

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARY MARGARET MAULE FOR RECEIVING THE ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Margaret Maule for receiving the ATHENA Leadership Award from the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce. This distinguished award honors individuals who have demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in their professional endeavors.

Mary Margaret exemplifies what it means to be a community leader. With extensive experience across business, entrepreneurship, government affairs, and nonprofit leadership, she has used her unique skills and expertise to lead important community initiatives and mentor countless community leaders and professionals.

During her tenure as President of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, Mary Margaret played a pivotal role in strengthening collaboration between local chambers and elected officials, thereby promoting greater awareness of the impact of public policy on small businesses. She also partnered with community stakeholders to address workforce development needs in McHenry County, helping to establish a high school-based program designed to cultivate a talent pipeline and support regional economic growth in the manufacturing sector.

Mary Margaret is currently leading Turning Point—Domestic Violence Services through a period of transition, where she has refocused organizational messaging on hope and transformation for survivors. Under her leadership, the organization has introduced new programs and expanded opportunities for professional development and empowerment for its predominantly female staff. Her commitment to service is further reflected in her work as a board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters and CASA of McHenry County, helping significantly expand their capacity to serve those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent such a dedicated community leader, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mary Margaret Maule for her outstanding service to the people of McHenry County.

CONGRATULATING HENRY SPARKS UPON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Henry Sparks,

upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Fortis."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

Throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Henry's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Henry, and I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. JOSEPH MACARY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the service of a lifelong educator, Dr. Joseph Macary. He has served as the Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools for eleven years, where he successfully fostered an environment where students from preschool to 12th grade can succeed. This June, Dr. Macary's tenure will come to an end as he prepares to take on a new role as superintendent of Middletown Public Schools. His talented, energetic leadership, and commitment to community deserves the attention of the house in the permanent CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which I am pleased to share.

Dr. Macary was born in Waterbury, Connecticut to Lebanese-American parents who encouraged him to value and pursue the highest levels of educational excellence. Dr. Macary graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's in political science and a minor in economics. He later earned a master's in teaching from Quinnipiac College, a sixth-year degree in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Macary began his career in the classroom at Crosby High School in Waterbury teaching social studies, serving as department chair, and as well as Athletic Director. He was recognized as Educator of the Year in 2014 by the Greater Waterbury Boys & Girls Club. He later transitioned to the administrative team at Wolcott Public Schools where he rose in the ranks to the position of Assistant Superintendent.

In 2015, Dr. Macary brought his talents to the Second Congressional District and stepped into the role of Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools. Under Dr. Macary's leadership, Vernon Public Schools reached

new heights. He ushered innovations into educational material and Vernon students responded by scoring standardized exam results well above state averages. During the pandemic, Dr. Macary ensured that the town's \$4 million share of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was directed to keep schools open and ensure learning goals for students were met. On his watch, in 2020 Vernon's Northeast School was named National Blue Ribbon School, as was the Skinner Road School in 2023. In 2025, Vernon ranked first of 36 Alliance Districts in Connecticut and furthermore was the only Connecticut school system honored as a DALI (District Administration Leadership Institute) District of Distinction.

Dr. Macary has earned much recognition for his professional accomplishments while leading Vernon Public Schools. He was named Outstanding Superintendent in 2023 by the University of Connecticut's NEAG School Alumni Board and Superintendent of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools Superintendents. Dr. Macary has also served as Co-President of the Hartford Area Superintendent's Association and as mentor for the University of Connecticut Neag School of Education Executive Leadership Program. He was recently appointed by Governor Lamont to the Blue-Ribbon Commission on K-12 Education Funding and Accountability.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member serving the Second District of Connecticut, and a member of the U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee, and as a resident of Vernon, I have had the pleasure to visit all the town's schools with Dr. Macary, and seeing first hand his benign influence on the children of my neighbors and constituents who attend Vernon Public Schools. His personal interaction with students was joyful and authentic, which they clearly appreciated. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people, I ask my colleagues to express our deep admiration and gratitude for Dr. Macary's advocacy for successful strong public education. It is a bittersweet moment to see him leave my hometown, but I wish him well and look forward to witnessing his future success in his new position as he leads Middletown Public Schools. I join Dr. Macary's family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him all the best in his next chapter.

RECOGNIZING JASON HERBSTER FOR RECEIVING THE CARL E. WEHDE AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jason Herbster for receiving the esteemed Carl E. Wehde Award. This award, presented in memory of the late Mayor Carl E. Wehde, recognizes individuals who embody the spirit of service, leadership, and dedication

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to improving the quality of life in the greater Crystal Lake area.

As the Executive Director of the Crystal Lake Park District, Jason has played a crucial role in ensuring that the community is a desirable place to live, work, and play. During his more than 35-year career in parks and recreation, he has spent more than 15 years with the Crystal Lake Park District, overseeing 42 parks and 1,400 acres of land. He also served for 15 years as a board member for the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) and several years as a Chamber Ambassador, directly contributing to the growth and success of the community.

Under Jason's leadership, the Crystal Lake Park District has been recognized as a top workplace for teens in McHenry County, named a Distinguished Agency Mentor by the Illinois Association of Park Districts, and honored repeatedly by the Government Finance Officers Association. Jason's strategic vision for major community facilities, contributions to countless community events, and dedication to the Crystal Lake community are truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the community of Crystal Lake, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Jason Herbster for his selfless service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF REVEREND JOHN L. GIBSON,
SR.

