

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.

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

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**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

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**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.

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

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**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

school year, 196 students participated in the program, along with an additional 33 students in the summer program.

Her vision for hands-on learning opportunities has resulted in valuable experience for students and job placements immediately after high school, benefiting students, local businesses, and the broader community. She has also consistently worked to improve the work-study curriculum to better reflect evolving workforce needs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such a dedicated public servant, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Michelle Kidd for her selfless service to the Crystal Lake community.

CONGRATULATING ELI DEBEVEC  
UPON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
ACADEMY

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2026*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Eli Debevec, upon his acceptance to the United States Coast Guard Academy.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite maritime security force, guided by the motto: "Semper Paratus," meaning "Always Ready."

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, protecting the Nation's ports, waterways, and coastal areas from evolving threats.

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

I am proud to endorse Eli's acceptance to the United States Coast Guard Academy; I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

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

RECOGNIZING DESCENDANTS OF  
TOXIC-EXPOSED VETERANS

**HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2026*

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and support the thousands of Americans whose lives have been shaped by the cost of war: our Nation's toxic-exposed veterans and their children and grandchildren.

In my district, the 180th Transportation Company based in Muskegon, Michigan, answered our Nation's call for service. They served in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and most of their members have proudly called West Michigan home. Their families carry the weight of that service long after they return, including the lasting impact of exposure to toxic chemicals during their service. It is their stories, and the stories of families like them across the country, that

bring me to the floor today. We have the unique and important opportunity this Congress to stand by these veterans and their families in passing Congresswoman DEBBIE DINGELL's H.R. 1769, the Molly R. Loomis Research for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act. I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, and I am calling on my colleagues to join me.

This legislation bears the name of Molly Loomis, whose story puts a human face to an issue that has gone unaddressed for far too long. Molly is the daughter of a U.S. Navy veteran who was exposed to Agent Orange during his service aboard the USS *Ogden*. Unfortunately, her father passed away from cancer related to this toxic exposure. Molly developed a spinal cord illness known as Spina Bifida, which was also caused by exposure to Agent Orange. She was unable to receive aid from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for this condition because she herself was not a veteran. A previous bill, H.R. 1769, the Toxic Exposure Research Act, became law in 2016 and authorized research into birth defects associated with chemical exposures during military service. Yet the VA did not act on it, determining the research was not feasible because it would focus on descendants rather than veterans themselves. The sons and daughters of our veterans were deemed, in effect, outside the scope of this pressing issue. That must change today.

Molly's story is not unique. Countless families in my own district share this story as well. Across the country, the children and grandchildren of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, burn pits, and other toxic chemicals are living with conditions that medicine is only just beginning to treat. Research has identified birth defects and health conditions in the offspring of exposed veterans, including spina bifida, heart deformities, autoimmune disorders, and many other rare conditions.

These families have waited decades for answers. The hidden cost of war is real; it goes beyond generational divides and deserves our full attention. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to amplify the voices of our veterans and their families. I want to recognize the bravery of our Nation's toxic-exposed veterans and honor the strength and resilience of their descendants. Their lives remind us that a true commitment to service members and veterans must also extend to their families, who, in their meaningful and heartbreaking stories, have also made brave sacrifices for our Nation.

RECOGNIZING WORLD REFUGEE  
DAY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2026*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize World Refugee Day, which takes place on June 20 of each year, where we recognize the strength and resilience of those who have been displaced from their homes because of war or persecution.

On July 28, 2026, we will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, the landmark international agreement that defined the term "refugee" as an individual who has

been forced to flee their home country and is unable to return due to a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group and/or political opinion. The Convention also established the principle that nations should not forcibly return people to situations where they face harm.

Today, there are an estimated 117 million displaced people who had been forced from their homes worldwide, including more than 41.6 million refugees (over 30 percent of whom are children) and 9 million asylum seekers. Fewer than 1 percent of refugees are ever resettled.

Sadly, as we celebrate this day, the number of refugees globally is only increasing. It has been estimated that about 2.4 million refugees worldwide will require resettlement in 2027 because they remain at risk in the countries where they currently live and cannot safely return home. I recently had one young woman come into my office who lived 17 years in a refugee camp. She grew up with such uncertainty but now has been resettled in our country and ready to contribute to our society and community.

My home state of Wisconsin has benefited from refugees. This includes the Hmong who fought as our allies during the Vietnam era and who fled persecution and death to come to the United States as refugees to start a new life after the war. What would have happened to them if our Nation closed its doors?

But it is not just the Hmong. Wisconsin has opened its doors to our neighbors from many other countries. Since 1975, Wisconsin has provided a home to over 50 different groups of refugees who have contributed to our communities in all sorts of ways from cultural to economical. Refugees help Wisconsin's economy by actively participating in the workforce, paying taxes, starting businesses, buying homes, and becoming U.S. citizens.

Yet, as we commemorate World Refugee Day, refugees remain under siege.

The Trump administration is going after refugees and asylum seekers even though refugees are one of the most closely scrutinized and vetted groups that come to our country.

Yet, the Trump Administration has put a needless and harmful pause on the U.S. refugee program. A pause that is nearing two years for many individuals who have already lived decades in limbo. That decision canceled flights oversight for who were hours away from being able to finally rebuild their lives in our Nation. And that is just one of many actions that have effectively closed our Nation's doors to most refugees.

These policies do not make our Nation any safer and put at risk the lives and well-being of refugees fleeing violence and persecution, including Iranians, Afghans, Burmese Rohingya, Sudanese and Somalis, among many others.

Refugees contribute greatly to our communities. Our own laws, such as the Refugee Act of 1980, recognize the historic policy of the United States to respond to the urgent needs of persons subject to persecution in their homelands, including, where appropriate, humanitarian assistance for their care and maintenance, efforts to promote opportunities for resettlement or voluntary repatriation, admission to this country of refugees of special humanitarian concern to the United States, and transitional assistance to refugees in the United States.