

obtained through the Library of Congress Surplus Books program to ensure a robust set of reading materials as the library welcomes its first patrons. It is deeply gratifying to be present to see that vision realized in the library's grand opening.

May the Orrville Public Library stand as a lasting symbol of what can be achieved when a community comes together around a shared vision. I commend everyone who contributed to making this project a reality and look forward to seeing the positive impact this institution will have on Orrville and Dallas County for future generations. Whether residents come to read their first story, complete a school project, explore a new career path, or simply find a welcoming place to learn and grow, this library will serve as a foundation for enrichment, opportunity and lifelong learning for years to come.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the grand opening of the Orrville Public Library.

HONORING TRINITY WEEKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Trinity Weeks, an exceptional student at Humphreys County High School and a proud member of the Class of 2026, whose academic achievement, leadership, and service reflect the very best of her school and community.

Trinity has distinguished herself as a remarkable young scholar. She is graduating a full year early, demonstrating extraordinary discipline, focus, and determination. With an impressive 31 on the ACT, Trinity has shown outstanding academic ability while also balancing a full schedule of leadership and service commitments.

Her hard work has opened the door to many exciting opportunities. Trinity has been accepted to more than 30 colleges and universities and has earned approximately \$290,000 in school scholarship offers, along with \$13,500 in outside scholarships. She is currently choosing between North Carolina A&T State University, where she has earned a Teaching Fellows Scholarship, and Alabama A&M University, where she has received a full-ride scholarship.

In addition to her academic excellence, Trinity has shown a deep commitment to public service and personal growth. She is an active member of the Mayor's Youth Council and Sisters of Sophistication, organizations that reflect her dedication to community, character, and empowerment. Trinity also earned distinction as the Second Place Winner of the 2025 Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World National Oratorical Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, a testament to her poise, confidence, and powerful voice.

Trinity is the beloved daughter of Lakisha Hinnant and Zackery Weeks, Sr., and the proud granddaughter of Pastor Kevin and Laura Hinnant of Belzoni, Mississippi; Felicia Allen of Selma, North Carolina; and the late Bronica Lane. She is also celebrated by her younger siblings, Serenity and Victory Weeks, who look up to her with admiration and pride.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Trinity Weeks for her outstanding accomplishments. Her dedication to scholarship, leadership, and service is an inspiration to Humphrey's County and beyond. I am confident that Trinity's future is bright, and I look forward to seeing the many ways she will continue to make her family, her school, and her community proud.

CELEBRATING CATHY H'ORRY

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary public service of Cathy H'orry, a devoted Bronxite whose career has spanned more than four decades in service to the people of the Bronx.

Cathy built a life defined by dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to public service. After graduating from Dodge Vocational High School and attending Virginia State University, she returned home to the Bronx, where she began a remarkable career in government. From 1984 to 1987, Cathy served as Assistant Administrator to the late Bronx Borough President Stanley Simon. She then went on to serve under four consecutive Borough Presidents: Fernando Ferrer, Adolfo Carrión, Jr., Rubén Díaz, Jr., and Vanessa L. Gibson. Across more than 40 years, Cathy has been a steady and trusted presence through generations of leadership, helping advance the interests of the Bronx and its residents.

Few public servants can claim the distinction of serving five consecutive Borough Presidents. Fewer still can do so with the grace, integrity, and excellence that have defined Cathy's career.

As she retires in June 2026, we thank Cathy H'orry for her decades of faithful service and for the lasting impact she has made on the Bronx. Her legacy is one of dedication to community and commitment to public good.

I wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN STEPHEN C. DUBA, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Stephen C. Duba, Jr. upon his retirement from the United States Navy after 25 years of honorable service to our Nation.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Captain Duba has lived a life shaped by service, sacrifice, and devotion to country. Raised in a Navy family, he graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management, as well as a U.S. Coast Guard Third Assistant Engineer's

License for vessels of unlimited tonnage. He later earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Duba served around the world in sea and shore assignments involving explosive ordnance disposal, diving, mine countermeasures, weapons technical exploitation, and strategic naval operations. His service included assignments aboard USS *Sentry*, with EOD Mobile Unit SIX, at Kings Bay Submarine Base, with Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN, at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit, with Expeditionary Exploitation Unit ONE, and in command of EOD Mobile Unit EIGHT in Rota, Spain. Across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Pacific, Captain Duba led sailors in complex and dangerous missions that strengthened our national security and supported our allies and partners.

