

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,

2026, at the Perry United Methodist Church. Some losses are not just the loss of a man. They are the closing of an era.

Larry Walker was born on March 9, 1942, in Perry, Georgia, to the late Lawrence Cohen Walker, Sr., and the late Hilda Gray Walker. He was a son of Houston County from his first breath to his last—a native, a lifelong resident, and a fierce and faithful champion of his hometown for every one of his 84 years. He graduated from Perry High School in 1960, where his classmates, even then, saw what the rest of Georgia would come to know, and elected him Senior Class President. He went on to the University of Georgia, where he earned both his Bachelor of Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate in 1965—and where he became, and remained until his final day, one of the most devoted Bulldogs the good Lord ever made.

Mr. Speaker, consider what this young man did with the years that followed. In January of 1966, at just 24 years of age, Larry Walker was appointed the very first Municipal Court Judge in the history of Perry. Twenty-four years old, sitting in judgment, trusted by his neighbors. In 1975, he was appointed Perry City, Attorney—a charge he and his beloved brother David would carry together for 40 years. Forty years. Two brothers, serving one city, side by side. That is not a job. That is a covenant.

In 1972, the people of Houston County sent Larry Walker to the Georgia House of Representatives, to fill the seat left vacant by a young man named Sam Nunn, who was on his way to the United States Senate. And there, under the Gold Dome, Larry Walker became a legend. He served 32 years in that chamber—and for 16 of them, half his entire tenure, he served as House Majority Leader. Sixteen years carrying the burden of leadership, holding the floor, holding the line, holding people together.

Now, Mr. Speaker, allow me a personal word. I came to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1977. And it was there, as a young legislator finding my footing, that I came to know Larry Walker. We did not always see every issue through the same eyes. But I tell you what I learned from that man across those years: Larry Walker never once made a difference of opinion into a difference of respect. He could disagree with you on Tuesday and break bread with you on Wednesday and have your back on Thursday. He believed—he truly believed—that we were all sent there to do the people's work, and that the people deserved leaders who could find the higher ground together. He taught a whole generation of us how to do this work with grace. I am a better public servant today because Larry Walker showed me how it was done.

And he had something to show for it. You see it when you drive into Perry today and you see the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter standing tall—that is Larry Walker's vision made real. That community draws families and livelihoods and pride from Frito-Lay—that came to Perry because Larry Walker willed it there. He did not just hold an office. He built things. He left his hands' print on the soil of his home, and that print will outlast us all.

After his service in the General Assembly, Larry was elected to the Georgia Transportation Board and was later appointed by Gov-

ernor Sonny Perdue to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia—still serving, still giving, still working for a state he loved. Through it all, in every chamber and on every board, Larry Walker was known for the rarest gift in public life: the ability to build relationships, to bring people together, and to work through their differences for the good of Georgia and for the good of his beloved Perry.

But Mr. Speaker, if you had asked Larry Walker who he was, he would not have started with any of that. He would have told you he was a husband. A father. A man of faith. He was a lifelong and active member of Perry Methodist Church, where he and his wife Janice sat together in the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. He gave himself to the Perry Kiwanis Club, and he helped found Crossroads Bank, which grew into Security Bank, because he believed in his community's future enough to invest in it himself.

And oh, how he loved Janice. In 1964, Larry married Janice Knighton—the love of his life—and they shared 61 years together. Sixty-one years, Mr. Speaker. They raised four children—Larry III, Wendy, Russell, and John Gray—and every one of them still calls Houston County home. Think on that a moment. In a restless world that scatters families to the four winds, Larry and Janice built a place so full of love that their children never wanted to leave it. He was a devoted family man who treasured nothing more than the activities of his nine grandchildren and his three great-grandchildren—there in the bleachers, there at the livestock shows, there for every one of them.

He loved simple, sacred things. He loved working on the farm alongside Janice. He loved hunting dove and quail in the Georgia mornings and sharing his fishing ponds with anybody who'd come sit a while. He loved his dog Lizzy and he loved his cows. He loved watching the youth show their livestock at the Ag Center he helped create. He loved his Perry Panthers and his Westfield Hornets, and of course, always and forever, his Georgia Bulldogs.

That, Mr. Speaker, is a life. Not a career—a life. Whole, and rooted, and good. Larry was predeceased by his parents, and by his brother David—his partner of 40 years—and by brothers-in-law Bob Kelly and Jeff Knighton. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 61 years, Janice Knighton Walker; his children Larry III and Adrienne, Wendy and Bob, Russell and Krissy, and John Gray and Sharon; his nine grandchildren: his three great-grandchildren; his sister Lynda, his brother Charlie, and a host of family and friends across Georgia who loved him.

And Mr. Speaker, the truest measure of a man is found not only in what he built, but in what he past on. So let it be recorded that the Walker name still answers the roll call beneath the Gold Dome: Larry's son, Larry Walker, III, now serves in the Georgia General Assembly—the very institution his father loved and shaped—carrying his daddy's legacy of honorable service forward into a new generation. What a gift, to a father, to know the work goes on.

Mr. Speaker, the Book of Proverbs tells us that "the memory of the just is blessed." Larry Walker was a just man. He kept faith with his God, with his family, with his hometown, and with the people he served. He showed us that you can hold great power and still hold great

kindness; that you can disagree without dishonor; that a life lived close to home can touch the whole of a State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States 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 of the Honorable Larry Walker, Jr. to Janice, to his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and to the whole community of Perry that he loved so well: the prayers of this House are with you. You did not lose him. You will carry him—in every fairground he built, in every quail field at dawn, in every Bulldog Saturday, in every kindness he ever showed. Heaven has gained a gentleman, and Georgia will not soon see his like again.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God bless the memory of Larry Walker.

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.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reforming the U.S. Postal Service's business model.

SD-342

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Brett Matsumoto, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, James Macy, of Wisconsin, and David M. Prouty, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Michael McDonald, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Edward