

Army on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished and selfless service to our Nation.

Justin's story is one of extraordinary dedication. Enlisting in 1995 as a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he rose through the ranks to become one of the Army's most decorated and experienced aviators. After earning his wings at Fort Rucker in 1998, Justin went on to do what few ever accomplish. He was selected into the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, the Night Stalkers, where he would spend more than two decades of his career. I am proud to say that I had the privilege of serving alongside Justin in the 160th, and I can speak firsthand to the caliber of soldier, aviator, and leader he is.

Over the span of more than 20 years with the 160th, Justin served in virtually every leadership capacity imaginable, including Pilot in Command, Instructor Pilot, Standardization Instructor Pilot, Operations Officer, Senior Warrant Officer, and Regimental Flight Lead, deploying an astounding 30 times in support of the Global War on Terror and other contingency operations around the world. His decorations tell that story plainly: the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, and campaign medals bearing the marks of Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, among many others.

But Justin is more than his record. He is a devoted husband to Dr. Leilani Karls and a proud father to Isabelle, Dr. Sydney, and Emma. The sacrifices made by his family in support of his service deserve equal recognition today.

On behalf of a grateful Nation and a proud Congress, I thank Justin. The Night Stalkers never quit, and neither did he. I congratulate him on a magnificent career, and Godspeed, in the next chapter.

CELEBRATING THE JOHNSON  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CAVALIERS BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. SHARICE DAVIDS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Johnson County Community College Cavaliers baseball team, which just won the Division 1 Junior College World Series national championship game for the first time in program history. As a JCCC alum, it is my pleasure to congratulate the team on this incredible accomplishment.

This well-deserved victory marked the finale of an already-historic season. The Cavaliers ended with a 67–3 record, which included a 41-game winning streak. As if that is not impressive enough, the team hit 219 home runs—a college baseball record across every level.

This past JCCC Cavaliers baseball season represents all the great ways we benefit from sports—instilling pride in our community, inspiring young people to set high goals, and offering new opportunities. In fact, the team expects more than 20 players to sign with Division I programs for next season.

Once again, I congratulate the JCCC Cavaliers baseball team and, on behalf of the Johnson County community and beyond, I thank

them for such an exciting season. Go Cavaliers.

HONORING THE NATIONAL SPEECH  
& DEBATE ASSOCIATION'S 2026  
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the National Speech & Debate Association's 2026 National Tournament, which will be hosted in Richmond, Virginia, this June.

This prestigious national tournament will welcome more than 10,000 students, educators, and families from across the United States to the Commonwealth's capital. It is an extraordinary opportunity not only to showcase Richmond's abundant history and hospitality, but also to highlight the Commonwealth's commitment to educational excellence and civic engagement.

The Richmond Forum Speech & Debate Initiative has showcased a deep understanding of a simple yet profound truth: the strength of our democracy depends on the ability of its citizens to communicate clearly, think critically, and engage one another with respect and kindness. I am proud to welcome these young leaders into our community. This tournament provides an opportunity for students across the country to develop the analytical and persuasive skills that empower the next generation to engage in the civil exchange of ideas and tackle the problems of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming these talented students to Virginia and celebrating the enduring value of speech and debate. I pray that they continue to find success in all their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. KIA MONIQUE  
JONES

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Kia Monique Jones, an outstanding scholar, advocate, entrepreneur, and community leader whose work has positively impacted communities throughout the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Jones is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of For Brown Girls, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing issues related to poverty, health equity, education, women empowerment, and community development. Through her leadership, the organization has created opportunities for professional networking, financial literacy, leadership development, and educational advancement for underserved communities throughout Mississippi.

In addition to her nonprofit leadership, Dr. Jones has remained deeply engaged in civic and public health initiatives through her service with numerous organizations, including Leadership Greater Jackson, the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, Planned Parenthood Southeast Advisory Council, the Mis-

issippi Ending the HIV Epidemic Black Leadership Collaborative Task Force, and the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Program. Her commitment to social justice, equity, and public service continues to uplift communities across our state.