From August 2023 to July 2026, Captain Duba completed his final tour as Commanding Officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division and Director for Joint EOD Technology. In that role, he led one of the Navy's most critical commands, supporting research, development, testing, evaluation, engineering, manufacturing, explosive ordnance disposal, and weapons technical exploitation for U.S. and allied forces. Under his leadership, the command advanced the Navy's Energetics Comprehensive Modernization Plan, helping strengthen the Nation's munitions industrial base.

Captain Duba is designated as an EOD Warfare Officer, Surface Warfare Officer, Diving Officer, and Naval Parachutist. These qualifications reflect not only his technical expertise, but also his courage, discipline, and commitment to leading from the front.

Mr. Speaker, military service is never carried by the service member alone. Captain Duba's wife, Kristine, and children, Charlie, Tommy, and Lilly, served alongside him through every assignment, every deployment, and every sacrifice required of a Navy family. Their love and support helped make his extraordinary career possible.

On behalf of Florida's 4th Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I congratulate Captain Stephen C. Duba, Jr. on his retirement from the United States Navy. We thank him for his faithful service, commend his outstanding career, and wish him and his family fair winds and following seas.

HONORING SIVARAMAKRISHNAN "SOMA" SOMASEGAR

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life and legacy of Sivaramakrishnan "Soma" Somasegar. Soma was an incredible technologist, entrepreneur, leader, and friend in our community.

Born and raised in southern India, Soma came to the United States to attend Louisiana State University. In 1989, he began his career at Microsoft. Soma played a critical role in Windows NT, one of the most important projects in Microsoft's history. Through his remarkable management skills, dedication, and

work ethic, he rose to senior leadership at Microsoft, ultimately serving as Senior Vice President until 2015. I had the joy of getting to know him during our time at Microsoft together. His infectious smile and warm presence brought energy to every room he entered.

After leaving Microsoft, Soma devoted himself to supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs as a managing director at Madrona Venture Group, where he guided countless startups and helped strengthen our region's innovation ecosystem.

Beyond his professional achievements, Soma was deeply committed to his community. As the proud cofounder of the Seattle Orcas, he helped bring professional cricket to the Pacific Northwest and shared his love of the sport with many in our region. He was also a passionate advocate for women's empowerment, supporting organizations at every level that worked to expand equity and opportunity.

But above all, Soma's greatest joy was his family. His wife, Akila, and two daughters were the center of his world. He spoke of them often with great admiration, gratitude, and boundless pride. Everything he accomplished was grounded in love for them. To know Soma was to know how much they shaped him, supported him, and inspired him. It is their strength, love, and example that carry forward the legacy of a man who gave so much to his community, his colleagues, and his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering Soma's remarkable legacy. His family, friends, and colleagues will cherish his kindness and wisdom for years to come.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month. As representatives in Congress, we hold the tremendous responsibility of representing our constituents bravely battling this condition.

Huntington's Disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder—with no treatment that slows or stops the progression—that causes the breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. For over 30 years, we as a Nation have honored this month by "going blue" in support of our loved ones with Huntington's Disease. In that time, we have identified root causes, defined metrics for early detection, and had revolutionary breakthroughs in treatment. We have come a long way, but we have much more to accomplish in this fight.

Given the genetic nature of Huntington's Disease, it often impacts families for generations. Christina, one of my constituents, has endured the loss of her grandmother and the pain of watching her father and aunt battle this disease. All too familiar with the uncertainty this disease brings, she is committed to breaking the cycle and has become an advocate for all Americans with HD.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent and amplify the fighting spirit of the Huntington's

Disease community in Congress. I call upon my colleagues to join Christina and myself in committing to greater federal support for brave Americans with Huntington's Disease.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. LLOYD FREESE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Lloyd Freese, who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 9th. Lloyd is a lifelong resident of New Hampshire and a proud veteran of the United States Army who served our country honorably in the European Theatre during World War II.

