

Florida community. We look forward to its continued success and impact for many years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFFORDABLE YOUTH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. SHOMARI FIGURES

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Affordable Youth Enrichment Opportunities Act to provide a federal tax deduction for parents who work hard to provide enrichment opportunities for their children, only to find those opportunities increasingly expensive and out of reach.

Whether it is academic tutoring, youth sports, or training in the arts, such as music, theater, or dance, families are facing growing costs to help their children gain the valuable lessons and benefits of extracurricular activities. Sports teach teamwork, discipline, and leadership. Academic and artistic programs foster creativity, critical thinking, communication skills, and intellectual curiosity. Together, these experiences help children build confidence, develop important life skills, and prepare for future success.

Yet access to these opportunities is often determined by a family's financial circumstances rather than a child's needs, passions, abilities, or potential. While federal tax law provides slight tax relief for certain childcare and school expenses, families receive no comparable federal tax deduction for the costs of youth sports, arts, or academic enrichment activities. My bill will change that.

The Affordable Youth Enrichment Opportunities Act allows eligible taxpayers who itemize their deductions and pay out of pocket expenses for qualified academic, athletic, and enrichment activities for their children to claim a tax deduction not to exceed \$5,000 per taxable year. Eligible taxpayers may claim the deduction provided that their modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year does not exceed the applicable threshold amount, which ranges from \$100,000 to \$200,000, depending on filing status.

Every child deserves the opportunity to pursue activities that help them reach their full potential. By helping families afford extracurricular enrichment activities, we can ensure that more children have access to activities that shape character, build skills, and prepare them for future success.

I encourage my colleagues to support and cosponsor the Affordable Youth Enrichment Opportunities Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call Votes No. 223 and No. 224 on June 23, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 223, and YEA on Roll Call No. 224.

RECOGNIZING SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER ERIC WILLIAM TOTH AS JUNE 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Second Class Petty Officer Eric William Toth for his honorable service in the United States Navy and his continued dedication to supporting veterans in our community. It is my privilege to honor him as our June 2026 Veteran of the Month.

Petty Officer Toth enlisted in the United States Navy in 1974, becoming the fourth generation of his family to serve in the Navy. Born on a Navy base in Virginia, he followed a proud family tradition of military service. After completing boot camp in California, Petty Officer Toth attended A School for Culinary Arts in San Diego, where he trained as a cook. Following graduation, he and his class were sent to Camp Pendleton, California, where they prepared meals for 25,000 Vietnamese refugees.

Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to the USS *Independence*, where he served for four years. During his service aboard the *Independence*, Petty Officer Toth worked in every phase of the ship's food service operation, gaining extensive experience in leadership, logistics, and operations. He also crossed the Equator multiple times, earning Shellback status, and crossed the Arctic Circle twice, earning the distinction of Blue Nose.

Following his honorable military service, Petty Officer Toth built a successful career in the private sector, where he established himself as a respected business professional. In retirement, encouraged by his wife of thirty years, ConnieSue, he dedicated himself to supporting fellow veterans. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center and as Second Vice Commander of American Legion Post 149 in Holly, continuing his lifelong commitment to service.

In addition, Petty Officer Toth volunteers with the Holly American Legion and VFW Joint Honor Guard, performing military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery and at local funeral homes and cemeteries. His dedication to honoring those who served reflects his deep respect for veterans and their families.

Mr. Speaker, Second Class Petty Officer Eric William Toth's distinguished service in the United States Navy, his entrepreneurial achievements, and his unwavering commitment to supporting veterans and honoring their sacrifices reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and our community. It is my great honor to recognize his service and accomplishments by naming him our June 2026 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAS INSTITUTE INC.

HON. DEBORAH K. ROSS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of

one of North Carolina's most notable business success stories, the SAS Institute.

