

His work in advancing childhood literacy, supporting local nonprofits, and fostering community partnerships embodies the very spirit of this award. Through both his professional endeavors and volunteer service, he has set a standard of leadership that continues to inspire those around him.

On April 26, 2026, the Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston honored Kurt Rose at the Reston Community Center, celebrating a lifetime of service that has strengthened our community and uplifted those most in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kurt Rose on this well-deserved recognition. His leadership, generosity, and steadfast dedication to others serve as an inspiration to us all and embody the very spirit of community that defines Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING MALACHI WILLIAMS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month to pay tribute to a dedicated civil servant from Rochester, New York: Malachi Williams.

Throughout his life, Malachi has exemplified the values of hard work, perseverance, and service to others. He began his career as a custodian at the Jewish Nursing Home before dedicating eighteen years of service to the City of Rochester. Through his work, he earned the respect of colleagues and community members alike, carrying out his responsibilities with diligence, humility, and an unwavering commitment to those around him.

Even after retiring in 1998, Malachi's strong work ethic remained unchanged. Never one to remain idle, he embarked on a second career as a full-time taxi driver, continuing to serve members of the Rochester community for many years. Today, he finds joy in tending his backyard garden, cultivating fresh fruits and vegetables that he generously shares with family and friends, a reflection of the kindness and generosity that have defined his life.

This June, Malachi celebrates a remarkable milestone: his 100th birthday. Reaching a century of life is an extraordinary achievement, and one made all the more meaningful by the positive impact he has had on countless individuals throughout those years. His dedication to family, commitment to service, and generosity of spirit have made him an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

It is with great pride that I recognize Malachi Williams during Caribbean American Heritage Month and on the occasion of his 100th birthday. His life stands as a testament to the enduring values of service, perseverance, and community. On behalf of the Rochester community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as he celebrates this extraordinary milestone.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANSIT
ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, the Transit Oriented Development Act, and urge my colleagues to support this commonsense, bipartisan effort to expand affordable housing opportunities in communities across our country.

The affordable housing shortage remains one of the most significant drivers of the rising cost of living facing millions of Americans. In my home state of Hawai'i, the crisis is particularly acute. Housing costs consume an outsized share of household income, forcing working families to make impossible choices between rent, groceries and health care. Far too many of our children (keik), and locals (kama'āina) find themselves priced out of the communities they call home.

To truly address affordability, we must not only increase the supply of housing but do so in ways that reflect the unique economic realities of our communities and lower overall living costs for families. That means building housing that is attainable, well-located, and connected to jobs and services.

One of the most important federal tools we have to do that is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which has long been one of our Nation's most successful programs for financing affordable rental housing. Yet the current allocation structure does not always reflect the significant differences in housing costs and development challenges that exist across the country. Because allocations are based principally on population, communities facing exceptionally high housing costs—including Hawai'i and other noncontiguous jurisdictions—often face greater difficulty producing affordable housing despite having substantial need.

Our Transit Oriented Development Act takes a targeted approach to addressing that challenge. The bill provides an enhanced Low-Income Housing Tax Credit incentive for affordable housing developments located within designated transit-oriented development areas. This includes places that are already served by rail, bus, harbor or waterway transportation and are zoned for higher-density development. By encouraging affordable housing near existing transportation infrastructure, we can help reduce transportation costs for residents, improve access to jobs and essential services and support more efficient and sustainable community growth.

The legislation also recognizes the unique circumstances facing Hawaii, Alaska, and the United States territories by providing a modest additional basis boost for developments in those jurisdictions. This adjustment reflects the higher costs and unique constraints associated with affordable housing development in non-contiguous areas while helping ensure that the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit can more effectively serve the communities it was designed to assist.

Finally, this bill directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to study how geographic differences in housing costs and transit accessibility might be better reflected in future tax credit allocations. That analysis will

help inform future policy discussions and ensure that federal housing resources are distributed in a manner that more accurately reflects real-world conditions.

Mr. Speaker, affordable housing and accessible transportation are both essential components of strong, resilient communities. This legislation advances both goals through a practical, bipartisan approach that builds on an existing and proven housing program. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support the Transit Oriented Development Act.

RECOGNIZING THE RESTON SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
FIELD OFFICE DURING PUBLIC
SERVICE WEEK

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public Service Week and to honor the dedicated public servants of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office who tirelessly serve Virginia's 11th Congressional District each day.

The Reston Field Office plays a critical role in supporting residents across our district. Whether assisting seniors with retirement benefits, helping individuals navigate disability services, or supporting families during times of transition, these public servants are often the first point of contact for those seeking help. Their work ensures that residents receive the vital services they depend on.

The staff of the Reston Field Office carry out this responsibility with professionalism and care. They assist individuals through complex processes, answer questions, and help resolve issues that have a real impact on people's lives.

During Public Service Week, we recognize the importance of this work and the individuals who make it possible. In recognition of their service to Virginia's 11th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of the 22 dedicated staff members of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office.

Brandice Shafron, Anh Duong-Anderson, Shyrell Delair, Srinivasulu Rayala, Ravi Akkineni, Ramiro Espinoza, Quincy Batiste, Erika Wells, Gabriela Martinez, Kaila Scott-Whitehead, Whitney Gordon, Joseph Deguzman, Julie Kubiak, AJ Hartman, Natalia Jimenez, AnhTu Luu, Carisma Johnson, Brenois Kim, Jawaria Adeel, Mariam Popal, Nora Bahamonde, and James Lee.

Their efforts reflect the vital role public servants play in strengthening our communities and supporting individuals and families across Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Public Service Week and in expressing our gratitude to the staff of the Social Security Administration Reston Field Office for their continued service to our district.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, 80 years ago this month, the National School Lunch Act was signed into law—and for eight decades, this program has delivered on a simple promise: no child should sit in a classroom too hungry to learn.

As Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am proud of what Congress has done to strengthen school nutrition. President Trump signed the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act into law—returning whole and 2 percent milk to school cafeterias for the first time in over a decade, supporting Michigan's dairy farmers and giving Michigan's parents and children exactly what they deserve: real nutrition and real choice.

Secretary Rollins and this administration also understand that good nutrition is the foundation of student success—in the classroom, in the community, and in life.

In Michigan's 5th District and across this great nation, nearly 30 million children are served school meals every school day. This administration is committed to making sure those meals are nutritious, locally sourced, and worthy of the children who receive them.

On this 80th anniversary, I am proud to stand with President Trump and Secretary Rollins in ensuring our young people have the building blocks for a healthy future.

PRODUCING RETURNS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT AND TRADE ACT OF 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5248 and specifically Section 8 regarding subnational diplomacy, an effort I was grateful to champion with my colleague TED LIEU.

H.R. 5248 is an important piece of the much larger effort to reauthorize the functions and operations of the Department. At the start of the 119th Congress, more than 85 percent of the Department was unauthorized. H.R. 5248 authorizes the Department's bureaus and offices charged with sanctions policy, critical mineral supply chain diversification, energy security, and building a cadre of well-trained economic policy diplomats.

H.R. 5248 includes important reforms to the Department, aligning resources with the America First foreign policy agenda. This bill puts commercial diplomacy at the forefront of our diplomatic efforts, prioritizing American businesses and protecting American industries.

H.R. 5248 includes section 8 which was introduced as a standalone bill in previous Congresses. In the 119th Congress, this is H.R. 5323, authorizing the office of Subnational Diplomacy. This office supports local governments across the country who trying to attract foreign direct investment to their area. This is especially important in districts like mine which has massive investments from Bridgestone, Michelin, Rolls-Royce Power Systems, Prysman Group, and BAE Systems. I am pleased that this bill, which I worked on with my colleagues Rep. LIEU and Rep. MEEKS, is moving forward today.

H.R. 5248 is a truly bipartisan product. It was praised during the Foreign Affairs Committee mark-up in September by Ranking Member MEEKS and it reflects a long-overdue rebalancing of the Department's priorities—emphasizing commercial diplomacy and economic growth.

RECOGNIZING LIVINGSTON “LIVIE” AND THALIA WALKER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month to recognize two outstanding community leaders and entrepreneurs from Rochester, New York: Livingston “Livie” and Thalia Walker.

For more than two decades, Livie and Thalia have enriched the Rochester community by sharing the vibrant culture, traditions, and hospitality of their native Jamaica through Livie's Jamaican Restaurant. What began as a small neighborhood business has grown into a beloved local institution, serving not only authentic Caribbean cuisine but also as a gathering place where residents can experience and celebrate the richness of Caribbean heritage.

In 2005, the Walkers opened Livie's Imports Market on Chili Avenue in Rochester's 19th Ward, bringing a unique cultural offering to the community. Through years of hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit, the business expanded and ultimately found its current home in Gates. Throughout that growth, Livie and Thalia remained committed to preserving and sharing their heritage while fostering meaningful connections among people from all backgrounds.

Their contributions extend far beyond their restaurant. Through their leadership and community engagement, they have created opportunities for cultural exchange and community celebration. As organizers of the annual Family Fun Day in Genesee Valley Park, they bring together families from across the region through live reggae music, sporting events, authentic Caribbean cuisine, and fellowship, strengthening the bonds that unite our diverse community.

Livingston and Thalia Walker exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit, cultural pride, and commitment to community that have long enriched both Rochester and our Nation. Their dedica-

tion to sharing Caribbean culture, supporting local families, and fostering a sense of belonging has left a lasting impact on countless lives. It is with great pride that I recognize Livingston “Livie” Walker and Thalia Walker during Caribbean American Heritage Month and extend my sincere gratitude for their many contributions to the Rochester community.

RECOGNIZING THE POTOMAC SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS FOR THEIR SUCCESS AT THE VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the robotics teams from The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, for their outstanding performance at the Virginia VEX V5 Robotics Competition State Championship.

These students have demonstrated exceptional skill, creativity, and teamwork in one of the most competitive and rapidly growing robotics programs in the world. Competing against top teams from across the Commonwealth, each team represented their school and community with distinction and advanced to the elimination rounds.

I would like to recognize the members of Team 12C: Santiago Cangahuala, Nikhil Kothari, Julian Mankovsky, Trevor Nelson, and Cole Peterson, whose strong performance carried them to the semifinals of the state championship.

I would also like to recognize Team 12S Syndicate: David Hallam, Zane Amr, Jacob Cordero, Hank Kelly, and Shlok Kuchangi, who earned a place at the VEX Robotics World Championship through their first-place finish in the Skills Championship.

I would like to offer special recognition to Team 12Z Zap: Tony Diller, Quentin Toner, Sophia Vilela, Alejandra Villafuerte, Deven Tuladhar, Aidan Kaminski, and Samuel Kim. Team 12Z delivered an exceptional performance at the state championship, finishing with an undefeated 8–0 record and winning the tournament title. In addition to their competitive success, they earned the Excellence Award, the highest honor in the competition, recognizing overall achievement in match performance, robot design, engineering documentation, and team interview.

With this accomplishment, Team 12Z has qualified to represent Virginia at the VEX Robotics World Championship in St. Louis. The success of these teams reflects the strength of STEM education in Northern Virginia and the dedication of the teachers, coaches, mentors, and families who support these students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the robotics teams of The Potomac School on their recent achievements and wishing them continued success as they represent our region on the global stage at the VEX Robotics World Championship.