Lloyd grew up in Manchester, New Hampshire, the son of Albert C. Freese and Gladys Freese, and graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1943, a varsity letterman in both Track and Hockey. As someone who grew up in the Great Depression, he learned early in his life the value of hard work and resilience. He carried that with him as a student, studying the Practical Arts so he could practice an essential trade.

He was only 17 years old when he joined the Army in 1943, and he served in the U.S. Infantry, Fifth Army Division during the Liberation of Italy from 1944 to 1945. After returning stateside at the end of that year, he narrowly avoided deployment to the Pacific, the war coming to end just before he was set to leave. That bit of good fortune earned him the nickname "Lucky Lloyd" and from there he built his life, family, and career over the ensuing decades.

He graduated from Hesser College in 1949 and launched a career of distinguished work and leadership, working first for Universal C.I.T. Credit Corporation, then as Vice President of Bankers Service Inc., Assistant Vice President of Indian Head Bank Inc., Vice President of Indian Head Properties, and eventually Senior Vice President of Indian Head National Bank of Nashua, New Hampshire. He also served on the Board of Directors of several organizations, including the First Federal Reserve District for Consumer Credit, New England Bank Card Associates, the New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Industry Board, and the Hundred Club of New Hampshire, for whom he also served four years as President.

Even with all his career accomplishments, those who know Lloyd best understand that his family and friends have always been most important to him. He married his wife, Alice in 1947, and together they raised two children, Gary Freese and Karen Freese Wilson. He has also been a consistently active member of his community, an avid golfer for much of his life and a dedicated skier until he was 89 years old. He is also one of the longest active members of the Manchester Country Club, where he has been a member for over 62 years.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Lloyd on his 100th birthday. Today, we join his loved ones in celebrating this exciting milestone and his life of service, leadership, family, and community.

His life of service is an inspiring model for all of us to follow. I wish him a very happy birthday and all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. RYAN PILLOW

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a remarkable public servant whose career has been defined by courage, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to protecting others—Mr. Ryan Douglas Pillow—upon his retirement after more than 26 years of combined military and federal civilian service to the United States.

For over two decades, Ryan Pillow has served at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam as a federal firefighter with the Department of the Air Force, ultimately rising to the position of Assistant Fire Chief of Health and Safety.

Before beginning his civilian career, Mr. Pillow proudly served four years in the United States Navy, continuing a lifetime dedicated to serving and protecting our Nation.

Throughout his distinguished career, Ryan Pillow has been entrusted with some of the most challenging and high-risk responsibilities imaginable. As an Incident Commander and emergency response leader, he has overseen operations involving strategic military aircraft, critical infrastructure, and life-threatening emergencies under some of the most demanding conditions.

His operational experience includes leading emergency responses involving B-1, B-2, and B-52 strategic bombers—some of the most critical assets in our Nation's defense posture. He also led emergency operations involving fighter aircraft incidents, including assisting in the emergency egress of a fighter pilot and managing high-risk airfield emergencies involving F-18 aircraft.

But his service extended far beyond the runway. Mr. Pillow also led life-saving technical rescue operations, including over-the-cliff rescues, structural fire emergencies, and water rescue missions. During major typhoon events impacting Guam, he served as Incident Commander, helping ensure the protection of personnel, mission-essential infrastructure, and critical defense capabilities during some of the island's most dangerous conditions.

And during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, he once again demonstrated steady leadership by helping manage initial emergency response operations aimed at protecting personnel and establishing effective containment measures during an unprecedented national crisis.

These responsibilities required not only technical expertise, but calm under pressure, decisive leadership, and complete trust from the men and women he served alongside. Throughout his career, Ryan Pillow earned that trust time and time again.

In addition to his operational leadership, he played a critical role in strengthening firefighter health and safety programs, improving emergency response readiness, and fostering mutual aid partnerships that enhanced regional emergency response capabilities throughout Guam.

His extraordinary service has been recognized through numerous distinguished honors,