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sofia V. Melendez-Santiago, an extraordinary young

leader from Puerto Rico and a psychology student at the University of Puerto Rico—Rio Piedras Campus, upon her selection as a 2026 Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Sofia is pursuing a degree in Psychology with a greater academic goal of earning a PhD in Public Health, a path that reflects both her ambition and her deep commitment to the well-being of her community and island. She was selected from among 781 candidates nominated across 305 colleges and universities nationwide, chosen by independent regional review panels based on academic excellence, leadership accomplishments, and the likelihood of becoming a public service leader.

This achievement carries special significance for Puerto Rico. Sofia is the 58th Puerto Rican to be named a Truman Scholar and the 28th from the University of Puerto Rico—Rio Piedras, a testament to the enduring strength of Puerto Rico's academic institutions and the exceptional quality of the graduates it produces.

Established by Congress in 1975 as the living memorial to President Harry S. Truman, the Truman Scholarship is the premier graduate scholarship for aspiring public service leaders in the United States. Each Truman Scholar receives financial support for graduate studies, leadership training, career counseling, and special internship and fellowship opportunities within the federal government. Puerto Rico is fortunate to have young leaders like Sofia Melendez-Santiago, a student of intellect, purpose, determination, and heart, who will carry the values of our island as she works to build a healthier and more just future for all Puerto Ricans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sofia V. Melendez-Santiago on this remarkable achievement.

HONORING CHINO TROOP 201

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chino Troop 201 as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Troop 201 was founded in 1926 by Vernon Decker, Bob Brady, and Ernest Soper. The three partnered with the American Legion to launch Chino's first Scout troop, making it the oldest Scouts troop in my district.

Troop 201's first Scoutmaster was Jon Cooley. In the early days of the troop's founding, the troop did not yet have a Scout house. Members of Troop 201 held their early meetings at the "Thimble Club," a local spot in Chino.

In 1935, the City of Chino recognized the growth of the organization and worked with the troop to help its development. The city left a piece of land for the troop to use as a home. The Scout house gave the troop a stable place to meet and a secure area to store gear, guaranteeing that scouts in Chino had a roof over their heads.

Troop 201's founders, sponsors, and the City of Chino have supported the community centered around Chino Rotary Club. For the past 100 years, the troop has provided young leaders with opportunities for adventure, service, and character development, shaping them during key transformative years.

In 1941, Troop 201 partnered with the Chino Rotary Club, uniting in their commitment to promoting community, leadership, and service. Since then, scouts in this troop have contributed thousands of hours to community service, outdoor education, and leadership training.

The current organization leadership consists of Patricia Cox, the Chartered Organization Representative, Maritza Sanchez, Troop Committee Chair, and Jeffrey Baker, the current Scoutmaster. Under the direction of organization leaders and dedicated parents, families gather at the John Anderson Scout Center every Monday night for regular meetings.

Beyond weekly meetings, an outdoor adventure is offered each month in addition to four major events each year. Scouts can choose between canoeing down the Colorado River, backpacking and fishing by the Eastern Sierra Mountain Range, developing skills on a desert trip that offers training on rifle shootings, rappelling, and rocketry, or attending an intensive summer camp focused on advancement and skill-building.

This year, a special fifth major event will be offered: Troop 201's Centennial Celebration. The celebration will honor all scouts who have shared fond memories with the organization for more than 100 years, in addition to more than 125 Eagle Scouts from Troop 201 who have contributed to more than 600 community service hours each year.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Chino Rotary Club Troop 201, it is my privilege to honor such a remarkable organization. Its impact on our young leaders in Chino and beyond is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. SPENCER LEAK, JR.

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Mr. Spencer Leak, Jr., who passed away a few days ago unexpectedly at the young age of 56.

Mr. Spencer Leak, Jr. was a member of one of Chicago's most prominent families, the Leak family. He was following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Reverend A.R. Leak, and his father, the iconic Spencer Leak.

Spencer, Jr. was Vice President of Leak and Sons Funeral Home and a respected business and civic leader whose life carried forward a family tradition that has endured for three generations, staying steadfast to the belief that every family is entitled to honor their loved ones with dignity, care, and respect regardless of financial circumstances. Through his dedication to the funeral services profession, he was defined by service compassion and unwavering commitment to the people of Chicago.

Mr. Spencer Leak, Jr. was rooted in family; he was a champion for Cook County's business community and a generous mentor to aspiring entrepreneurs. In many instances he would share his history as a working adolescent within the family business—answering phones, washing limousines and carrying out countless assignments that helped shape his character and prepare him to continue a proud family legacy.