

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN MICHELLE
WALKER-CRAWFORD

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2026

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding leader from Florida's 3rd Congressional District, Michelle Walker-Crawford, on her well-deserved induction into the Florida FFA Hall of Fame.

This prestigious honor reflects a lifetime of dedication to agricultural education, student leadership, and the values that make our rural communities so strong. Through her unwavering commitment to the Florida FFA, Michelle has helped shape her generations of young leaders, equipping them with the skills, confidence, and character to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

Her passion for education and her steadfast belief in the next generation has left an enduring mark on Florida FFA. The countless students she has mentored and inspired will carry her legacy forward for years to come.

Michelle's impact extends far beyond any one chapter or classroom. She has strengthened the future of agriculture in our state by investing in the people who will lead it, and her service is a shining example of what it means to lead with purpose.

Congratulations to Michelle on this incredible achievement. I thank her for her years of service, her dedication to Florida's students, and for making Florida's 3rd District proud.

HONORING THE CHOCTAW BLUFF
HUNTING CLUB

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Hudson. Mr. Speaker, on July 4, 2026, the Stimpson family celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Choctaw Bluff Hunting Club founded by Fred T. Stimpson in 1926.

Fred was one of Alabama's most influential early conservation leaders, especially in the areas of wildlife restoration forestry, and habitat protection. Fred served on Alabama's first Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation Advisory Board. He helped lead the Alabama Wildlife Federation and ultimately established the Fred T. Stimpson Special Opportunity Area which provides protected lands for deer, turkey and other species in Clarke County, Alabama.

Today, Choctaw Bluff provides the Stimpson family and the club's members with the opportunity to hunt, socialize and preserve their core values. These values include the love of family, the practice of faith and the protection of land, which will be passed down for generations.

I am proud to call the Stimpson family my friends, and I hope Choctaw Bluff along with

its values will continue for 100 more years, and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring The Choctaw Bluff Hunting Club.

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HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article written by Richard Gere, who is an actor and chairman of the International Campaign for Tibet.

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BEIJING PERFECTED ITS SYSTEM OF SOCIAL CONTROL

(By Richard Gere)

China will begin implementing one of the most consequential—and least noticed—laws of Xi Jinping's era on July 1, days before the Dalai Lama's 91st birthday. The Ethnic Unity and Progress Law may not seem threatening. It refers innocuously to "unity," "social harmony" and a "shared destiny." Buried in its many provisions, however, is something that should alarm every American: an explicit mandate to pursue critics of Chinese policy wherever they live, including here in the U.S.

Article 63 of the new law directs Chinese authorities to act against organizations and individuals outside China for any acts that "undermine ethnic unity and progress or create ethnic division." Beijing is plainly asserting the legal authority to go after foreign citizens—Americans included—for speech that the Communist Party deems threatening to its narrative about Tibet, Xinjiang, or any religious or ethnic minority group.

China has already gone to great lengths to monitor and intimidate Chinese dissidents abroad. Last month a Bronx resident and U.S. citizen, Lu Jianwang, was convicted of acting as an illegal agent for China's Public Security Ministry by operating a Chinese "police station" in Manhattan. Prosecutors showed that Mr. Lu worked under orders from Chinese officials to repress dissidents on American soil. He faces up to 30 years in prison. The Ethnic Unity Law now gives his actions explicit legal cover.

To understand where this leads, look at Tibet, which today is inundated with police checkpoints, facial-recognition technology and communications surveillance. Chinese Communist Party cadres are embedded directly in villages and monasteries, assigned to monitor Tibetan families and ensure their political allegiance. Monks undergo "patriotic education" campaigns. Writers face imprisonment, including Tibetan author Gangkye Drubpa Kyab, who is serving a 14-year sentence for "inciting separatism" and was previously imprisoned for displaying a photograph of the Dalai Lama.

When Chen Quanguo—since subjected to U.S. sanctions for human-rights violations—

served as Communist Party secretary in Tibet from 2011 to 2016, he developed what became known as "grid management"—dividing communities into tightly monitored units. When he transferred to Xinjiang in 2016, he followed the same playbook, which evolved into mass detention, predictive policing and one of the most advanced systems of social control in the modern world.

