led him to establish his own company, Almar Painting and Decorating Co. Through decades of work, he built a successful business, and a reputation defined by integrity, quality, and commitment to others.

While he took great pride in his profession, those closest to Mr. Giamberardino remember him most for his warmth, generosity, and larger-than-life personality. He had a deep love for music, especially opera, and found joy in gardening, collecting, and sharing stories with family and friends. Whether welcoming guests into his home or spending time with loved ones, he brought energy, humor, and kindness to every room he entered.

Above all else, Mr. Giamberardino was devoted to his family. He shared a loving marriage with his wife of 61 years, Anna Maria Romita, and took immense pride in his son Marco, daughter-in-law Andrea, and grandchildren Lorenzo and Alessandra. His love for his family was evident in every part of his life and remained at the center of who he was.

Alfiero Giamberardino's story reflects the contributions of so many immigrants who helped build communities across our country through hard work, perseverance, and devotion to family. His legacy lives on through the lives he touched, the family he cherished, and the lasting example he set for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Alfiero Raniero Giamberardino and in extending our condolences to his family and loved ones.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR. ALLISON ARWADY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Allison Arwady on her exceptional leadership and service as the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Prior to this role, she served as the commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health.

For more than two years, Dr. Arwady led the Injury Center with distinction, bringing to the role a depth of expertise and a steadfast commitment that have defined her career in medicine and public health. Her leadership has made our Nation stronger, safer, and better equipped to protect Americans from injury and violence.

During her tenure, the United States saw a significant decline in drug overdose deaths, returning to prepandemic levels. This progress reflects the strength of the Injury Center's data-driven approach and the impactful work it supports at the state and local levels. Even amid staffing challenges and ongoing budgetary pressures, Dr. Arwady successfully secured full congressional funding for the Center's critical programs while maintaining strong partnerships with public safety leaders across the country.

Dr. Arwady consistently demonstrated an ability to communicate the importance of the Injury Center's mission in ways that resonated with policymakers, funders, and the public. Her advocacy ensured that this vital work remained a national priority.

Mr. Speaker, I ask everyone to join me to congratulate Dr. Allison Arwady for her outstanding contributions and in expressing our deep appreciation for her leadership and enduring impact on public health.

RECOGNIZING BENJAMIN HINDS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young man from Rochester, New York, whose commitment to leadership, service, and personal excellence has earned him admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Benjamin Hinds.

Inspired by a proud family tradition of military service, Benjamin has long been guided by the values of duty, honor, and commitment to country. Following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, he developed a deep appreciation for disciplined leadership and a desire to dedicate himself to a cause greater than himself. His acceptance to the United States Coast Guard Academy represents not only a remarkable personal achievement, but also the continuation of a family legacy rooted in service to our Nation.

Throughout his time at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Benjamin distinguished himself as a diligent student, supportive teammate, and respected leader among his peers. Known for his generosity and unwavering dedication, he consistently sought opportunities to help others and lead by example. Whether encouraging his teammates from the pool deck, assisting fellow students in the classroom, or dedicating his time to the betterment of his community, Benjamin demonstrated the character, integrity, and sense of responsibility that define future leaders in military service.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Benjamin Hinds will continue to make the Rochester community proud as he embarks on his journey at the United States Coast Guard Academy. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and extend my very best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies bill. Last year, Republicans forced through their now incredibly unpopular Big Beautiful Bill, which cut a historic number of Americans from food assistance benefits. This Agriculture appropriations bill is no different, continuing these same dangerous cuts that benefit the wealthy and well connected.

Mr. Speaker, you may be wondering what my stake in agriculture is. Though Minnesota produces vast amounts of commodities like wheat, corn, soybeans, and sugar beets, just to name a few, my district is home to only a couple of great apple orchards and some small community farms. However, right down the street from my district office is the University of Minnesota Saint Paul campus, which is home to several vital agriculture programs. Programs like the Cereal Disease Lab, run by the Agricultural Research Service and housed on the university campus, conduct vital research into rare wheat diseases. The University of Minnesota's Veterinary program is also in Saint Paul, training the future workforce that will provide care for animals across our state. I am proud that these vital programs continue to be supported by this bill.

However, the cuts made to assistance programs like WIC, and the lack of solutions to the SNAP cuts, are deeply worrisome. Minnesota administers SNAP at the county level, and I know that many of my colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—represent states that do the same. This bill does nothing to solve the immense administrative and program cost shifts enacted by the Big Beautiful Bill. Furthermore, this bill continues devastating cuts to WIC. The proposed funding level means that there will be women and children who are eligible for assistance but will not receive it. I have heard from my constituents about how much they depend on these funding streams, especially at a time when costs are rising across the board. Continuing to cut these programs will harm my constituents.

Rural Minnesotans will also be harmed by the cuts in this bill. The ReConnect Broadband program, which helps connect rural Minnesotans across the state to reliable broadband service, is slashed by 20 percent. This bill also cuts important water and waste grants—the backbone of rural conservation efforts—that help rural communities access clean drinking water. Furthermore, the eight percent cut to the Natural Resources Conservation Service will limit farmers' ability to implement best conservation practices.

If this bill as written were to be enacted into law, Minnesotans from my district to our most rural communities will see their costs rise. I hope that we can work together to improve this bill for the American people and reverse the devastating cuts proposed.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIENNA LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone in our Northern Virginia community, the 75th anniversary of Vienna Little League.

For seventy-five years, Vienna Little League has served as a cornerstone of youth development in the Town of Vienna, providing generations of children with the opportunity to learn the game of baseball while building character, confidence, and lifelong friendships. Since its founding, the league has embodied the very best of community spirit, bringing together families, volunteers, and local leaders in support of our youth.

