

Over the decades, the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post 1780 has served as more than a veterans organization—it has been a cornerstone of fellowship, advocacy, and community service for generations of veterans and their families. The Post has remained committed to honoring the sacrifices of African American servicemen and women, while creating opportunities for mentorship, civic engagement, and support throughout the Western New York community.

Through its programs and community outreach, the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post 1780 has continued to provide critical support services such as veteran assistance, youth mentorship initiatives, and remembrance ceremonies honoring fallen service members. Community members throughout Western New York cherish the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post 1780's resilience and unwavering dedication to preserving local history, and ensuring that the contributions of African American veterans are recognized and passed down to future generations. The Post's continuous drive to support both the African American community and the wider Western New York community has allowed the organization to strengthen ties while upholding its founding mission of honoring service and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post 1780's 80th anniversary, may we all take pride in its history, leadership, and service, and may we look forward with hope to all that it will continue to be. On behalf of a grateful community, we thank the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post 1780 for its leadership, inclusivity, and example. Its extraordinary contribution to Buffalo's rich tapestry of cultures has served as a beacon of light and we are all better because of it.

HONORING SENATOR LARCENIA J.
BULLARD OF FLORIDA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of Florida's most respected and heralded political leaders, Senator Larcenia J. Bullard, as she and her family celebrate her influential political career as a member of both the Florida State House of Representatives and the Florida State Senate.

Senator Larcenia J. Bullard began her career as a Floridian policymaker in 1992. Upon her election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1992, she became the first woman ever to be elected as a Representative for District 118. After serving as a Representative for eight years, she was elected to the Florida Senate by District 39 in 2002. She was re-elected in 2004 and in 2008.

As a member of the Florida Senate, Senator Bullard has demonstrated her dedication to her District through a series of legislative initiatives. As a Senator, she successfully passed important legislation, like the Magic City Children's Zone, the Good Samaritan Act, and the State Facilities/Emergency Shelters Bill. Additionally, the Senator has served as the Vice Chair of the Agricultural and Transportation committees.

Senator Larcenia J. Bullard was born and raised in Allendale, South Carolina. The Sen-

ator relocated to Florida in 1980. While in Florida, she obtained her Master's Degree from Nova Southeastern University and began to work as a teacher in the Miami-Dade Public School System. She is married to Former State Representative Edward B. Bullard, who also represented District 118. The family tradition of service continues with their son State Representative Dwight Bullard, who was elected as District 118's representative in 2008. Senator Bullard and her husband have two other children; Vincent and Edwina. They have three grandchildren.

I am pleased to honor Senator Larcenia J. Bullard of Florida District 39, for her unwavering dedication and commitment to her constituents, her community and her state.

HIGHLIGHTING AMBASSADOR
CINDY MCCAIN AND THE WORLD
FOOD PROGRAMME

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ambassador Cindy McCain who retired earlier this month as Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

Since 2023, Ambassador McCain has guided the World Food Programme through periods of international need and provided support to countless men, women, and children.

During her three years at the helm of the U.N. Agency, she helped strengthen the organization's ability to respond to global crises and ensure life-saving assistance reached our most vulnerable communities.

Ambassador McCain reinforced the program's role as one of the front-runners in humanitarian food assistance.

As we recognize the extraordinary contributions of the World Food Programme, it is important to underscore that its work is not only vital to global food security but has helped support American agriculture.

The World Food Programme's mission and American agriculture have had a longstanding partnership. Ambassador McCain understood the importance of this relationship and strengthened that connection, ensuring global humanitarian efforts remain closely linked to our Nation's agriculture industry. American farmers and producers play a vital role in helping feed the world, and food assistance programs supported by the World Food Programme help deliver American-grown commodities to communities facing hunger and instability.

Through programs like Food for Peace, American-grown commodities such as wheat, rice, beans, and vegetable oil are purchased from U.S. producers and delivered to those in need.

This partnership not only sustains lives abroad but also supports rural economies here at home. This collaboration between the World Food Programme and American farmers provides a reliable and consistent market for our Nation's producers, helping stabilize commodity prices and support livelihoods across the country. In doing so, it strengthens individual farm operations as well as the broader rural economies that depend on agriculture.

Beyond food assistance relief, these efforts build global relationships and open international markets. Our farmers who deliver high-quality American products to communities worldwide, help lay the foundation for future trade, establishing economic partnerships that will benefit U.S. agriculture for years to come.

In partnership with the World Food Programme, American farmers work tirelessly to feed not only their neighbors but those in need across the world. Our farmers strengthen our economy while helping others.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Ambassador McCain for her commitment to addressing global hunger and helping support American farmers. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Ambassador McCain for her leadership. May God Bless her and may God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE WALKER-
CRAWFORD

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 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 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 have 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. Through her unwavering service and dedication to investing in the next generation of agricultural leaders, she is a shining example of what it means to lead with purpose.

I congratulate Michelle on this well-deserved achievement. I thank her for her years of dedicated service, her steadfast commitment to Florida's students, and for making Florida's Third District proud.

