School in New Orleans, where he also completed his residency. Dr. Noble completed a Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, before returning home to Southwest Louisiana. There he spent more than three decades in practice, serving countless patients and helping to develop innovative treatments for hip and knee replacements.

Throughout his career, Dr. Noble was committed to advancing the concerns of other physicians and his patients. He served as the President of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association, organizations that advocate on current healthcare issues and policy reforms.

While many knew him as a trusted physician, others knew John Noble for contributions outside of his practice. He was a longtime advocate for his alma mater, McNeese State University. Not only was he the team physician for McNeese Athletics, but he gave back to the McNeese community with his time and resources. And he represented Southwest Louisiana as a member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

John was a civic leader, including his involvement with the Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee and the Alliance for Positive Growth. He was always willing to share his expertise with others in the community, and when illness forced him to retire from his practice, he pressed on with the same dedication to service and civic engagement.

My friend John Noble was indeed a gentleman of distinguished accomplishment on many levels, yet nothing surpassed his love for his family. John cherished his beautiful wife, Cinda, and I was in awe of his dedication and love for his daughter, Madeline, and his son, John Wallace. After a courageous battle with cancer, Dr. Noble has gone home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Noble lived a life worth celebrating. He was a man of integrity, extraordinary talent, and distinguished accomplishment. May that legacy and the memory of his life endure. It is in that spirit that I deliver these remarks on this day. To memorialize the life of a dear friend and a great man, Dr. John Noble, Jr.

May God bless Dr. Noble and his family.

RECOGNIZING VALENTIN NIKOLOV

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair and founder of the Congressional Bulgaria Caucus, I rise to recognize Valentin Nikolov as he leaves Washington to begin his next diplomatic assignment at the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria in Strasbourg, France.

For more than five years, Valentin has vigorously served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria. Throughout his time in Washington, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to strengthening the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Bulgaria, fostering deeper connections and lasting ties between our nations.

With nearly 40 years of experience in diplomacy and international affairs, Valentin has held senior positions within Bulgaria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representing the country within the European Union, United Nations, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Beyond his impressive professional accomplishments, Valentin has been a loyal friend and valued colleague. I am grateful for his years of dedicated service in Washington and wish him continued success promoting the dynamic people of Bulgaria.

RECOGNIZING THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE SWIMMING AND DIVING PROGRAM

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Indian River State College (IRSC) Swimming and Diving program. IRSC has demonstrated unmatched dominance in collegiate athletics through discipline, teamwork, and a sustained culture of excellence. The men's team secured its 52nd consecutive NJCAA National Championship, the longest active title streak in collegiate sports history, while the women's team earned its 48th national title, completing a historic sweep by winning every event at the 2026 championship meet.

At the 2026 NJCAA National Championships in Fort Pierce, Florida, athletes delivered record-breaking performances, including Marcus Johnson's two national records in breaststroke events, and record-setting relay swims by Noah Smith, Johnson, Zack Gresham, and Oliver Nell.

Under Head Coach Sion Brinn—an alumnus, Olympian, and 13-time national championship coach—the program continues to embody excellence and community leadership. Serving over 24,000 students, Indian River State College inspires its community and represents Fort Pierce with distinction nationwide.

I am pleased to extend the highest congratulations to the men's and women's Swimming and Diving teams, Coach Brinn and staff, President Timothy E. Moore, and all student-athletes who have contributed to this extraordinary legacy.

These achievements stand as a source of pride for Florida's 21st Congressional District and the Nation, reflecting the power of teamwork, dedication, and the pursuit of greatness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, due to sickness, I missed an important vote on H.R. 6644 and S. 629. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 223, and YEA on Roll Call No. 224.

CELEBRATING THE GREATER POMPANO BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new office for the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and recognize the organization on 79 years of dedicated service to the businesses, residents, and communities of Broward County, Florida.

Founded in 1947, the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce has served as a cornerstone of economic growth and community development throughout the greater Pompano Beach area. For nearly eight decades, the Chamber has united business leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, and community stakeholders in a shared mission to promote civic engagement, strengthen commerce, and enhance the quality of life for all who call this region home.