Dr. Jones' dedication and leadership have earned her numerous honors, including the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 50 Under 40 Award, Top CEOs in Mississippi recognition, the Women Economic Forum Exceptional Women of Excellence International Award, and several awards recognizing her humanitarianism and entrepreneurial success.

A proud three-time graduate of Jackson State University, Dr. Jones earned a Doctor of Public Health degree with a concentration in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, in addition to graduate and undergraduate degrees in Biology. She also earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Belhaven University.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Kia Monique Jones has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others through leadership, advocacy, and service. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her outstanding contributions to the State of Mississippi and congratulating her on her continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF NANCY MAGEE

**HON. KEVIN MULLIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague Representative SAM LICCARDO, to honor the life and memory of a dedicated community leader in San Mateo County, Nancy Magee, who passed away peacefully on April 26, 2026, at the age of 66.

Nancy served as the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools before her retirement earlier this year. She was first elected in 2018 and led the San Mateo County Office of Education for eight years. Her extraordinary leadership was crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing multiple initiatives, supporting the transition to distance learning and back to in-person learning, and providing a steady, compassionate approach. Because of her efforts during the pandemic, she received the Pillar of the County Award from the San Mateo County School Boards Association and was named the Superintendent of the Year for San Mateo and San Francisco counties by the Association of California School Administrators.

Her work in behavioral health, environmental literacy, and school safety was recognized by California County Superintendents, which named the San Mateo County Office of Education 2025 Office of the Year for medium-sized counties. She spearheaded the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, establishing emergency protocols to help prevent school shootings. Additionally, she was instrumental in advancing the countywide third grade literacy initiative, The Big Lift, and other major projects such as the United for Youth Vision 2030 Blueprint and the Child Care Partnership Coalition.

Nancy was the recipient of the "Golden Oak" Award at the 17th District PTA Founders

Day Luncheon and the Tom Mohr “Champion of Education” Award from Chamber of San Mateo County, highlighting her work in providing equal access to excellent education for all in San Mateo County. Due to her focus on climate change, the County Office of Education was the only one to receive a California Green Ribbon Schools Gold Achiever Award and she received the 2020 Sustainable San Mateo Sustainability Champion Award. Nancy’s guidance resulted in the County Office of Education securing a \$6 million state grant in 2021 to develop climate change and environmental justice curriculum for every grade in California’s K–12 schools, called Seeds to Solution.

Prior to her election as County Superintendent of Schools, Nancy was the San Mateo County Office of Education’s Associate Superintendent for Student Services. She directly oversaw the educational services for students who are in the juvenile justice system or that were enrolled in the county’s special education programs. During her tenure she oversaw initiatives promoting mental health coordination, supporting foster youth, Safe Routes to School, Career Technical Education, and Special Olympics.

Nancy received a bachelor’s degree in English from San Diego State University in 1982 and played water polo in college. She would go on to receive a Master of Arts Degree in Library and Information Systems from San Jose State University. She coached high school varsity water polo and taught in the classroom for more than 20 years. Before moving back to the Bay Area, she lived in San Diego and worked for the Grossmont Union High School District.

In all her work, Nancy prioritized her care for children, students, and learning. She will always be remembered for her countless contributions which enriched so many lives in our San Mateo County communities. Nancy is survived by her two sons, Travis and Noah, and two granddaughters, Avery and Emmy. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to please join us in celebrating and commemorating the life and accomplishments of Nancy Magee.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LATEEFAH SIMON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I arrived to the Floor late. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 208.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JAMES DUCEY

### HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize James Ducey of Grass Lake as the Veteran of the Month for June and honor him for his sacrifice and service on behalf of our great Nation.

After graduating from high school in 1966, James enlisted in the United States Air Force,

serving proudly in the 341st Civil Engineering Squadron at the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. James served in the Air Force until April of 1970, achieving the rank of Sergeant E–4, and was awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

Even after leaving active duty, James never stopped serving, shifting his efforts to his local community. James joined the Grass Lake American Legion Post 252, where he was appointed Adjutant in 2018, leading the annual Memorial Day celebration for several years and post activities through 2025. His leadership also extended to chairing the American Legion Fireworks Committee and the July 4th Parade in partnership with the Grass Lake Sportsman Club.

