

of teachers, staff, and leadership. Thanks to Mr. Testa's contributions, Vernon Public Schools have been able to provide students with the support and opportunities needed to flourish academically.

Mr. Testa has led an impressive career reflecting a deep commitment to Vernon. He began his time with Vernon Public Schools serving as Assistant Principal at Center Road School. Later, he worked as Principal of Lake Street School for eight years. He also acted as the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Coordinator for the entire district. Mr. Testa's final role as a dedicated public servant to Vernon Public Schools was as Assistant Superintendent. With an impressive history of leadership already under his belt, Mr. Testa sought further education in executive leadership at the University of Connecticut to foster innovation in Vernon public Schools.

As a leader in education nationwide, Connecticut public schools rely on committed staff and leadership who deeply value and prioritize student success. As an integral part of the administrative team, Mr. Testa has undertaken a pivotal role to ensure teachers have the training and resources necessary to ensure student success. The hard work of Vernon Public Schools administrators has earned them national recognition, including being honored as a DALI (District Administration Leadership Institute) District of Distinction in December 2025.

Vernon Public Schools is no stranger to being acknowledged for its achievements—such as the Northeast and Skinner Road Schools being named a Blue-Ribbon honoree in 2020 and 2023, respectively. Moreover, Vernon is home to several "Schools of Distinction": Maple Street School, Northeast School, Lake Street School and Skinner Road School.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member serving the 2nd District of Connecticut, I laud Mr. Testa's deep dedication to the Vernon community, especially to educators and students. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people, I express deep gratitude for Mr. Testa's service to bolstering public education and advocating for students. I join Mr. Testa's family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE VERY REVEREND FATHER SAMUEL THABET FOR 50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Very Reverend Father Samuel Thabet, priest of St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Chicago in Burr Ridge, as he marks his Golden Jubilee—50 years of faithful and devoted priestly service.

Born in Tanta Gharbia, Egypt, and raised in a devout Christian family, Father Samuel's life has been marked by unwavering faith and dedication. Ordained a deacon at just five years old, he continued serving the Church throughout his youth, guided by the late Father Bishop Kamel and his uncle, Father Matthias El-Baramousy. After earning a de-

gree in civil engineering and serving in the Egyptian army, he answered his lifelong calling to the priesthood and was ordained by His Holiness Pope Shenouda III in 1976.

His ministry has endured both trial and resilience. In 1981, he was imprisoned with fellow clergy under President Anwar Sadat, yet his faith never faltered. After his release, he was appointed to serve congregations in Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Atlantic City before being called in 1990 to lead Saint Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Chicago.

Under his leadership, Saint Mark has grown to nearly 3,000 parishioners and serves a broader Coptic community of more than 15,000 across Illinois. His decades of spiritual leadership, community service, and steadfast dedication have had a profound and lasting impact on countless individuals and families. He shares this journey with his beloved wife, Tassony Ebtessam El-Neil, a devoted servant of the Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize such a faithful servant and respected community leader in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this extraordinary milestone and celebrating his profound impact on the Coptic Orthodox community and the people of Illinois.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN EQUIPMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of Martin Equipment. For a century, Martin Equipment has served as a trusted family business in Central Illinois, supporting contractors, businesses, farmers, forestry professionals, and communities across the Midwest.

Founded in 1926 as Sam F. Martin Implement in Roanoke, Illinois, Martin Equipment began with a commitment to hard work, customer service, and meeting the needs of local communities. While the company has grown over the past 100 years, its dedication to integrity, service, and family leadership has remained constant.

Today, Martin Equipment is headquartered in Goodfield, Illinois, and operates as a fourth-generation, family- and woman-owned John Deere Construction and Forestry dealer under the leadership of President and CEO DeLene Martin Bane, the great-granddaughter of the company's founder. With nine locations across Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri, and approximately 250 employees, Martin Equipment continues to play an important role in the region's construction, forestry, agriculture, and infrastructure industries.

As we celebrate 100 years of Martin Equipment, we honor its proud history and the generations of the Martin family, employees, customers, and community partners who have contributed to its success. I am proud to recognize this outstanding Illinois business and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin Equipment on 100 years of leadership, integrity, and service.

