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HONORING THE CAREER OF DR.
CHACE ANDERSON

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Chace Anderson for his extraordinary career in public education and his dedicated service to the students, families, and educators of Minnesota.

I commemorate Dr. Anderson as he concludes a remarkable 43-year career in education, including 18 years as Superintendent of Wayzata Public Schools. Over the course of his career, he served as a teacher, coach, principal, administrator, and superintendent, bringing a deep understanding of education and an unwavering commitment to student success.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Anderson began his career in 1983 as a middle school science teacher, football coach, and track coach. He carried the lessons of those early experiences throughout his career, always approaching educational leadership with the mindset of a teacher and mentor.

Following his appointment as Superintendent in 2008, Dr. Anderson guided Wayzata Public Schools through a period of significant growth and change. Under his leadership, enrollment grew from approximately 9,500 students to over 13,000 students, prompting the construction of two new elementary schools, major additions to Wayzata High School, and facility improvements to meet the needs of the growing community. Through collaboration with teachers, staff, families, and community leaders, Dr. Anderson strengthened academic opportunities and supported student success across the district.

Dr. Anderson dedicated himself to improving students' day-to-day educational experience. He championed changes to school start times that better aligned with student learning needs, advanced initiatives supporting student health and well-being, and provided decisive leadership during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout every challenge, he uplifted students, families, and educators while ensuring stability across the district.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. Anderson is a devoted husband and father. He and his wife raised two children who graduated from Wayzata Public Schools, giving him the unique perspective of serving as superintendent, parent, and community member.

Dr. Anderson's legacy will endure through the thousands of students whose lives have been shaped by the schools he helped lead and strengthen. On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I extend my sincere gratitude for his decades of service and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE BRISTOL
BOROUGH POST OFFICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historic Bristol Borough Post Office in Bristol, Pennsylvania, one of the original post offices established at the founding of our Nation's postal system, and to honor its enduring legacy of public service spanning more than two and a half centuries.

Established in 1775 under the authority of the Second Continental Congress, the Bristol Post Office traces its origins to the creation of the United States Postal Service by our Nation's Founders. With Benjamin Franklin serving as the first Postmaster General, Bristol was selected as one of the original post offices because of its strategic location along the vital postal route connecting Philadelphia and New York. At a time when reliable communication was essential to the cause of American independence, Bristol played an important role in carrying correspondence, military intelligence, and news that helped unite the Colonies during the Revolutionary era.

For more than 250 years the Bristol Post Office has continuously served the people of Bucks County through every chapter of our Nation's history. While its physical location has changed over the centuries, its mission has remained constant: delivering communication, fostering commerce, and serving the American people with dedication and reliability.

The story of the Bristol Post Office is inseparable from the story of Bristol Borough itself. As one of Pennsylvania's oldest riverfront communities and a thriving center of commerce along the Delaware River, Bristol has long embodied the industrious spirit that helped build our Commonwealth and our Nation. The continued operation of this historic post office reflects the resilience, patriotism, and civic pride that have defined generations of Bristol residents.

Today, as we recognize the extraordinary history of the Bristol Borough Post Office, we also pay tribute to the generations of postal workers whose commitment to public service has strengthened our communities and upheld one of the federal government's most trusted institutions. Their dedication has ensured that, for more than two centuries, the promise of connection has reached every doorstep.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize the Bristol Borough Post Office for its remarkable place in American history and its enduring service to the people of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. May its legacy continue to remind us of the enduring values of service, community, and the unity that has bound our Nation together since its earliest days.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. MARY ROSS CUNNINGHAM

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember a remarkable

community leader and a dear personal friend, Dr. Mary Ross Cunningham.

Mary was a force of nature—larger than life, with the biggest of hearts and the most indomitable spirit. For more than two decades in her hometown of Waukegan, Illinois, and across Lake County, she served her community with dignity and grace, fiercely advocating for those she represented.

Born on November 19, 1945, in rural Alabama, Mary Ross was one of 22 children. She later moved to Chicago and then to Waukegan with her husband, Samuel Davis Cunningham, to build a life and raise their family.