While serving his local post, James also became Adjutant for the Jackson Veterans Council for four years. He served as backup Service Officer for Post 252 and has represented Post 252 as District 2 Representative since 2021, continuing in that role today. In 2023, he was elected Jackson County Commander, serving until July 2025. He also served as Finance Person for District 2 for two years under Commander Greene.

In 2024, James was appointed by Department Commander Mohlman to the Department Finance Committee, representing District 2 for a one-year term. He was subsequently appointed by Department Commander Cooper as Secretary of the Department’s Internal Affairs Committee, a two-year appointment he currently holds.

James Ducey’s remarkable life of service and leadership on behalf of America’s veterans and his community inspires us all. May others know of my high regard for James, as well as my deep gratitude for his lasting contributions to the country we love.

#### CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNING INCORPORATED

### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a remarkable milestone in the history of American innovation: the 175th anniversary of Corning Incorporated, a company whose ingenuity and resilience have helped shape the modern world from its home in the Southern Tier of New York.

Very few companies survive this long, and fewer still can claim a legacy that touches so many lives across the globe. Corning’s story, at its core, is one of discovery. For 175 years, the company’s boundless curiosity has produced some of the world’s most consequential breakthroughs in materials science. Today Corning’s patents and trade secrets are crown jewels of American intellectual property: the glass envelope of Thomas Edison’s first commercial light bulb, the heat-resistant Pyrex that became a fixture in America’s kitchens, the ceramic substrates that have cleaned the air from nearly every passenger vehicle on the road for the past half century, the Gorilla Glass that today protects billions of smartphones and devices worldwide, and the low-loss optical fiber that became the backbone of the internet and now AI infrastructure.

It is also a story about the lives Corning touches. The company’s innovations are everywhere—powering how Americans work, learn, and live. Behind these achievements stand more than 60,000 Corning employees worldwide including the thousands of dedicated men and women who live and work in New York’s 23rd Congressional District. They are the scientists, engineers, technicians, and operators whose talent has made Corning synonymous with excellence in advanced manufacturing. Generations of Southern Tier families have built their lives alongside this company, and Corning has invested in them through good-paying jobs, educational partnerships, and steadfast community support.

Most importantly, this anniversary is about what comes next. For Corning, what’s next is not a single idea but a mindset, one rooted in possibility, progress, and the belief that tomorrow can always be better than today. It is a mindset that has carried the company through 175 years of wars, downturns, and waves of technological change, and one that will carry it boldly into its next chapter.

Mr. Speaker, Corning is the beating heart of the Southern Tier’s economy and a treasure of American industry. On behalf of New York’s 23rd Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest congratulations to the entire Corning family on this historic 175th anniversary.

#### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP-WEST BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026*

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary institution in Texas’ 30th Congressional District, Friendship-West Baptist Church, as it celebrates 50 years of faithful service, transformative ministry, and community leadership. This recognition is especially meaningful to me because Friendship-West is not only a pillar of our community—it is also my home church.

Founded on June 13, 1976, by the late Reverend Robert L. Castle, III with just nine worshippers gathering at the Mary Lois Sweatt School of Dance on Liberty Lane, Friendship-West has grown into one of the most influential faith institutions in North Texas. For five decades, the church has served as a beacon of faith, justice, and empowerment, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to both spiritual growth and community transformation.

Under the leadership of Reverend Castle and now Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Friendship-West earned national recognition for its commitment to prophetic ministry, social justice, educational advancement, economic empowerment, and civic engagement. For more than forty years, Dr. Haynes led the congregation with vision, courage, and compassion, establishing Friendship-West as a leading voice on issues of faith, justice, and community empowerment: His ministry challenged people to connect faith with action and inspired generations to pursue lives rooted in service, dignity, and hope.

Friendship-West has touched countless lives through worship, discipleship, youth development programs, community partnerships,