

Let her works speak of a faithful and tireless servant of God. For more than 60 years, Mrs. Quiller was an active member of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church—the very sanctuary that will receive her home this Friday. She gave herself to that congregation in nearly every way a person can: as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, as a Sunday School Teacher, as a member of the Choir, as a Cub Scout Leader shaping young boys, and as Mission President. Her church family saw clearly what kind of woman she was. They named her Woman of the Year back in the 1990s, and they lifted her up in honor once again in 2024.

Let her works speak of a true pillar of her community. In her neighborhood, the saying simply went that if you wanted something done, you called Mrs. Quiller. She was the one who got it done—and for that faithful service, she was presented the “Giving Your Best Award.” She also gave her time to the people of her city as a member of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Board. Her motto, plain and powerful, was to work every day at improving the quality of life—not only for herself, but for everyone around her.

Mr. Speaker, let her works speak of her character. Mary Quiller was a woman of unshakable honesty. If she believed you needed to hear a hard truth, she loved you enough to tell it to you—whether you wanted to hear it or not. And yet, when she did good for others, and she did a world of good, she never once advertised it. She gave in quiet. She helped in secret. She believed, too, that you do not chase after material things simply to keep up with the people around you; you live within your values, and you spend on what truly matters. Hers was a life of substance, never a life of show.

Mr. Speaker, the great Shirley Chisholm—the first Black woman ever to serve in this very House—once said that: “Service is the rent we pay for the space that we occupy here on this Earth.” By that measure, Mary “Honey” Quiller paid her rent in full, with interest. In the words of the old gospel hymn, “She has paid her title clear.” For 100 years she served—her family, her church, and her community—and she asked for nothing in return.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Lizzie Pickett Quiller asked that her works speak for her. And oh, how they speak. They speak in the brothers and sisters she mothered. They speak in the students she taught and the scouts she led. They speak in the church she served for six decades, in the community she made more beautiful, and in the countless souls she lifted without ever once asking for the credit. Her works are speaking still—and they will go on speaking long after every one of us is gone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Mary Lizzie Pickett Quiller. I extend my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to her surviving daughter, Mary Quiller, her surviving sister, Annie Watkins; to her grandchildren; to her Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church family; and to the entire Columbus community that loved her so dearly and for so long. She was, in the truest sense of the word, a phenomenal woman, and we were blessed to share this Earth with her for 100 years.

She was a caregiver, a scholar, a servant, and a saint whose good works will keep right

on speaking for her, just as she asked. May she rest in peace and may the God she served so faithfully for a century welcome her home with the words she earned: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

HONORING MARTHA ANN HART
CUSIMANO FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS
TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Martha Ann Hart Cusimano was a community leader and passionate advocate for the hungry and vulnerable.

Making a difference started early with Martha. A native of Buffalo, New York, from a family deeply rooted in faith and service, she learned to swim in Lake Erie from her dad. From then on, she became a lifelong swimmer. When its waters were threatened by pollution in the 60s, she was part of a movement of Western New York women who pushed to clean them up.

In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Martha earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Marketing from DeSales University, graduating Cum Laude while raising a family and working in marketing and community relations at DeSales University and St. Luke’s Hospital. At Lehigh University, she completed graduate coursework in American history, was a member of the first Leadership Bethlehem class, served as vice chair of the Bethlehem Community Foundation, was honored with the Miss Pennsylvania Woman of Achievement Award, and was one of three to receive the Bethlehem Star Award from the Burn Prevention Foundation for her work raising millions for that charity. As founder and executive director of the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association, she not only produced auto shows but also created a charitable foundation and helped donate millions to local charities and scholarships. She was also a charter member of the Women’s Automotive Association. At Notre Dame of Bethlehem parish, she founded the School Advisory Association, served on the parish council, and was a beautiful leader of song.

As a teen, Martha met her husband, Jim, at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish in Buffalo. They led fundraising to build the new St. Rose of Lima Church in Kissimmee, which opened in 2017, and founded “DUO: Do Unto Others,” an initiative with Solivita neighbors, which raised over \$700,000 for the food pantry in the ensuing years. The pantry provides food to over 70,000 food-insecure people annually, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. Martha also served on the board of Habitat for Humanity Osceola for eight years and worked with Osceola County to provide nine homes for people in need of affordable housing. She also testified before Members of Congress at the U.S. Capitol on the need for the Farm Bill to include aid for food pantries. For her work to help the hungry and marginalized in Central Florida, Martha was honored by Osceola County with the “Woman Warrior” Award.