The new law mandates Mandarin as the primary language of education, government and social organizations. Despite Beijing's denials, these provisions directly contradict China's constitution, which guarantees different nationalities within China the right to their own languages and customs. The new law reinforces a system of colonial boarding schools in which roughly one million Tibetan children have already been separated from their families and communities and subjected to communist indoctrination.

The new law requires that all religious activities support "ethnic unity" and undergo "sinicization"—Mr. Xi's term for subordinating religious traditions to Communist Party ideology. For Tibetan Buddhism, in which language is inseparable from culture and community, this amounts to state-directed erasure. The stakes will be raised around the succession of the Dalai Lama, likely one of the most consequential religious and political flashpoints of the coming decade. Beijing has already asserted that reincarnations of Tibetan Buddhist leaders require state approval. China is expected to appoint its own Dalai Lama and use a variety of diplomatic and other tools to validate him on the global stage.

U.S. policymakers should recognize the Ethnic Unity and Progress Law for what it is: a declaration that Beijing's ideological jurisdiction extends beyond its borders. This law and the oppression in Tibet are at the fulcrum of the larger struggle between liberty and autocracy.

Some 150 miles from the Tibetan border, in Dharamshala, India, the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile stand as a vision of hope and inspiration to the rest of the world. Emphasizing compassion and kindness, the Dalai Lama's spiritual and moral leadership exemplifies the victory of freedom and faith over autocracy and repression. It deserves America's support.

In May, Reps. Jim McGovern (D., Mass.) and Michael McCaul (R., Texas) introduced the Assuring the Future of Tibet Act. The bill would offer unprecedented support to the Tibetan exile movement and the Central Tibetan Administration as the genuine, democratically elected voice of the Tibetan people. The legislation is a call for the U.S. and international community to empower the Tibetan community as it defends its identity and our collective freedom.

Tibet has long been treated as a distant concern. It isn't. It is the place where the tools of modern authoritarian control were first developed and refined—tools now pointed outward. When Beijing moves to criminalize foreign criticism of its ethnic policies, it is testing whether the international community will accept the premise that no one, anywhere, may challenge the party's preferred version of history. That is a test the U.S. can't afford to fail.

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HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON BARRACKS

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2026

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my resolution celebrating the 200th anniversary of Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis County, Missouri.

Established on July 10, 1826, Jefferson Barracks is the oldest operational military installation west of the Mississippi River and has played a remarkable role in our nation's defense. From its beginnings as the Army's first Infantry School of Practice, to its service as a major staging ground, training center, hospital, and recruitment depot through the Mexican-American War, Civil War, World War I, and beyond, Jefferson Barracks has helped shape American military history.

Today, Jefferson Barracks continues to play an active role in serving our country and our community through the Missouri National Guard, veterans' services, and historic preservation. Furthermore, the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, where more than 200,000 veterans are laid to rest, stands as a living symbol of service, sacrifice, and Missouri's enduring contribution to the defense of the United States.

I am proud to recognize the thousands of men and women who have served, trained, worked, and been honored at Jefferson Barracks over the past two centuries, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING FRANK DELUCA

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2026

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Frank DeLuca of Marion County, Florida, on his induction into the Florida Automobile Dealers Association Hall of Fame.

In 1978, Frank opened the doors of DeLuca Toyota in Ocala. For the next forty-six years, he built an institution that has served generations across Florida's 3rd District. Families bought their first car from Frank, and employees built their careers under his leadership. That kind of legacy is the product of a man who showed up every day and did right by the community he served.

Throughout his career, Frank received the Toyota President's Award five times and earned the J.D. Power Certified Retailer Award, a testament to the standard of excellence he upheld. His impact, however, extends far beyond his professional success. He is a man of community, always showing up for his neighbors, supporting local charities, and investing in the people and organizations that made his success possible.

Widely recognized for his philanthropy, Frank contributed more than \$17 million to education, health care, and community organizations. Through the DeLuca Family Foundation, he and his wife, Angela, have supported numerous local initiatives, including a \$4 million gift to AdventHealth Ocala in 2025 to expand maternal and infant care services.