HONORING DR. ROMEO F. MONTALVO, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable career of Dr. Romeo F. Montalvo, Jr., as he celebrates an extraordinary career spanning 48 years of practicing pediatrics in Brownsville, Texas.

For nearly five decades, Dr. Montalvo has shown immense dedication, kindness, and compassion to the many families he has cared for in South Texas. Through his unwavering commitment to patient care, he has brought both children and parents closer together, building trust and helping families navigate some of life's most important milestones.

Beyond his work as a physician, he has cultivated a dedicated team of healthcare professionals who share his commitment to excellence and compassionate service. Dr. Montalvo has served as an example of what genuine service to others looks like. Medicine was never simply a profession for him, but his life's calling. He always recognized the needs of others and exceeded expectations to provide comfort and exceptional care.

Every life he touched has set off a chain of moments, milestones, and memories that extend far beyond the walls of his practice. Dr. Montalvo served multiple generations of families, watching children grow and develop into parents, professionals, and community leaders. His contributions have strengthened the health of our community and improved the lives of countless South Texans.

Alongside his professional accomplishments, he has built a loving family, sharing nearly 30 years with his wife, Linda.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas' 34th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize Dr. Romeo F. Montalvo, Jr., for his extraordinary life of service, kindness, and attentive care. His legacy serves as a powerful example of the difference one person can make through a career devoted to service. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HERBERT L. SALBERG, JR.

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Herbert L. Salberg, Jr., an educator, coach, athletic administrator, and public servant whose dedication to students and athletics strengthened the College of DuPage community and inspired generations across northern Illinois and beyond.

Herbert L. Salberg Jr., was born on August 7, 1936, in Cook County, Illinois. An avid athlete and sports enthusiast from an early age, he devoted his life to teaching, coaching, and mentoring young people. After earning his bachelor's degree in physical education from Northern Illinois University, he returned to his

alma mater, J. Sterling Morton High School in Cicero, Illinois, where he taught physical education and coached football and baseball.

In 1967, Mr. Salberg became a member of the founding faculty of the College of DuPage. During his 25-year career at the College, he served as a professor, coach, athletic director, associate dean of Natural Science, and educational leader. As head coach of the Chaparrals men's ice hockey program, he compiled an outstanding 237–83–9 record and led the team to National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national championships in 1980, 1988, and 1990. Under his leadership, the program earned numerous state titles and established itself as one of the premier junior college hockey programs in the Nation.

Beyond hockey, Mr. Salberg coached the College's golf teams to multiple conference and regional titles, served in leadership roles within the NJCAA, and helped advance the College's athletic programs. As director of athletics from 1979 to 1992, he spearheaded the development of the College's modern athletic facility, a \$10.1 million project that remains in use today. In recognition of his influence on the sport, he became widely known as the "godfather of junior ice hockey."

Following his retirement in 1992, Mr. Salberg continued his lifelong commitment to leadership and service. After relocating to West Melbourne, Florida, he served on the City Council and worked as a performance enhancement coach for Morton International. A man of deep faith, he spent the final years of his life leading a weekly Christian men's group at his local church before his passing in 2007.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, the College of DuPage is posthumously honoring Mr. Salberg as a member of its Class of 2026 Athletic Hall of Fame. His legacy lives on through the students, athletes, coaches, and community members whose lives he touched through his leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to helping others succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life and legacy of Herbert L. Salberg, Jr., and in celebrating his well-deserved induction into the College of DuPage Athletic Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING CATHEDRAL PARISH
OF SAINT PATRICK OF HARRIS-
BURG, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the auspicious occasion of its 200th Anniversary.

This beautiful House of Prayer, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Harrisburg, serves more than 242,000 Catholics in the 15 counties of central Pennsylvania, and welcomes parishioners, pilgrims in faith, curious tourists, or wanderers in search of a spiritual home with refreshment of soul and spirit in the peace of Christ. The sacrifices of many Catholics—from every demographic and background throughout the Diocese—built, renovated, and maintained this Cathedral for two centuries—particularly in 1949, 1976, 2003, to 2005, and 2006—up until this day.