She did all of this while battling breast cancer for 19 years.

In retirement, Martha enjoyed making pilgrimages to the Holy Land with the Jesuits of

America Media, and to the Marian sites of Knock, Ireland, Fatima, and Lourdes. A dual Irish American citizen, Martha’s family helped build the church in Knock, Ireland, at the site of the miraculous sighting of Mary. She remained close to her Irish family, as well as to her American and Mexican family and friends.

Martha was a dedicated mother to Joseph Cusimano, Maryann Cusimano Love and husband Richard, Theresa Cusimano, and Patricia Cusimano Gomas and husband Jeff. Martha was a proud grandmother to Megan Cusimano Hower and husband Jim, as well as Adam Cusimano and Maria, Ricky, and Ava Love. She was a loving great-grandmother to Jack and Lydia Hower and Aria Grace Cusimano, and a godmother to nieces Katie Gill and Nina Hart.

Martha died the evening of November 30, 2025, at the age of 82. She was surrounded by her husband and her four children. Among her last words were, “Gotta go to God,” and “Promise me you will complete building of the Lima Center food pantry, promise me,” true to her passions in life.

RECOGNIZING HENRY LOYD IVEY’S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Henry Loyd Ivey of Henagar, Alabama, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, which he will celebrate on June 26, 2026.

Mr. Ivey’s century of life has been marked by faithful service to his country, his community, his church, and his family. A proud member of the Greatest Generation, he served honorably in the United States Army from January 1945 to August 1946 with the 25th Ordnance Maintenance Company. During his military service, he earned the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, two Overseas Service Bars, and Sharpshooter qualification with the rifle. He was honorably discharged at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on August 28, 1946.

Following his military service, Mr. Ivey dedicated his life to hard work and public service. He farmed for many years while also building a successful career with DuPont in Chattanooga, where he worked for more than 32 years before retiring at the age of 55. He further demonstrated his commitment to his hometown through 16 years of service on the Henagar City Council.

Mr. Ivey’s faith has been a cornerstone of his life. He has been a member of Liberty Baptist Church since 1944 and has faithfully served as a deacon since 1965. His decades of spiritual leadership have positively impacted countless individuals throughout the Henagar community.

He has shared this remarkable journey with his wife, Louise, whom he married on June 29, 1951. Together they have built a loving family that includes four children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

For nearly seven decades, they have made their home on Lee’s Chapel Road in Henagar, where they have been admired for their devotion to family, faith, and community.

As Mr. Ivey reaches this extraordinary milestone, we celebrate a life well lived and a legacy defined by service, integrity, perseverance, and unwavering faith.

His example stands as an inspiration to all who know him, and I join his family, friends, and neighbors in honoring his many contributions and expressing gratitude for the impact he has made over the course of a remarkable century.

HONORING SAMUEL L. KAPLAN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the distinguished life and career of Samuel L. Kaplan on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Sam Kaplan is a son of Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he was born and raised and graduated from Central High School. He went on to attend the University of Minnesota, earning both his undergraduate and law degrees with high distinction. While in law school, he served as President of the Minnesota Law Review, a preview of the exceptional legal career to come.

In 1978, Sam co-founded the law firm Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan, P.A., where he built a long and distinguished career practicing corporate law for more than six decades and earning a reputation for legal excellence. He has advised businesses across Minnesota and the Upper Midwest on complex legal matters and has served on several corporate boards, including Piper Jaffray, where he was lead director.

In addition to his legal work, Sam has been active in Minnesota civic and political life for many years, including as a leader within the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. He has supported numerous political campaigns and social justice causes, including serving in leadership roles for Senator Paul Wellstone's campaigns, as State co-chair for Senator John Kerry's 2004 Presidential campaign, and as a member of the National Finance Committee of Barack Obama's Presidential campaign.

In 2009, Sam was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, a position he held until 2013. In this role, he worked to strengthen diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties between the United States and Morocco.

One of a very small number of American Jews to serve as U.S. Ambassador to a Muslim-majority nation, Sam traveled extensively across the country, engaging with everyday citizens, civil rights leaders, and government officials to build partnerships based on mutual respect.