The Chamber has also demonstrated commitment to regional collaboration and growth through the acquisition of the Margate Chamber of Commerce in 2016 and the Lighthouse Point Chamber of Commerce in 2018. These efforts expanded its reach and strengthened its ability to serve businesses and communities throughout northeast Broward County. I thank the Chamber's Chief Executive Officer Evencia A. Janvier for her outstanding leadership and dedication, her commitment to fostering business growth, community engagement, and economic development continuing to make a lasting impact throughout the region. Today, the Chamber represents more than 700 businesses and professionals who work collectively to advance the economic prosperity of the community. Through collaboration, advocacy, networking, and leadership, the Chamber demonstrates the power of a united business community. Its efforts have fostered opportunities for growth, innovation, and investment while creating a stronger and more resilient local economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to economic and community development. On behalf of Florida's 23rd Congressional District, I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING DON BATY FOR HIS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Don Baty of Grayling, Michigan for his decades of leadership and dedicated service to Northern Michigan and the Republican Party of Crawford County.

Don's story is one rooted in hard work, loyalty, and a deep love for the great state of

Michigan. After graduating from Hastings High School, Don went on to attend the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the Wolverines football team. Upon completing his education, he entered the medical field, working first at the University of Michigan Hospital before moving into medical equipment sales. That work took him to New Jersey and Texas, but Don's heart never left Michigan. When the time came, he chose to retire right here in the 1st District.

Since his retirement, Don has become a cornerstone of the Crawford County community. From volunteering at Grayling Hospital to serving on the board of his church to donating groceries to neighbors in need. Don lives out the American ideals of service, generosity, and looking out for your fellow man. In an era when it is easy to stand on the sidelines, Don has chosen to show up.

Don has also made his mark as a champion of civic participation across the region. As former Vice Chair of the Crawford County Republican Party and a member of the Crawford County Board of Canvassers, he was instrumental in revitalizing the local party when its membership was struggling. To this day, Don can still be found on the streets of Grayling with clipboard in hand, talking to his neighbors and gathering signatures for causes that benefit the whole community. He is a true patriot who understands that you do not need to hold elected office to make a difference and contribute to the Great American Experiment.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Don Baty for his continued service to Northern Michigan. On behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I thank him for his tireless efforts and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE EAST PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD OF MINNEAPOLIS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the East Phillips neighborhood in my district as they celebrate their successful efforts to decide the fate of their community.

East Phillips has long faced environmental injustice. The modern history of this struggle started in 1994 when high levels of arsenic were discovered in soil and groundwater due to decades of pesticide production. It was designated a Superfund site in 2007, and over 50,000 tons of contaminated soil were removed over the course of four years. We will never know how many lives were cut short before this poison was cleaned up.

The fight didn't stop there. For years, residents had sounded the alarm about two factories in their neighborhood: an asphalt manufacturer and a metal foundry. Residents shared stories for years about their experiences—how they couldn't open their windows in the summer because of the smell of tar or metal. How metal dust would cover the surfaces of their homes and yards. How the kids at the daycare down the street couldn't spend time outside because of this pollution.

The tide finally turned when community members, environmental justice advocates, and non-profits joined forces to say that enough is enough. They organized to demand that state regulators set an end-date for one of these factories. They reported violations to the Environmental Protection Agency for the second, leading to an unannounced inspection that found multiple violations of the Clean Air Act. The inspection validated what neighbors had been saying for years, and that foundry closed shortly thereafter.

And now, East Philips has finally cleared a path to community ownership of the Roof Depot site, in collaboration with non-profit organizations, state legislators, and allies on the Minneapolis City Council. The East Philips Neighborhood Institute had a vision for a community-led alternative to a proposed public works facility that would mean increased heavy truck traffic and continued industrial activity. With broad support from the people who call this neighborhood home, the Roof Depot will be redeveloped into an urban farm, affordable housing, and space for small businesses and community organizations.

This is a victory not only for the people of East Philips, but for the ideas of community and self-determination. East Philips shows us all what can happen when we work together for the common good. Please join me in thanking everyone who played a role in getting us to this moment and celebrating what the future holds for this neighborhood.

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 Thursday, June 25, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 15

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the TRICARE pharmacy program.

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