Following the tragic murder of her husband in 1968, Mary became the sole provider for their four children—Emerson, Sam, Jackie, and the late Alvin. Through determination, faith, and perseverance, she instilled in her family the values of education, service, and respect. Her own experiences shaped a lifelong commitment to helping others overcome hardship with dignity and hope.

Before entering elected office, Dr. Cunningham devoted nearly three decades to serving veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital in North Chicago. She also worked extensively with the Waukegan Housing Authority, Community Action Partnership, and PADS Lake County, becoming a tireless advocate for affordable housing, economic opportunity, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

In 2002, Dr. Cunningham was elected to represent District 9 on the Lake County Board, serving portions of Waukegan and North Chicago. In 2018, she made history as the first Black woman to serve in Board leadership when she was elected Vice Chair, a position she held with distinction until her untimely passing.

Throughout her tenure, Mary championed equitable access to county services, public health, veterans services, workforce development, and criminal justice initiatives. She was instrumental in establishing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a fixed county holiday for employees and worked to expand opportunities for residents through numerous county and national leadership roles.

As a member of the Lake County Forest Preserves Board, Dr. Cunningham believed that everyone should feel welcome in the county's natural spaces. She was especially devoted to the annual Gospelfest celebration, helping it grow into a beloved tradition that brought people together through music.

Mary never lost sight of the people she served. She encouraged others to remember why they sought public office. Beyond her public accomplishments, she was known for her warmth, generosity, elegant style, and vibrant spirit. Above all, she took great pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whose accomplishments reflected the values she worked to instill.

Dr. Mary Ross Cunningham leaves behind an extraordinary legacy. I will miss her as a colleague and as a mentor, but most of all as a friend. I send my deepest condolences to the entire Cunningham family and to the community mourning this great loss. May her memory forever be a blessing.

HONORING DAVID DAVIS, 2026 MINNESOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate David Davis, instrumental and general music teacher at Park Spanish Immersion Elementary in St. Louis Park, on being named the 2026 Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Davis exemplifies the creativity, dedication, and innovation that define Minnesota's educators. Throughout his 16-year career, including the past five years at Park Spanish Immersion Elementary, Mr. Davis has inspired students to develop their creativity, confidence, and love of learning through music. A graduate of Lawrence University and the University of St. Thomas, Mr. Davis continues to hone his expertise through graduate coursework in Change Leadership at the College of St. Scholastica.

Mr. Davis has reimaged music education by designing a curriculum centered on student voice, creativity, and cultural responsiveness. At Park Spanish Immersion, Mr. Davis guides his students to compose original music, collaborate with one another, and connect their learning to their identities, families, and communities. His curriculum is rooted in his belief in "inherent brilliance," creating classrooms where teachers and students learn alongside one another as partners in discovery.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Davis has earned national recognition for advancing innovative and inclusive music education. He was the first Minnesotan to be selected as a Top 25 semifinalist for the GRAMMY Music Educator Award and has received honors including the Give A Note Foundation Music Education Innovator Award, the Music for All Elementary Excellence Award, and Yamaha's "40 Under 40" recognition. He also serves on the National Association for Music Education's Council of Innovations, participates in the Minnesota Department of Education's Culturally Responsive Arts Education cohort, and leads the Changemakers in Music Education project, expanding access and opportunity for students across Minnesota.

Mr. Davis's recognition as Minnesota Teacher of the Year reflects not only his remarkable talent as an educator, but also his unwavering belief in the growth potential of every student. His work reminds us that great teachers do more than impart knowledge, they inspire curiosity, foster a sense of self, and empower young people to see themselves as capable learners, artists, and leaders.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I congratulate David Davis on this well-deserved honor and thank him for his outstanding dedication to the students, families, and educators of our state.

HONORING THE 2026 ALLEN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 2026 Allen County Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees. The Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce will hold an induction ceremony in Lima on July 9, 2026, to mark the induction of the 2026 Allen County Agricultural Hall of Fame class. I include in the RECORD the names of this year's inductees:

Gary and Jackie Austin of Harrod, and Thompson Seed Farm of Delphos.

Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to fewer than 50 people and organizations since 2013. Consideration is based on each nominee's contributions to the agriculture industry in Allen County.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I am pleased to join in the accolades for these distinguished inductees as they are recognized for their commitment to agriculture and their service to others.

LETTER FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CONGRESSIONAL TIME CAPSULE

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a letter that I provided for the Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule, which will be opened by the American people 250 years from now in the year 2276, the 500th anniversary of our great Nation's founding:

To the American people in the year 2276,

This letter was written in 2026, upon the semiquincentennial anniversary of our nation's founding. I, Congressman James R. Baird, PhD, representing Indiana's Fourth District, would like to offer this glimpse as you enter the 500th year of these United States.

Today, Indiana is defined by its affordability, rich agricultural heritage, and status as a manufacturing hub. Indiana offers a balance of urban culture and expansive rural landscapes. The people exhibit "Hoosier Hospitality." The term describes a welcoming and kind demeanor centered on treating strangers like old friends.

As the U.S. enters its 500th year, I ask that you remember America's founding principles. The Founding Fathers envisioned a nation based on inalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Remember these principles. Freedom is never won nor defended easily but is always worth protecting. America is the greatest country ever created in human history. The words of Indiana veteran and journalist, Elmer Davis ring true now, as they will in 250 years: "This nation will remain the land of the free, only so long as it is the home of the brave."

We have traveled to the moon and back, fought for freedom across oceans and continents, split the atom, and yet our greatest

achievement remains forming a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. May God bless you all, and God bless these United States of America.

As of the printing of this letter, Indiana makes up the following statistics:

1. The Hoosier state has a population of more than 6,973,333 people, based on U.S. Census data. The median age is 38. Average cost of a house in Indiana is \$256,584 compared to the national average of \$368,198.

2. Indiana has the highest percentage of manufacturing jobs in the U.S. with more than 540,000 workers across all manufacturing industries. Indiana is also the largest steel-producing state in the country, producing roughly 27% of all U.S. steel.

3. Indiana is the seventh-largest agricultural exporter in the country. There are just over 94,000 farmers in the state. We produce more popcorn, meat ducks, and gourds than any state. Indiana is the fourth-largest corn producer and fifth-largest soybean producer.

4. Six vice presidents were born in the state, making Indiana "The Mother of Vice Presidents."

5. The winning time of the 2026 Indy500 was three hours, five minutes, nine seconds and 6471 milliseconds. This was the closest margin of victory ever, 23.3 milliseconds.

6. The first successful goldfish farm in the United States was opened in Martinsville in 1899.

7. In 2026, Indiana University had an undefeated football season, beating Ohio State 13-10 to win their first Big Ten Championship Game. The Hoosiers defeated the Miami Hurricanes 27-21 to become the 2025-26 College Football Playoff National Champions, completing the greatest turnaround in college football history.

8. Interestingly, Aviator Pioneer Ameila Earheart taught at Purdue and her plane that mysteriously crash-landed over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 was legally owned by Purdue and if found must be returned to the University.

9. Purdue is also considered the "cradle of astronauts" since they have had more NASA Astronauts come from Purdue than any other public university.

10. 8 of the 10 largest high school basketball gymnasiums in the United States are in Indiana.

11. Purdue University has a premier basketball team with numerous wins throughout their storied history, including 26 "Big Ten" regular season championships and 3 Big Ten tournament championships, three NCAA Tournament Final Fours and two NCAA championship games, and participation in three "Final Four", seven "Elite Eight", and sixteen "Sweet Sixteen" games.

HONORING DR. RHODA MHIRIPIRI-REED

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed for her distinguished service to Hopkins Public Schools and her unwavering commitment to the students, families, and educators of Minnesota.

Dr. Mhiripiri-Reed concludes nearly a decade as Superintendent of Hopkins Public Schools after a career dedicated to expanding opportunity and helping students reach their full potential. Throughout her career in education, she has served as a teacher, principal,