German Jesuits brought Catholicism to Central Pennsylvania during the pre-Revolutionary period; the first two churches were established in Conewago and Lancaster. Historical records indicate a small Catholic mission in Harrisburg in 1806. In 1823, the Allison Hill property known as Sylvan Heights was purchased, and purportedly, a chapel was built on that site. The influx of Irish laborers who built Pennsylvania's canals and railroads influenced the building of a church closer to the riverfront, and in 1824, land was purchased at the present State Street site, with the cornerstone being laid for Saint Patrick Church in 1826—originally part of the Diocese of Philadelphia.

After the formal establishment of the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1868, the original Saint Patrick was designated as a "pro-cathedral"—a church that temporarily would house the cathedral—or the Bishop's chair—until permanent cathedral could be erected. The cathedral is a symbol of the unbroken apostolic succession of the bishop and unity with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. At that time, the Diocese was placed under the patronage of Saint Patrick. During the 1880s the church was enlarged, and the entrance was relocated from Liberty Street to State Street. Graves from a cemetery that formerly occupied the space adjacent to the pro-cathedral were exhumed and relocated to Mount Calvary Cemetery, Harrisburg, along with the granite Celtic Cross that adorned the Saint Patrick Cemetery. As part of the diocesan synod in 1902, Bishop John W. Shanahan (third Bishop of Harrisburg) proposed the idea of building a proper cathedral. Construction began in 1904, was completed on March 1, 1907—less than 40 years since the formal founding of the diocese—and the current Cathedral was dedicated on May 14, 1907. The architectural design of the new Cathedral was modeled in the Romanesque-Renaissance style. It is cruciform in shape and the original main altar was patterned after Bernini's altar adorning the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. The current cathedral was constructed of North Carolina granite on the site of the original church, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property in the Harrisburg Historic District in 1976.

Beyond physical changes over time, strength of faith, determination, and dedication to the mission of the Church remains steadfast as the House of God, built with care, love, and devotion. It continues its legacy with grace and gratitude for what's been accomplished and focused resolve on what remains to be done.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am humbled and honored to celebrate the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick on this auspicious and blessed occasion of its 200th Anniversary. The church family's contributions to our communities—spiritual, charitable, educational, and social—are immeasurable, and I pray for God's continued blessings on their continued call to serve and honor Him.

HONORING PRINCESS
BAJRAKITIYABHA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the U.S. Thai Alliance Caucus, I want to offer my sympathy to the royal family and people of Thailand. I include in the RECORD the following announcement by the Royal Household Bureau:

Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendradebyavati passed away on Thursday night at the age of 47, the Royal Household Bureau announced on Friday morning.

The princess died peacefully at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital at 7:48 pm on Thursday despite receiving continuous medical care from a team of doctors who had closely monitored and treated her condition to the best of their abilities.

HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha had been hospitalized since Dec 15, 2022, after collapsing due to a heart-related condition while training her pet dog in Pak Chong district of Nakhon Ratchasima province the previous day.

Since May 21, the royal medical team had been closely monitoring the health of HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha due to a severe infection that remained uncontrolled and affected the function of several major organ systems, the bureau said in a statement issued on Friday.

According to the statement, doctors detected an abdominal infection caused by inflammation of the large intestine in April. This caused HRH's condition to become unstable, further causing low blood pressure, an irregular heartbeat and abnormal blood clotting.

According to the announcement, her condition gradually deteriorated thereafter until her passing on Thursday night.

His Majesty the King has commanded the Royal Household Bureau to arrange royal funeral rites with the highest honors in accordance with royal tradition. HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha will lie in state at Phiman Rattaya Throne Hall in the Grand Palace, Bangkok.

HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha was the eldest daughter of His Majesty the King and HRH Princess Soamsawali Krom Muen Suddhanarinatha.

RECOGNIZING BUSS FORD LIN-
COLN ON RECEIVING THE ROBERT
O. COVEY AWARD

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Buss Ford Lincoln for receiving the Robert O. Covey Award for embodying the spirit of American ingenuity and community engagement. For decades, Buss Ford Lincoln has exemplified what it means to be a pillar of the local business community through its commitment to civic leadership, community development, and dedication to local partnerships.

Buss Ford Lincoln's impact extends far beyond the showroom floor. Through thoughtful donations to regional infrastructure and education initiatives, Buss Ford Lincoln has