

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 selflessly 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 22,000 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 public 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 can-

cer 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,

and a proud father of four daughters. Together, they have navigated the many moves and sacrifices that accompany a life of service.

On behalf of this great Nation, I salute Special Agent Blevins for his remarkable service to the United States Marine Corps, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the people of the United States. His career stands as a testament to duty, honor, and selfless service. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him and his family continued happiness, health, and success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, and Thursday, June 11, 2026, due to a Post Polio medical condition. Had I been present, I would have voted: Nay on Roll Call No. 222, condemning actors seeking to defraud the U.S. Government, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that government-wide fraud and improper payment prevention reforms will meaningfully improve the financial prosperity of the U.S., and that Federal program eligibility should be verified before payment; Nay on Roll Call No. 221, to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; Nay on Roll Call No. 220, Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act; Yea on Roll Call No. 219, Motion to recommit the Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act; Nay on Roll Call No. 218, Fraud Prevention and Accountability Act; and Nay on Roll Call No. 217, No Aid for Ghost Students Act.

I would like to further explain my vote on Roll Call No. 221, regarding H.R. 9238, I could not support this bill after President Trump nominated Bill Pulte to be the next Director of National Intelligence (DNI). The law requires the DNI nominee to have extensive background in intelligence and the man the President put forward has none. He has zero experience.

HONORING HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM AND THEIR HISTORIC 2025–2026 SEASON

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable achievements, leadership, and enduring impact of the Howard University (HU) Men's Basketball program. Led by Head Coach Kenneth Blakeney and his entire coaching staff, HU's historic 2025 to 2026 season brought immense pride to the University, the Washington, D.C. community, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities nationwide.

During the 2025 to 2026 season, HU recorded the second-most regular season wins in program history and later won the Mid-East-

ern Athletic Conference Championship (MEAC), securing another National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament appearance and continuing the program's rise on the national stage. Most notably, the HU Bison earned their first-ever NCAA Tournament victory, a milestone achievement that cemented this team's place in Howard University history and inspired countless students, alumni, and supporters across the Nation.

The Howard University Men's Basketball program has shown that success is measured not only by historic victories and championships, but by the lives impacted along the way. Beyond their historic accomplishments on the hardwood this season, Coach Blakeney, his staff, and the student athletes have remained deeply committed to serving the Washington, D.C. community. Through mentorship initiatives, youth engagement, community outreach, and service efforts throughout the District, these young men have continuously demonstrated what it means to lead with purpose and represent their university with honor.

As a proud Howard University Law alumnus, extending this honor will always hold a special meaning to me. I know firsthand the transformative impact that Howard University has on its students and the broader community. The legacy of this historic basketball program will shape lives, develop the next generation of leaders, and uplift communities for years to come.

HONORING DR. PAULENE ADRIENNE LEWIS HOPKINS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Dr. Paulene Adrienne Lewis Hopkins, a distinguished educator, community leader, World War II veteran, and member of the historic 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion—the legendary “Six Triple Eight.” Her life exemplified the highest ideals of patriotism, service, perseverance, and leadership.

Dr. Hopkins was born on December 13, 1919, in Chambers County, Texas. She was the daughter of Fannie Patterson Lewis and Elbert Lewis and the eldest of five children. Following her mother's death, she moved to Marshall, Texas, where she graduated from Central High School and then attended Wiley College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. She began her career as an educator in Double Bayou, Texas, where she invested in the lives of young Texans and demonstrated the dedication to public service that would define her life's work. She met and married Mack Henry Hopkins in Marshall before going to New York to attain her master's degree in educational administration from Columbia University.

On May 2, 1943, at a pivotal time in World War II, she joined the Women's Army Corps and honorably served until 1946, attaining the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. Most notably, Dr. Hopkins served as a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only predominantly African American Women's Army Corps unit deployed overseas during

World War II. The women of the Six Triple Eight were assigned one of the most daunting logistical missions of the war: eliminating a backlog of millions of letters and packages destined for American servicemembers and their families.

At a time when troop morale was critical to the Allied war effort, these women worked around the clock in difficult conditions to restore communication between soldiers and loved ones. Guided by their famous motto, “No Mail, Low Morale,” the members of the 6888th accomplished what many believed impossible. Through efficiency, discipline, and determination, they cleared years of accumulated mail in a matter of months, reconnecting families and boosting the morale of American troops stationed abroad.

For her honorable military service, Dr. Hopkins received the American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Yet her greatest military legacy remains her contribution to the success of the Six Triple Eight and her role in a unit whose service has only recently received the national recognition it has long deserved.

After the war, Dr. Hopkins continued her pursuit of excellence through education. She went on to serve as a teacher, principal, educational administrator, literacy advocate, and community leader. She devoted decades to helping students achieve their potential and strengthening educational opportunities for others.

Upon her retirement, Dr. Hopkins returned to Marshall, Texas, where she remained active in civic and educational affairs. She served on the Wiley College Board of Trustees, the Marshall Independent School District Community Education Advisory Council, the Marshall Planning and Zoning Commission, and numerous community organizations. As Executive Director of the Truitt Ingram Literacy Center, she championed literacy and lifelong learning throughout East Texas.

Whether serving schoolchildren in Chambers County, educating future generations in California, or serving her country overseas with the historic Six Triple Eight, Dr. Hopkins consistently answered the call to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Dr. Paulene Adrienne Lewis Hopkins reflects the very best of America. Her service in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion helped sustain the morale of American troops during World War II, while her lifelong commitment to education transformed countless lives. May her life as a pioneering educator, a dedicated community servant, and a proud member of one of the most significant military units in American history continue to inspire generations of Americans for years to come.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.