On May 7th, the Florida Automobile Dealers Association formally recognized Frank's lasting impact by inducting him into its Hall of Fame alongside the leaders who have helped build an industry that generates more than one hundred billion dollars to Florida's economy and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs across our state.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 3rd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Frank DeLuca on this well-earned honor. His leadership and contributions to the community have made a meaningful impact on Marion County, and his legacy will last for generations to come.

HONORING MR. WILLIE JOINER FOR HIS HONORABLE MILITARY SERVICE AND LIFETIME OF PERSEVERANCE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Willie Joiner, a proud veteran of the United States Army, whose courageous service during the Vietnam War and lifelong perseverance embody the very best of the American spirit.

Mr. Joiner was drafted into the United States Army in 1968 and, following completion of basic training, answered our nation's call by serving a full tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He faithfully fulfilled his responsibilities with honor and distinction before receiving an honorable discharge in 1972. Like so many veterans of his generation, Mr. Joiner returned home carrying the unseen burdens of war while continuing to live a life marked by dignity, resilience, and quiet strength.

A resident of Dundee, Mississippi, Mr. Joiner's story began in Tunica County, where he was raised as one of fifteen children born to Frank, Sr. and Gennie V. Joiner. Growing up in a modest three-bedroom home on a plantation, the Joiner family faced many hardships. Without modern conveniences and with limited resources, Mr. Joiner worked alongside his parents and siblings as a sharecropper, helping provide for his family through hard work and determination.

Despite these humble beginnings, Mr. Joiner answered the call to defend the freedoms we cherish. His service reflects the sacrifices made by countless young Americans who left their homes to serve a nation they loved, often at great personal cost.

Today, Mr. Joiner continues to face serious medical challenges related to his military service. His courage in confronting these challenges serves as another testament to his enduring character. As a grateful nation, we owe our veterans not only our appreciation but also our unwavering commitment to ensuring they receive the care, support, and respect they have earned through their service.

Mr. Joiner's legacy also lives on through the enduring values of the Joiner family. In 2024, the family established The Joiner Place, a family heritage and learning center dedicated to preserving their history and inspiring future generations through the principles of faith, humility, service, generosity, forgiveness, and

thankfulness. Their mission reminds us that strong families and shared history strengthen our communities and our nation.

I also commend the efforts to preserve the Joiner family's legacy through the designation of Joiner Road in honor of Frank, Sr. and Gennie V. Joiner, recognizing the lasting contributions of a family whose story reflects the perseverance and resilience of rural Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and gratitude that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Willie Joiner for his honorable military service, his steadfast commitment to family and country, and the example he continues to set for future generations. May we never forget his sacrifices, and may God continue to bless Mr. Willie Joiner, his family, our veterans, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN RAY GAETHJE, ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2026

Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with tremendous pride as an Arizonan to honor one of our own—a warrior, a champion, and a true example of the American Dream: Justin Ray Gaethje, the undisputed Ultimate Fighting Championship Lightweight Champion of the World.

Born on November 14, 1988, Justin was raised in the hardworking town of Safford, Arizona. The son of a dedicated copper miner and his mother, Carolina, of Mexican descent from Sonora, he learned the values of discipline, sacrifice, and relentless grit from a young age. His father, John Ray Gaethje, worked for decades in the mines, and his mother instilled in him that same blue-collar work ethic that helped build Arizona and this Nation.

Justin started wrestling at age four. At Safford High School, he compiled a stellar 191–9 record, earned four state finals appearances, and brought home two Arizona state championships. That same toughness carried him through collegiate wrestling and into the world of professional Mixed Martial Arts. Known as "The Highlight," Justin has thrilled fans worldwide with his fearless, all-action style, devastating leg kicks, and unbreakable warrior spirit. He does not back down from anyone—he runs toward the fight. That is exactly the kind of courage and toughness Arizona produces.

Last month, Justin captured the undisputed UFC Lightweight Championship in historic fashion at UFC Freedom 250 on the White House lawn, defeating Ilia Topuria to become the first fighter to unify the title after holding the interim belt multiple times.

A kid from Safford, Arizona, now standing as the undisputed king of the lightweight division—that is the American Dream in action. Justin represents the best of Arizona and the best of America: resilience, family loyalty, hard work, and the refusal to quit. In a time when too many seek the easy path, Justin reminds us what real excellence looks like.