While visiting Morocco in 2013, I witnessed firsthand Sam's exceptional skill and distinction in representing the United States. His wife, Sylvia Kaplan, a beloved community leader, activist, renowned host, and talented chef, also brought impressive diplomatic skill to Morocco, winning over the hearts of Moroccans and dignitaries from all around the world. Just as in Minnesota, guests at Sam and Sylvia's dining room table in Morocco received a home-cooked meal with friends old

and new, along with robust and dynamic conversation. Their hospitality compares to none.

In 2015, Sam played a key role in the effort to bring Major League Soccer and Minnesota United FC to Saint Paul's Hamline-Midway neighborhood, helping to bring home a project that has strengthened the city's economy and established a permanent home for Minnesota's vibrant soccer community and its passionate supporters.

It is a privilege to know Sam and his wife, Sylvia, as trusted advisors and friends throughout my service in Congress. Sam's career reflects a lifelong commitment to law, public service, and civic engagement. His contributions have had a lasting impact on Minnesota and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Samuel L. Kaplan in commemoration of his 90th birthday and in celebrating his extraordinary career of leadership and service to Minnesota and the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE PETER ALLEN HOUSE

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize the Historic Peter Allen House of Dauphin, Pennsylvania upon the auspicious occasion of its 300th Anniversary.

The Peter Allen House is the oldest home in Dauphin County, dating back to 1726. The original grant to Peter Allen, a Scots-Irish trapper and trader, was for nearly 400 acres. The House is listed on both the National and State Registries of Historic Homes, and some contend that it was considered the Western English Frontier of the then-Pennsylvania Colony.

Built at the base of Peters Mountain in central Dauphin County, the Peter Allen House historically served as the signature trading post for the migrating settlers of the colonial, pre-Revolutionary western frontier. Throughout the 19th Century, it also served as an inn, tavern, and hotel, hosting settlers and guests from across the Country. It was a welcomed stop on what was then known as the Sunbury Turnpike, which stretched from Reading to Sunbury.

Today, the Peter Allen House serves as a memorial to early pioneers and settlers who gave everything for their Country and Commonwealth. The current owners have restored the House, converting the stable into a private residence, and growing the House into a popular site for weddings and special events.

To celebrate their 300th Anniversary and America's 250th Birthday, the Peter Allen House is hosting an historic Independence Day celebration, featuring special readings of the Declaration of Independence, reenactments, educational forums, tours, fireworks, and a colonial costume ball. The celebration will be a testament to the tremendous impact the House has had upon our region throughout our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize the Historic Peter Allen House on its 300th Anniversary. From the early days of precolonial America to today, the Peter Allen House has played an enormous role in Central Penn-

sylvania's history, and on behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District, I'm proud and honored that the owners can celebrate and share this wonderful and momentous occasion with our local community.

HONORING BILL TOOLEY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a true patriot, Mr. William Oster "Bill" Tooley of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Tooley, a veteran of the United States Army, recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Mr. Tooley was born in Russellville, Kentucky, on May 28, 1926. He attended Owensboro High School. During World War II, he volunteered for the U.S. Army. Following basic training, he was assigned to a medical battalion, the 71st Infantry Division, at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was responsible for taking care of the generators that kept the lights and electricity running, allowing surgeons and other medical personnel to care for wounded soldiers. After World War II ended, he served his last year in the medical battalion and was stationed in Germany.

Following his time in the military, Mr. Tooley went to work for Bell South as a lineman. He worked his way up to an electrical engineer, moving from Owensboro to Danville to Louisville. He was in engineering management when he retired in 1987. Mr. Tooley was an active community member, serving on the Saint Regis Park City Council for 18 years, where he served as the building compliance officer.

Mr. Tooley was married to Betty Rouse Tooley for 61 years. They had 6 children, 18 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. He is expecting his first great-great granddaughter in October 2026.

Bill Tooley is a true patriot, a great American, and an inspiration to us all. I am forever grateful to him and his fellow soldiers who sacrificed so much in service to our Nation. It is my honor to recognize his service and his 100th birthday before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE COHEN "LARRY" WALKER, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, and with a gratitude that runs deeper than these few words can carry, to honor the life of a giant of Georgia public service, a peerless gentleman, and a man I was blessed to call my colleague and my friend—the Honorable Lawrence Cohen "Larry" Walker, Jr., of Perry, Georgia.

Larry passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, surrounded by the family he loved, at the age of 84. A funeral service to celebrate his remarkable and purpose-filled life was held on Sunday, June 14,