During his decades of service, MSgt Luciano has received numerous awards and commendation for his service and performance, as well as completing myriad deployments around the globe, to include: Qatar and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan (2002); Camp Taji and Camp Victory, Iraq (2004); Ali Air Base, Iraq (2010); Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait (2014); U.S. Virgin Islands for Hurricanes Irma and Maria recovery efforts (2017); and Tinian Island, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (2025).

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Master Sergeant David ''Lucky'' Luciano on his retirement upon nearly 30 years of uniformed service to our Nation. His tireless service and dedication to his fellow Airmen, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America set the standard by which all should be judged.

HONORING DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT SHARON ESTON-LASSITER

HON. NELLIE POU

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Lieutenant Sharon Easton-Lassiter of Paterson, New Jersey, upon her retirement after a distinguished career dedicated to public safety, community service, and the empowerment of others.

A lifelong resident of Paterson and proud graduate of the Paterson Public Schools. Detective Lieutenant Easton-Lassiter has devoted her life to serving the city she calls home. In 1989, she fulfilled a lifelong dream by joining the Paterson Police Department and embarked on a career that would leave a lasting mark on her community. Her groundbreaking journey reached a historic milestone in 2016 when she became the first Black American woman promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the department's history

Over more than four decades in law enforcement, Detective Lieutenant Easton-Lassiter served in numerous assignments and earned a reputation not only as a dedicated professional, but also as a trusted leader and bridge-builder committed to strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community.

In 2023, she was appointed to lead the Paterson Police Department's Community Partnership Bureau, where she expanded violence prevention, youth mentorship, and community engagement efforts that strengthened trust between residents and law enforcement while creating new opportunities for young people.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sharon has remained deeply committed to faith, family, and community. Whether guiding young people, supporting neighborhood initiatives, or serving alongside her husband, Reverend Dr. Randall Lassiter, she has consistently demonstrated a belief that public service is about uplifting others and helping communities thrive.

Mr. Speaker, Detective Lieutenant Sharon Easton-Lassiter's career reflects the very best of public service. Her leadership, courage, and unwavering commitment to the people of Paterson have made our community stronger. I am proud to recognize her extraordinary contributions and wish her and her family continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT ILHAM ALIYEV AND THE BOND BETWEEN AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Aliyev of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan stands as a historic bridge between Europe and Asia. For centuries, the nation served as a vital crossroads on the ancient Silk Road, connecting different cultures, languages, and global trade. From the vibrant capital of Baku on the Caspian Sea to the rich cultural traditions, Azerbaijan represents a long history of resilience, trade, and national pride.

The admiration Americans hold for Azerbaijan is deeply rooted in our shared respect for the ideals of liberty and self-determination. In 1918, the nation made history by establishing the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, creating the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world and granting women universal suffrage well before many Western nations. This monumental achievement resonated deeply across the Atlantic, prompting U.S. President Woodrow Wilson to famously observe in 1919 that the leaders of Azerbaijan spoke the exact same language of liberty, right, and justice as the American republic.

These shared values created the foundational roadmap for our modern partnership. Today, our Nations work closely together to protect global energy security. This strong bond began with major international energy projects in the 1990s that successfully connected Caspian oil and gas directly to Europe. Today, this cooperation lives on through secure global trade routes that bypass volatile regions, strong security ties, and an ongoing commitment to economic growth and reform.

These historical connections serve as reminders that although our Nations are separated by geography, we share a deep respect for independence, national identity, and human progress.

As representatives of two Nations shaped by a strong sense of purpose, may we continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship, mutual respect, and strategic cooperation between the United States of America and Azerbaijan.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LION TAMERS SOCIAL AND CIVIC CLUB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Lion Tamers Social and Civic Club. The organization was established in 1946 in the City of Opelika.