Vienna Little League has played an essential role in shaping young lives both on and off the field. Through its commitment to teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance, the league has instilled values that extend far beyond the game itself. Thousands of players have come through its program, many of whom carry forward the lessons they learned into their schools, careers, and communities.

In addition to its longstanding tradition, Vienna Little League continues to achieve excellence at the highest levels of youth baseball. In 2022, its 9–11U All-Star team captured the Southeast Regional Title for the first time in over fifty years, and in 2023, its 8–11-Year-Old team once again brought home the Southeast Regional Title. These accomplishments reflect not only athletic talent, but also the strength of the league's coaching, mentorship. and community support.

Equally impressive is the continued vitality of the league itself. Even in an era where travel baseball has become increasingly prevalent, Vienna Little League remains a thriving and accessible program, with nearly 1,000 players registered for the 2026 spring season. This remarkable level of participation is a testament to the enduring value of community-based athletics and the strong sense of belonging that Vienna Little League fosters.

At the heart of Vienna Little League's success is its dedicated network of volunteers, including coaches, board members, umpires, and parents, who generously give their time and energy year after year. Their commitment ensures that each season provides a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment where every child has the opportunity to grow and succeed.

The 75th anniversary of Vienna Little League is not only a celebration of its history, but also a testament to its enduring impact on the community. It reflects decades of hard work, community investment, and a shared belief in the importance of youth engagement through athletics. Above all, it represents an extraordinary community that has been built around the game, one that continues to bring pride to the Town of Vienna.

The anniversary celebration brings together past and present players, families, and community members to honor the league's legacy and look ahead to its continued success. It is an opportunity to reflect on the countless memories made on the fields of Vienna and to recognize the individuals who have contributed to the league's lasting success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vienna Little League on its 75th anniversary, and in wishing the league success this season. Its legacy of service, achievement, and community building has left an indelible mark on Northern Virginia, and its continued success will no doubt inspire generations to come.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AGENCIES CLARIFICATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act, which was introduced by my colleague, Representative Griffith.

As the independence of the legislative branch continues to be challenged and eroded, we must take the necessary steps to ensure our ability to function as an unimpeded co-equal branch of government. This important legislation is part of an overall effort to strengthen and protect Congressional independence.

Similar to my bill, the Legislative Branch Independence Act (H.R. 6517), the House is seeking in this legislation to provide the necessary clarity regarding the governance of agencies that uniquely serve the Legislative Branch and reaffirm Congress' constitutional authority over its own institutions.

By shifting the appointment authority away from the executive branch for the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Government Publishing Office, both bills further align the responsibilities of these agencies to the Legislative Branch.

While my bill differs in its addition of the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office, the shared effort to retain Congressional control over the appointment process for key legislative branch officials reflects our common intent to strengthen and protect the structure of these institutions that serve us.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to secure the enactment of these bills to empower Congress to control all aspects of key legislative branch agencies.

CONGRATULATING SCOTT CLARK

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Scott Clark on receiving the Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility (SIR) Award.

On June 6, 2026, I had the pleasure of joining Scott at the 2026 Annual Associated General Contractors of Georgia Convention and can confidently say no one is more deserving.

The SIR award is given to the individual who exemplifies the values embraced through outstanding service, industry leadership, and involvement in the community. Scott embodies each of these qualities.

Throughout his distinguished career, Scott has served in many different roles, eventually leading to his current role as Chief Executive Officer at RW Allen Construction.

His commitment to excellence and passion for developing future leaders will leave a long-lasting impact on the construction industry in Georgia and across the Nation.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Scott is also a devoted family man and man of faith. I congratulate my friend Scott, his wife Jennifer, and their two children on this well-deserved recognition and honor.

RECOGNIZING RYAN GALLE

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young man from Rochester, New York, whose dedication, work ethic, and passion for maritime service have earned him admission to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Ryan Galle.

From an early age, Ryan developed a deep appreciation for maritime operations through his work with a local charter business along the historic Erie Canal. What began as an interest soon grew into a genuine passion, inspiring him to pursue a career in the maritime industry and seek opportunities that would challenge him both personally and professionally.

Ryan is highly regarded by his teachers, mentors, and peers as a motivated student, dependable leader, and positive influence within his community. Whether in the classroom, in athletics, or in his work experience, he has consistently demonstrated maturity, initiative, and a strong sense of responsibility. Drawn to the Academy's rigorous academic and leadership development programs, Ryan looks forward to strengthening his character, refining his leadership abilities, and expanding his knowledge of the maritime profession.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Ryan Galle will continue to make the Rochester community proud as he pursues his education and future career at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and extend my very best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2026 ANNUAL PRIVILEGE AWARDS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2026 Annual Privilege Awards, presented by the Bernie L. Bates Foundation, an organization dedicated to strengthening communities across Fairfax County through education, mentorship, and service.

Now in its fifth year, the Annual Privilege Awards honor outstanding residents whose time, leadership, and generosity have significantly supported nonprofit organizations and uplifted communities throughout Northern Virginia.

This award is given to those who embody the spirit of the late Colonel Marion ''Barney'' Barnwell, United States Army, Retired, and Lord Fairfax, 2018. He was a community leader and advocate known for his longstanding commitment to civic engagement and public service in Northern Virginia. He was actively involved with the Bernie L. Bates Foundation, supporting efforts that promote education, mentorship, and opportunities for young people. Through his leadership and volunteer work, Barnwell helped strengthen community partnerships and advance initiatives that encourage service and leadership among local residents.

This year's honorees exemplify the spirit of service and the ''pay it forward'' mentality that the program was created to celebrate. I include in the Record the following names of the 2026 Annual Privilege Awards recipients:

Dawnielle Feucht, INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital. Dawnielle Feucht is recognized for