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and remember Reverend John L. Gibson, Sr. of Peoria, Illinois, a beloved pastor, gifted psalmist, community leader, and devoted servant. Reverend Gibson passed away peacefully at his home on May 27, 2026, at the age of 86, leaving behind a lasting legacy of faith, ministry, and service.

Born on July 21, 1939, in Leland, Mississippi, Reverend Gibson answered the call to ministry and went on to faithfully serve Rising Sun Baptist Church, later Rising Sun Christian Church, for 48 years. Under his leadership, the church grew spiritually and physically, including the construction of its 850-seat building on West Charter Oak Road in Peoria, Illinois.

Reverend Gibson was known as a powerful preacher and gifted psalmist whose voice uplifted countless people. Beyond the pulpit, he was a mentor, counselor, and pillar of the community who dedicated his life to strengthening others through faith, compassion, and service.

Above all, Reverend Gibson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and spiritual leader. He leaves behind his loving wife, Gigi M. Hamilton-Gibson, along with many family members, church members, and spiritual sons and daughters. Reverend Gibson will be deeply missed and remembered for his ministry, music, and enduring love for his community.

RECOGNIZING ENTEGRIS, INC. AND
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MIN-
NESOTA'S 6TH DISTRICT

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 60th anniversary of Entegris, Inc., a global leader in advanced materials and process solutions for the semiconductor industry. On September 13, 1966, Fluoroware, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Minnesota to serve the emerging microelectronics industry. From its founding, Fluoroware pioneered the development of high-purity polymer products essential to semiconductor manufacturing and would ultimately grow and evolve into the company we know today as Entegris—a name now synonymous with continuous innovation, a deep commitment to customers and a focus on enabling the world's most advanced technologies.

Over six decades, Entegris has expanded its capabilities through the development of new technologies, strategic partnerships, and disciplined growth. Today, the company serves logic and memory semiconductor device manufacturers, semiconductor equipment makers, and other high-technology industries. Its products and solutions are critical to the most advanced manufacturing processes in the world, ensuring the purity, precision, and performance that underpin modern semiconductor fabrication.

I am particularly proud of the deep connection between Entegris and the State of Minnesota. Entegris maintains a significant operational presence at facilities in Chaska and Bloomington, Minnesota—along with locations in 11 states and 12 countries—supporting high-skilled jobs in advanced manufacturing and engineering that strengthen our local economy. Entegris also plays an essential role in strengthening our Nation's semiconductor supply chain—vital to economic growth, national security, and technological leadership—and is actively contributing to efforts to build a more resilient domestic manufacturing base.

Beyond its technological contributions, Entegris has demonstrated a strong commitment to corporate social responsibility and community engagement. The Entegris Foundation partners with universities across the country to provide STEM scholarships and workforce development programs, and the company works with local schools and community organizations to offer volunteer services and charitable support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Entegris on 60 years of American excellence, innovation, and commitment to community. What started as a small Minnesota company serving the nascent microelectronics industry, has grown into a global enterprise whose products are indispensable to the technologies that power modern life. May the next 60 years continue to build upon this strong foundation, and may Entegris continue to lead in strengthening our Nation's technological capabilities and economic prosperity.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF
THE TOWN OF HORNBY, NEW YORK

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Hornby in Steuben County, New York, as it celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding. Established in 1826, the Town of Hornby was formed during a period of rapid growth and settlement across New York's Southern Tier. The town developed as generations of hardworking families transformed its rolling hills and fertile lands into a thriving agricultural community.

Throughout its history, Hornby has remained rooted in the values that have defined rural America: hard work, self-reliance, community service, and a deep connection to the land. Farmers, business owners, educators, veterans, and civic leaders have all contributed to the town's growth and success while preserving the character and traditions that make Hornby a special place to call home.

As our Nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of American independence, Hornby's bicentennial provides an opportunity to reflect on two centuries of local history and the many individuals whose dedication helped build and sustain this community. Today, Hornby remains a proud and close-knit community whose residents embody the spirit of service, neighborliness, and perseverance that has defined the town since its earliest days.

On behalf of the people of New York's 23rd Congressional District, I congratulate the residents of Hornby on this remarkable bicentennial milestone and extend my best wishes for a successful celebration and continued prosperity in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE KIDD
FOR RECEIVING THE ROBERT &
ROSEMARY BLAZIER MEMORIAL
AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michelle Kidd for receiving the Robert & Rosemary Blazier Memorial Award. She has spent more than 27 years as an educator in the community, helping prepare students academically, professionally, and personally for life beyond high school.

As a lifelong member of the McHenry County community, Michelle attended McHenry County College before completing her degree at the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater. After graduation, she began her career at Cary-Grove High School and later moved to Crystal Lake South High School, where she has served as department chair for the past 15 years.

During her tenure, she has played a pivotal role in launching the D155 Micro-Internship Program, which gives students real-world exposure to careers. For approximately 10 hours each week, students work with local business partners in fields such as accounting, welding, machining, and hospitality. In the 2025–2026