The organization was formed and founded by Charles Black, John T. Carr, Sr., Dr. Frank W. Clark, Hugh Burt, and Clarence McKay. For more than 35 years, the organization has hosted a Family Funday and Gospel Explosion including a Juneteenth celebration and scholarship for deserving students. Mr. Wilbert D. Payne, Jr. serves as the coordinator for this annual event that is hosted at Covington Recreation Center, providing a fun and free experience with refreshments and activities provided to all who attend.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing the Lion Tamers Social and Civic Club the best for their upcoming event and a very happy 80th anniversary.

HONORING DR. AMY MCCORMACK'S RETIREMENT FROM CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Dr. Amy McCormack, President of Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), upon her upcoming retirement. Dr. McCormack will retire on June 30, 2026, after an extraordinary tenure marked by tremendous growth and progress at CCSJ.

Dr. McCormack was raised in Frankfott, Indiana, with a strong work ethic and a passion for learning. Like many of the students who passed through CCSJ's doors over the last 75 years. Dr. McCormack is a first-generation college graduate. She has not only broken barriers in earning her academic degrees, but Dr. McCormack has dedicated her professional career to helping students further their education as well. A dedicated scholar, she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, a master's degree in business administration from Dominican University's Brennan School of Business, and her doctoral degree in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1991, after working as a Certified Public Accountant in Chicago for several years, Dr. McCormack sought to return to academia, at which time she was hired at Dominican University in Illinois. She first served as the school's controller and later as Vice President for Business Affairs. In 2008, leadership at the university recognized Dr. McCormack's outstanding abilities and named her Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration. In addition to her administrative responsibilities. Dr. McCormack also spent time in the classroom instructing courses in accounting and auditing. Later, Dr. McCormack's commitment to education and passion for learning earned her a Fulbright Scholarship for the International Education Administrators Program where she focused her studies on the higher education systems in France, Ireland, and Spain.

In 2017, Dr. McCormack's vast experience and expertise made her a perfect fit to lead CCSJ, at which time she made history becoming the college's first female president. It is an understatement to say that, under her guidance, the institution has thrived. Over the past

nine years, CCSJ has added new degree opportunities, developed a Public Service Institute, and expanded its athletic programs, which included the founding of the Midwest Sprint Football League, and introduced the Crimson Joe mascot. Under Dr. McCormack's oversight, CCSJ has experienced a very successful rebranding with expanded efforts to connect the campus with the surrounding Whiting-Robertsdale community. After nine years of service, Dr. McCormack is retiring as the longest-serving female college president in Northwest Indiana's history, and she leaves a legacy that will benefit generations of students to come.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. McCormack has selnessly dedicated herself to improving higher education opportunities for her students. For her lifelong passion for learning, unwavering devotion to teaching, and dedication to empowering students with the skills and knowledge to succeed. Dr. McCormack is worthy of the highest praise. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Dr. Amy McCormack all the best upon her well-earned retirement as President of Calumet College of St. Joseph.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on the legislation being considered under suspension of the rules on June 8, 2026, due to a delayed flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 208, the TRUE Accountability Act (H.R. 8466), and YEA on Roll Call No. 209, the Federal Fraud Prevention Workforce Training Act (H.R. 8428).

HONORING LYNN ROMANS

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Romans on the occasion of her 70th birthday and to recognize her lifetime of public service, personal sacrifice, and extraordinary devotion to others.

Lynn grew up in Trimble County, Kentucky, a small rural community located between Louisville and Cincinnati. Her parents, Issac and Fredia Romans, provided for Lynn and her two brothers by working blue collar factory jobs. After graduating high school, she attended God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences. She and her husband went on to pastor churches across the Commonwealth, serving communities in Flemingsburg, Frankfort, Maysville, and Louisville, where they raised their two children.

Lynn's life was forever changed in 2003 when her twenty-four-year-old son, Sergeant Darrin Potter, was killed in action while serving in Iraq, becoming the first Kentucky National Guard combat casualty since the Vietnam War. As a Gold Star Mother, Lynn has carried an unimaginable loss with grace, courage, and purpose. Because Lynn is a truly special human being, she turned sorrow into service, dedicating herself to helping other Gold Star families, veterans, servicemembers, and military families understand that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

For more than 31 years, Lynn served with the American Red Cross, including as a Program Specialist for Service to the Armed Forces. She has also been deeply active with American Gold Star Mothers and the Woody Williams Foundation, educating others about the meaning of the Gold Star and the sacrifices it represents. You cannot attend a military event in Kentucky without meeting someone who knows Lynn—someone she has helped, comforted, picnicked with, paraded with, or served alongside.

