

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.

Alongside his parents and siblings, Spencer offered comfort and guidance during some of life's challenging times, earning the trust and admiration of families and communities throughout Chicago and beyond. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Spencer worked actively on civic and community issues. He served selflessly on my 7th Congressional District Health Sciences Public Policy working group where he used his expertise and insights to help shape educational initiatives into public action for funeral service professionals, families, and the community as a whole. His voice was invaluable and his commitment to serving others never wavered. His contributions to our city, our district, and the funeral service profession will not be forgotten.

Spencer Leak, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of leadership, compassion, community, and stewardship that will continue to inspire generations. Our lives through Spencer, Jr., have been touched with compassionate greatness. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING BRYCE
REYNIERSON

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, Bryce Reynier, 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 Bryce'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 Bryce and I know that he will make this Nation proud.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ECO-
CYCLE

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Eco-Cycle.

Based in Boulder County, Eco-Cycle was founded by a small group of local residents who took it upon themselves to bring recycling into their community. What began with the purchase of old school buses and volunteers driving from one neighborhood to the next, collecting aluminum, paper, and glass, is now one of the Nation's oldest and largest non-profit recyclers.

Eco-Cycle connects our community through partnerships with residents, governments, schools, businesses, and farmers. It is an institution not only of environmentalism, but of education. Throughout the past 50 years, Eco-Cycle has been a part of several groundbreaking initiatives, including their Zero Waste School program, Green Star Schools program and Environmental Education programs that combined have reached more than 75 schools across Colorado.

Eco-Cycle also, in partnership with the City of Boulder, opened the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM), the first facility of its kind in the United States. Recently, they have worked with farmers across Boulder County through the Farmer First program to engineer a closed-loop composting system.

The story of Eco-Cycle is an example for us all, that even small changes made by a few dedicated people can have astonishing results for entire communities. I am honored to represent this storied organization in Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, and I thank the staff and volunteers at Eco-Cycle who do this important work every day. I congratulate them on 50 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
MEMORY OF MAJOR ANDREW D.
BYERS

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Major Andrew D. Byers—a son of Clarence, New York, an American hero, and one of our Nation's very best. Major Byers embodied the values that define our greatest servicemen and women: courage, humility, leadership, and selfless devotion to others. From the halls of West Point to the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, he answered the call to serve with honor. On November 3, 2016, while supporting Afghan allies during combat operations in Kunduz Province, Major Byers gave his life protecting those beside him and leading his men to safety under enemy fire. His valor that day reflected the extraordinary character he carried throughout his entire life.

Serving as Green Beret officer, Major Byers was entrusted with some of America's most difficult missions. His life stands as a reminder that true heroism is not measured only by medals or rank, but by a willingness to place the lives of others before your own. The story of Major Byers is one of extraordinary sacrifice, but also one of unwavering patriotism and commitment to the Nation he swore to defend.

The Clarence community will gather to dedicate a portion of Sheridan Drive in his honor, ensuring that Major Andrew Byers' legacy will forever remain a visible part of the community he called home. Long after today, families driving that road, young people growing up in Clarence, and future generations of Americans will see his name and remember the price of freedom. It is fitting that his memory will stand alongside the Clarence Veterans Memorial and the countless tributes offered by a grateful

community determined never to forget one of its fallen heroes.

For Memorial Day, we are reminded that our respect is not confined to a single day. For Gold Star families across this Nation, remembrance lives every single day—in the empty chair at the dinner table, in the folded flag displayed at home, in birthdays celebrated without a loved one present, and in the quiet moments where sacrifice is felt most deeply.

Memorial Day calls on all of us to pause and remember our Nation's greatest sons and daughters, those who gave everything so that we may live in freedom. Major Andrew Byers was one of those men. May we honor his sacrifice not only with words, but with lives worthy of the freedom he helped defend.

HONORING NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
DELTA LAMBDA SIGMA ALUMNAE
CHAPTER OF SIGMA GAMMA
RHO SORORITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly exceptional organization, Delta Lambda Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

The Delta Lambda Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, was chartered on April 5, 1974. It became the first alumnae chapter chartered outside the metropolitan Jackson, Mississippi, area and the second alumnae chapter in the State of Mississippi to become part of the Sorority's Southeastern Region.

Five charter members, known as "The Magnificent Five," spearheaded the creation of this new chapter and I include in the RECORD their names:

Vera Davis Ballard;
Johnnie Ruth Johnson Brown;
Leola Doss Dickey;
Earlean Marshall Jones; and
Annette Carter Dean Pierce;

The Magnificent Five shared two distinct and noteworthy qualities: all were graduates of Alcorn State University, and all embraced the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's seven courageous and determined founders: "to enhanced the quality of life for women and their families in the United States and globally through community service, civil, and social action." This mission is reflected in the Sorority's motto, "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is the only Divine Nine organization founded at a predominantly white public institution of higher learning. For decades, Delta Lambda Sigma has served as a beacon of light in the Claiborne, Jefferson, and Natchez-Adams communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Delta Lambda Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, for its continued dedication, service, and commitment to uplifting communities across Mississippi.