Headquartered in Cary, SAS has exemplified the very best of American innovation, entrepreneurship, and commitment to excellence. Founded in 1976 by Dr. James Goodnight and John Sall, SAS began as a modest project to analyze agricultural data for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has since grown into one of the world's largest privately held software companies. What started as a statistical analysis tool has evolved into a global enterprise serving customers in more than 140 countries, including every major department of the federal government and nearly every Fortune 100 company.

SAS's impact on our economy, our workforce, and our technological leadership cannot be overstated. It is one of North Carolina's largest employers, and its reputation for workplace excellence is second to none. From pioneering on-site childcare in the early 1980s to offering comprehensive healthcare services on its campus, SAS has long been recognized as a model employer whose people-first approach has influenced workplaces around the world.

SAS also serves a prominent role across industries and the public sector. In financial services, SAS helps banks around the world detect fraud and protect consumers from financial harm. In health and life sciences, SAS has helped bring life-saving treatments to patients by supporting clinical research and regulatory review. In education, SAS has provided tools to help educators measure student growth and improve outcomes, while its academic programs have helped prepare generations of students, educators, and researchers for careers in analytics, data science, and AI.

As SAS celebrates its golden anniversary, we honor not only its remarkable achievements but also the values that have guided its journey: innovation, integrity, and a steadfast belief in the power of data to improve lives. I salute the SAS Institute and the thousands of dedicated employees who have made this company a North Carolina institution, a global leader, and a beacon of excellence for 50 years.

Here's to the next 50.

HONORING PAUL SINGLETON FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable American, Mr. Paul Singleton, as he celebrates two extraordinary milestones: his 93rd birthday and his 2,000th event as a Chamber Ambassador for the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

For many in Okaloosa County, Paul is a familiar face at community gatherings and Chamber events. Behind that familiar face, however, is a lifetime defined by service, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to others.

Paul served our Nation with distinction for 32 years in the United States Air Force, rising

to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military career took him around the world, including assignments supporting Special Operations and service during the Vietnam War. Like so many of his generation, Paul answered the call to serve and carried that sense of duty long after hanging up the uniform.

Retirement did not slow him down. Instead, Paul dedicated himself to serving the community he calls home. Since becoming a Chamber Ambassador in 1984, he has been one of Northwest Florida's most devoted volunteers, welcoming new businesses, supporting local entrepreneurs, and helping strengthen the community that makes our region so special.

Attending 2,000 Chamber events is a remarkable achievement. It represents thousands of handshakes, countless volunteer hours, and more than four decades spent investing in the success of others. It is a testament to a lifetime of showing up, lending a hand, and making a difference.

At 93 years old, Paul continues to embody the values of integrity, humility, and service. His example reminds us that lasting impact is not measured by titles or recognition, but by a steadfast commitment to helping others and strengthening the communities we cherish.

On behalf of Florida's 1st Congressional District, I am proud to congratulate Paul Singleton on his 93rd birthday and this extraordinary milestone. Northwest Florida is stronger because of his service, and countless lives have been enriched by his generosity and dedication.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Paul Singleton for a lifetime of service to our Nation, our community, and the people of Northwest Florida.

CONGRATULATING THE J.P.
McCASKEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
TRACK AND FIELD TEAM ON
THEIR STATE TITLE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize the J.P. McCaskey High School girls track and field team on securing first place in the 2026 PIAA Class 3A Track and Field Championship.

The Red Tornados made history on May 22 and May 23 at the PIAA Class 3A Track and Field Championship, earning their third girls team state title in school history and their first since 1993. McCaskey's gold medals in the 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay propelled them to first place. The relay team of Damani Crossen, Ella Petrosky, Alonda Grover, and Corrine Miller nabbed gold with a time of 47.20 seconds, while Vivian Salerno capped off her historic season with an 800-meter time of 2:08.61. A silver medal in the 100-meter and fourth-place finish in the 200-meter cemented an accolade-heavy weekend for Ella Petrosky. Team success in the javelin and 3,200-relay also contributed to McCaskey's first-place finish at the PIAA Championship. With a total of 42 points, the Red Tornados eclipsed the second-place finishers by 15 points.