For the past two years, Lynn has continued that service as a Green and Gold Fellow in our district office. At a time when she more than earned the right to be sipping sweet tea on a balmy beach and enjoying retirement, Lynn chose instead to work full time on behalf of Kentucky veterans and their families. VA casework is challenging, but Lynn always tackles it with her unending patience, warmth, bubbly humor and—of course—a great pair of high heels. Her signature expression, ''Oh my lands'' has become an office favorite.

Lynn is a proud Mimi to two beloved grandchildren, a woman of faith, a devoted public servant, and a gift to our Commonwealth and our country.

We are honored to call her our colleague, and even more honored to call her our friend. I wish Lynn a happy 70th birthday.

RECOGNIZING FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate June 14, 2026, through June 20, 2026 as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) Awareness Week.

FAP is a rare, inherited genetic condition that causes the development of thousands of colorectal polyps, and without early detection and treatment, it carries a near certainty of progression to colorectal cancer. It is estimated to affect approximately 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 22,0000 individuals, with many cases arising from spontaneous genetic mutations. While FAP is rare, its impact is profound, often affecting multiple generations within a family and requiring lifelong medical management, genetic counseling, and proactive surveillance beginning in adolescence.

As someone committed to improving rare disease care, I believe FAP Awareness Week highlights the need for greater publilc education and earlier screening. When identified early, FAP can be effectively managed to dramatically reduce the risk of cancer and save lives. However, many individuals remain undiagnosed until the disease has progressed. Hence, there is the urgent need for increased awareness among both the public and healthcare providers.

This week highlights the importance of raising awareness about hereditary colorectal cancer syndromes, supporting individuals and families impacted by them, and expanding access to genetic testing and specialized care. It also underscores the vital role of research, advocacy, and early detection in improving outcomes for people living with rare genetic conditions.

This recognition honors patients, families, clinicians, and advocates who continue to raise awareness of FAP and work tirelessly to ensure that no diagnosis comes too late.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring June 14, 2026, through June 20, 2026, as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week.

HONORING SPECIAL AGENT GRANT R. BLEVINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Special Agent Grant R. Blevins of Kentucky upon his retirement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after more than two decades of distinguished service to our Nation.

Special Agent Blevins began his FBI career on June 11, 2006, when he was assigned to the Honolulu Field Office in Hawaii and served as a member of HIDTA-Hawaii and the FBI SWAT Team. His early assignments demonstrated a commitment to excellence, courage, and professionalism that would define an impressive career. From Hawaii, to New Jersey, West Virginia, and Kentucky, Special Agent Blevins has investigated a broad range of complex criminal matters and organized crime, become an FBI Firearms Instructor, and overseen highly sensitive operations, vital to the U.S. Department of Defense.

His service also extended overseas. In 2017, Special Agent Blevins served as an Assistant Legal Attaché at the United States Embassy in Bucharest, where he worked on international corruption investigations and strengthened cooperation with foreign law enforcement partners.

In 2018, he was selected as the Senior Supervisory Special Resident Agent for London and Pikeville in southeastern Kentucky. He oversaw FBI operations across 23 counties and served as Commander of the Southeastern Kentucky FBI Drug Task Force under Appalachia-HIDTA, directing collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat drug trafficking and violent crime. Throughout every assignment, he exemplified integrity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to justice.

Before joining the FBI, Grant Blevins honorably served five years in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer. He completed two combat deployments to Iraq, serving as a Recon Platoon Commander during the 2003 Ground Invasion and later with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His military service laid the foundation for a career dedicated to protecting the American people and defending our Nation's interests.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Grant is a devoted husband to his wife, Gloria,