on truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. Since being introduced in Virginia, practitioners have shared the practice through free workshops, cultural events, and community engagement efforts across the region.

In Northern Virginia, Falun Dafa practitioners have participated in local festivals, parades, and cultural celebrations that help strengthen community connections and promote greater cultural understanding. Their outreach and volunteer efforts have become a familiar part of many community events throughout our region.

This recognition also serves as an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of religious freedom and the right of individuals to practice their beliefs peacefully and openly. Many Falun Dafa practitioners came to the United States after facing religious persecution abroad and continue to advocate for greater awareness of human rights issues around the world.

I would also like to recognize the many practitioners and volunteers whose continued involvement in our communities reflects a strong commitment to civic participation and cultural engagement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Falun Dafa Month and in celebrating the contributions Falun Dafa practitioners continue to make to communities across Virginia and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. SHIRLEY GRABER

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Shirley Graber of McCook, Nebraska, and wish her a very happy 100th birthday. Reaching a century of life is a truly extraordinary milestone and I hope Mrs. Graber's day be filled with treasured memories, the love of family, and the appreciation of friends near and far.

RECOGNIZING PAUL BROOKER

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 to leadership, service, and personal excellence has earned him admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point: Paul Brooker.

Throughout his time in high school, Paul distinguished himself through his integrity, commitment, and seriousness of purpose. Respected by both his peers and teachers, he consistently demonstrated a willingness to serve others, whether as a supportive classmate, a trusted friend, or a captain of his cross-country team. His accomplishments reflect not only a strong work ethic, but also a deep commitment to leadership and service.

Drawn to West Point's enduring mission of developing leaders of character committed to the service of our Nation, Paul recognized in the Academy an institution that reflected his own values and aspirations. The principles of duty, honor, and selfless service resonated deeply with him, as did the opportunity to challenge himself academically and physically while preparing for a life of leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Paul Brooker will make the Rochester community proud as he embarks on this next chapter of his life. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and extend my very best wishes for continued success at the United States Military Academy and beyond.

HONORING RIC DIMPFL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY AND OVER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ric Dimpfl on the occasion of his 75th birthday and to recognize a lifetime of extraordinary service to his community and the fire service. For over 50 years, Ric has proudly served with the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to protecting the lives and property of others.

Beyond his service as a firefighter, Ric has been a tireless advocate for emergency responders throughout New York State. In 1991, he co-founded The Firefighter newspaper, providing a respected voice for the fire service community. He has also spent decades working with elected officials to advance legislation and policies that strengthen emergency services and support first responders.

Ric's lasting impact on the fire service was recognized in 2025 when he was inducted into the Erie County Fire Wall of Honor. This distinction reflects not only his decades of service but also his leadership, advocacy, and dedication to improving the fire service for future generations. He is supported and celebrated by his wife, Sharon, as well as his children and grandchildren, who share in the pride of his remarkable legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring Ric Dimpfl on his 75th birthday and thanking him for his extraordinary contributions to the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department, Erie County, and the State of New York. His commitment to service, community, and family stands as an enduring example to all.

RECOGNIZING BOB BUDOFF FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF GREATER WASHINGTON

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Budoff for his dedicated service as Board President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and to thank him for his longstanding commitment to strengthening our community through civic engagement, public service, and interfaith collaboration.

Under Bob Budoff's leadership, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington has continued its important work advancing community partnerships, promoting dialogue across faiths, and supporting efforts that strengthen understanding and civic participation throughout the region.

The JCRC of Greater Washington serves as an important voice within our community, bringing together leaders, organizations, and residents to address critical issues and foster cooperation across the Washington metropolitan area. Its work has helped strengthen connections across the region and encouraged thoughtful engagement on issues affecting the broader community.

In addition to his service with the JCRC, Bob remains active in the Northern Virginia community through Temple B'nai Shalom in Fairfax Station. His commitment to service and community involvement reflects the values that continue to strengthen our region.

Bob's leadership comes at a time when strong community relationships and thoughtful civic dialogue remain more important than ever. His work with the JCRC has helped create opportunities for people from different backgrounds and perspectives to engage with one another in meaningful and constructive ways.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bob Budoff for his leadership and service to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and for his continued contributions to our community and the entire Washington, DC region.

WELCOMING CAPTAIN GLOVER HOME

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Glover, and to welcome him back home as he returns to his alma mater, Ontario High School in Ontario, California.

Born and raised in my hometown, Pomona, California, Captain Glover received his high school diploma from Ontario High School in 1994. His peers knew him as a "born leader" and a hard worker who, even then, spoke about his aspirations of becoming an astronaut. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in General Engineering from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo as a dual-sport collegiate athlete who competed in both football and wrestling.

Captain Glover's remarkable career started long before joining NASA. After college, Victor was commissioned in the United States Navy. He soon began preflight training in Pensacola, Florida. And on December 14, 2001, he completed advanced flight training in Kingsville, Texas, earning his wings of gold. Throughout the early 2000s, he reported to several squadrons, including the Marine Fleet Replacement Squadron in Miramar, California, and the Blue Blasters of Strike Fighter Squadron in Oceana,

Virginia. With the Blue Blasters, Captain Glover supported Operation Iraqi Freedom by completing the final deployment of the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV–67). While deployed, he embarked on earning a Master of Science in Systems Engineering via NPS in Monterey, California.

Captain Glover went on to earn multiple master's degrees from various institutions: a Master of Science in Flight Test Engineering (USAF TPS), Air University, at Edwards Force Base in California, in 2007, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering (PD–21), Naval Postgraduate School, in 2009, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University in Montgomery, Alabama, in 2010.