The McCaskey girls track and field team has made the school district and Lancaster County proud with its incredible performance at the 2026 PIAA Track and Field Championship. I congratulate coach Derek Jennings, his staff, and the athletes on their well-earned success. I look forward to seeing what these student-athletes accomplish next, and I wish them all the best of luck.

HONORING TOM KILDAY

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Tom Kilday, an exemplary teacher and community leader in Loudoun County. Mr. Kilday is cherished by his students at Trailside Middle School in Ashburn, where he taught Special Education.

Mr. Kilday is known as someone who brightens everyone's day through his incredible teaching skills and the delicious treats for his students and fellow faculty members. Students and faculty affectionately refer to him as "The Candy Guy." He is known at Trailside as a smart, tough, and caring educator who takes a creative approach to learning in his teaching style. His students leave his class with a better understanding of the subject matter and feel ready to conquer their next learning journey.

Mr. Kilday is an example of the outstanding teachers in the Loudoun County Public School system who work tirelessly every day to leave a positive, long-lasting impact on our younger generation. On behalf of our community, we thank him for a lifetime of service and recognize his legacy as an all-around amazing teacher, friend, and public servant.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN WEILER ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Weiler, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, who has served as the Director of Aviation at the Springfield-Branson National Airport since 2011.

Prior to his time at the airport, Brian worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for 15 years. Before that, he managed airports in Kansas and Florida.

Brian held progressively higher leadership roles in state, county, and city governments for more than 30 years and is a member of the City of Springfield's leadership team. His accomplishments include negotiating with American Airlines to finance and construct a new maintenance base at Springfield's airport, partnering with Ozarks Tech to start a flight school that tripled enrollment in its first five years, and transforming an unprofitable 100,000-square-foot former airline terminal into a significant non-aeronautical revenue

source and regional economic asset with 100-percent occupancy and more than 1,000 employees.

The Springfield-Branson National Airport is the hub I use to fly to Washington, D.C., and back each week, and I am most thankful for Brian's oversight of the airport. It is an important economic driver to Missouri's 7th Congressional District, and I am so appreciative that he is a constituent. I wish him the best in his retirement and the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN CAMPBELL,
PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY
CLUB OF ORANGE PARK SUN-
RISE

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bryan Campbell as he will be sworn in as President of the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise in Clay County, Florida, on June 27, 2026.

Bryan has been a Rotarian since 2012, living the club motto of "Service Above Self" through more than a decade of work in community service, youth development, food security, health, wellness, and local philanthropy. As President, he will lead with a clear goal: ensuring the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise strengthens Clay County through service, collaboration, and leadership.

Bryan's service extends far beyond Rotary. As my District Director, he works every day to connect the people of Northeast Florida with their federal government, solve problems for constituents, and strengthen relationships across our communities.

Before joining my office, Bryan led major healthcare organizations in Colorado and Florida. He helped author LifeBridge, a physician wellness program used by more than 30 medical societies nationwide to address physician burnout, depression, and suicide. He also created the Blue Paisley Ribbon to recognize National Thyroid Awareness Month.

Earlier in his career, Bryan was an Emmy Award-winning journalist, bringing the same commitment to public service that would later define his work in healthcare advocacy, non-profit leadership, and constituent service.

Bryan has served as President of the American Association of Medical Society Executives, Chair of the Council of Florida Medical Society Executives, Chairman of Jacksonville's Mayor's Council for Fitness and Wellbeing, Chairman of the Clay County Charter Review Commission, Director of Challenge Enterprises, and President of North Florida PRSA.

In every chapter, Bryan has brought people together, strengthened institutions, and turned service into impact. Bryan is joined in this milestone by his wife, Sarah; his children, Lauren and Nathan; and his grandson, Lincoln.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I congratulate Bryan Campbell on his installation as President of the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise, and I thank him for his service to our community, our state, and our Nation.