

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.

HONORING SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the congregation of Saint Joseph Church in Ansonia, Connecticut in honoring the celebration of their 100th Anniversary. Throughout its history, the church and its congregation have demonstrated a unique commitment to serve the community and ensure that the most vulnerable of our citizens can find comfort and resources in their time of need.

Founded in 1925, St. Joseph's has been a spiritual home for Polish immigrants and their families and is one of the Polish American Roman Catholic parishes in New England in the Archdiocese of Hartford. In June 1925, Bishop John J. Nilan appointed Vincentian Fr. Aloysius Zielenznik, C.M., as pastor of the new St. Joseph Parish. With the church itself under construction, the first Mass for the Polish congregation was celebrated on July 12, 1925. at a Central Street Hall rented from an Italian society. Upon its completion the church, which still stands today, was dedicated on September 6, 1926. Ten days later, St. Joseph School opened, staffed by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

As the parish grew in membership, so too did their desire for their church to have a church bell to summon the faithful to church services. In 1950, then church leader Father Casimir Kwiatkowski was passing through Winchester, New Hampshire when he noticed a bell for sale in front of a Protestant church. He immediately made an inquiry and was able to purchase the bell on the spot and for a great price at just under five hundred dollars. The bell was brought back to St. Joseph's and on the occasion of administering the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish on October 14, 1950, Bishop Henry J. O'Brien, D.D., blessed the century old bell and named it Casimir. The bell was rung for the first time on November 1, 1950, the day the dogma of the Assumption was solemnly proclaimed in Rome by Pope Pius XII and it has been fixture at St. Joseph's ever since.

Saint Joseph Church has not only been a center for religious worship, but a vehicle through which their members could give back to the community. Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. For the last century, Saint Joseph Church has been a treasured landmark in Ansonia. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, they have left an indelible mark on the community and continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

Saint Joseph Church gives its members a place to find their spiritual center and to solidify and support their values—a beacon of light and hope for their members and the community. I am proud to stand today and extend my very best wishes to them as they mark this milestone in their history. Happy 100th Anniversary and as we say in Italian, to another hundred—C'ent Anni.

CONGRATULATING LILA JUN

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, Lila Jun, upon her acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, she will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

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 soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the Earth.

I was glad to sponsor Lila's nomination, and I am confident that her talents will distinguish her among her peers both during her time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Lila and I know that she will make this Nation proud.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 8

4:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

5:15 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Seapower
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

6 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

JUNE 9

9:15 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
Business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SD-G50

10 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety
To hold hearings to examine how technological advances are driving transportation innovation. SR-253

10:30 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of the Air Force. SD-192

11 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-232A

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-222

3 p.m.
Select Committee on Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

JUNE 10

9 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2027. SR-222

10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Department of Agriculture. SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2027 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. SD-406