In 2009, he moved to Alabama to serve at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, before reporting to the Dambusters of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA–195 in Atsugi, Japan as a Department Head. With the Dambusters, Glover was deployed on three separate missions to varying locations throughout the Pacific.

Captain Glover is also no stranger to working with Congress; in 2012, he was selected for a Legislative Fellowship on Capitol Hill. While working in Washington, D.C., he earned a Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. It was during his fellowship that news broke that he was selected as an astronaut candidate.

In 2013, Captain Glover was selected to be part of the 21st NASA astronaut class, a class of only eight members. In 2015, after concluding Astronaut Candidate Training, he served as a space station capsule communicator (CapCom), Expedition 52 Increment Lead Crewmember, Operations Officer, and Family Escort for several Soyuz and Crew Dragon launches.

Captain Glover was assigned his first spaceflight mission in 2018 as Crew-1 Pilot. The flight launched on November 16, 2020, and headed to the International Space Station (ISS), where he spent 168 days in space before returning to Earth on May 2, 2021. During his time at the ISS, he completed 4 spacewalks, contributed to several scientific research experiments, assisted with maintenance, and conducted outreach activities. This was an unforgettable experience for not only Captain Glover, but also for many students in the Inland Empire who were able to engage with him and a fellow astronaut in a live town hall while they were at the ISS.

In 2023, Captain Glover was assigned to his most recent mission, Artemis II. As Pilot, he launched from Kennedy Space Center on April 1, 2026, on a Space Launch System rocket alongside Reid Wiseman, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen. During the mission, he guided the rocket for nearly ten days, completing a historic lunar flyby, demonstrating humanity's return to the Moon's vicinity for the first time in more than five decades. The crew of Artemis II splashed down off the coast of San Diego on April 10, 2026, after venturing 252,756 miles from Earth.

It comes as no surprise that Captain Glover's accomplishments are truly stellar, as reflected by his many awards and honors. His awards date back to his youth, including his time at Ontario High School, where he was named the high school's 1994 athlete of the year. Since then, he has received many other honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, NASA Distinguished Medal and NASA Space Exploration Medal, 2023 TIME 100 Next, Jet Magazine's inaugural 40 under 40, and Honorary Doctorates of Science from Howard University (2024) and California Polytechnic State University (2025).

Beyond his remarkable professional career, he is blessed with a loving family. In 2002, he married Dianna Odom, a Berkeley native, with whom he has four daughters: Genesis, Maya, Joia, and Corinne. His mother still resides in southern California, and his father and stepmother live in Prosper, Texas.

Captain Glover is a remarkable success story from California's 35th Congressional District. He is a testament that kids across the Inland Empire can dream big and that no goal is beyond reach. In honor of his return to his alma mater, Ontario High School, on June 12, 2026, it is my privilege to celebrate Captain Glover. His impact on our Nation, globe, and beyond is out of this world.

RECOGNIZING BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR OF BOYNTON BEACH ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Nlandir of Boynton Beach on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary, known as Rajat Jayanti, and to honor its longstanding contributions to the spiritual, cultural, and civic life of South Florida.

Since its inauguration in June 2001 as the first traditional Hindu temple in Palm Beach County, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir has served as a center of faith, learning, and community for thousands of families throughout the region. For twenty-five years, the Mandir has advanced the values of devotion, unity, compassion, and selfless service while preserving and promoting Hindu culture, heritage, and traditions. Through its religious and educational programs, it has fostered spiritual growth and strengthened bonds across generations.

The impact of the Mandir extends well beyond its walls. Dedicated volunteers have organized food drives, health fairs, walkathons, disaster relief initiatives, and youth leadership programs that have benefited countless individuals throughout South Florida. The Mandir has also promoted interfaith understanding and civic engagement by welcoming people of all backgrounds to learn about and experience Hindu culture, helping to build a stronger and more connected community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Boynton Beach as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Its enduring commitment to faith, service, and community has enriched the cultural fabric of South Florida, and its contributions will continue to inspire future generations.

RECOGNIZING RONAN BOYLE

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 exceptional young man from Rochester, New York, whose dedication to leadership, service, and academic excellence has earned him admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point and the opportunity to continue his athletic career as a member of its football program: Ronan Boyle.

Throughout his time at Penfield High School, Ronan distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the field. As captain of the varsity football team, he demonstrated the qualities of a true leader—integrity, humility, discipline, and a steadfast commitment to those around him. Balancing academic achievement with athletic success, he served as a role model to his peers and embraced the responsibility of leading by example.

Ronan's accomplishments are a testament not only to his hard work and determination, but also to his character. Whether as a student, athlete, teammate, or friend, he has consistently exhibited a selfless dedication to helping others and pursuing goals greater than himself. These qualities reflect the very values that define the United States Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Ronan Boyle will continue to excel as a cadet at the United States Military Academy and as a future leader in service to our country. On behalf of the Rochester community, I congratulate him on this remarkable accomplishment and extend my very best wishes for continued success as he embarks on this next chapter of his journey.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and to reaffirm our shared commitment to protecting children, supporting families, and strengthening communities across our nation.

Since 1983, National Child Abuse Prevention Month has served as a reminder of our collective responsibility to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Preventing abuse and neglect requires a coordinated effort among families, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and community organizations working together to support children and intervene when help is needed.

In communities across Northern Virginia, dedicated professionals and volunteers are working every day to protect children and support survivors. Their efforts help ensure that children are treated with dignity and compassion, and that families have access to the resources they need during difficult times.

In Virginia's 11th Congressional District, organizations like SafeSpot Children's Advocacy