CELEBRATING CITI GLOBAL
COMMUNITY DAY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Citi Global Community Day, an annual event held throughout the globe, where Citi workers and volunteers come together to support and give back to the neighborhoods and communities where they live and work.

For more than two centuries, Citi has shown up for those in need. Citi colleagues, alumni,

partners, clients, family and friends dedicate their time and skills through hundreds of events year-round, and also come together globally for the annual Global Community Day campaign. Through their collective efforts, they help address critical community needs, support local organizations, and drive meaningful change across the globe.

Structured to address specific community needs including literacy, housing, environmental protection, nutrition, and health care, Citi Global Community Day has provided quality volunteer opportunities that empower participants to make a meaningful and lasting impact in communities around the world. Over the last two decades, more than a million volunteers have come together to contribute their time and skills, supporting communities around the world through hands-on service and meaningful engagement.

This year, the Citi Buffalo team will have four hundred volunteers packing 50,000 meals for Western New York families in collaboration with U.S. Hunger to be distributed to community partners, including the Buffalo City Mission and FeedMore Western New York. This critical effort will help address food insecurity by providing essential meals to families and community members in need across the region.

Today, we thank the volunteers and colleagues of Citi as they celebrate Citi Global Community Day. The organization's unwavering commitment to supporting and empowering neighborhoods and communities across the globe. Citi Global Community Day continually adapts to meet the needs of our community and future generations by inspiring their limitless potential, and I join all Western New Yorkers in thanking all who are participating.

HONORING PEARL ESSENCE OF
THE PI DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER
OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SO-
RORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the ladies of Pearl Essence of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Pi Delta Omega Chapter, of Miami, Florida, for their unwavering commitment and dedication to mentoring high school girls in grades 9 through 12.

Implemented in 2004, the Pearl Essence Mentoring Program is designed to help cultivate and encourage high ethical standards in young women; provide opportunities for community service projects; and enrich their lives through social, cultural and educational activities.

Pearl Essence's mission is to nurture young ladies, build character, boost self esteem and enrich lives toward reaching maximum potential in school, and community.

Under the direction and mentorship of Pearl Essence, these young ladies are poised and ready to become the leaders of tomorrow, as they embark on a lifetime of service and commitment to bettering their communities and the world.

This commitment to service and education are the embodiments and cornerstones of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which was founded in 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Alpha Kappa Alpha is now an international organization with both undergraduate and graduate chapters. Alpha Kappa Alpha cuts across racial, international, physical and social barriers to help individuals and communities develop and maintain constructive relationships with others. Partnerships have led to the implementation of programs by more than one hundred and eighty thousand women in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and Asia.

Please join me in honoring Pearl Essence of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Pi Delta Omega Chapter, for its commitment to our young women, education, our communities and service.

RECOGNIZING BILL FEELER

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Bill Feeler of Rolla, Missouri, as he approaches his 100th birthday this August after a lifetime of service to his community and our Nation.

Shortly after turning 18, Mr. Feeler was drafted into the Army during the final days of World War II. Following basic training at Fort Knox, he served as a corporal in the Liberation of the Philippines. After the war's end, he was stationed in Japan, where he worked as a driver for an aide to General Douglas MacArthur. For his service, he received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, Mr. Feeler returned home to Rolla and resumed work on his family farm, exemplifying humility, dedication, and a deep commitment to hard work. In 1953, he married Ms. Geneva Giesler of Vienna, Missouri, and together they have built a strong family, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Today, he remains active in his community—making birdhouses, tending his garden, supporting Cardinals baseball, and volunteering through his church to deliver meals during the holidays. His advice to others is simple: "Love your country and be more patriotic."

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Feeler's extraordinary life of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his example as we approach our Nation's 250th anniversary.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND
LEGACY OF ROGER P.
FRECHETTE, SR.

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Roger P. Frechette, Sr., a decorated boxer, veteran, entrepreneur, mentor, and community leader

whose dedication to the City of Lowell has left a lasting impact across generations.

Roger was born on October 4, 1941, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the second oldest of seven children born to Jean-Paul "The Blond Tiger" Frechette and Rita Fournier Frechette. Growing up in a family deeply rooted in athletics and community service, Roger learned early the values of discipline, perseverance, and giving back. His father, Jean-Paul, was one of Lowell's most beloved sports figures, a New England Featherweight Champion, founder of the Greater Lowell Softball League, President of the Passe Temps Club, and a tireless advocate for youth athletics. In recognition of his contributions to the community, a bridge in Lowell was dedicated in his honor and proudly bears the Tiger Frechette name today. Inspired by his father's example, Roger embarked on a path that would mirror that same commitment to excellence and service.

Roger began boxing at an early age and built an accomplished sixteen-year career in the sport. His achievements included winning the Silver Mittens Championship in 1955, the Golden Gloves Novice Championship in 1958, the Greater Lowell Open Championship in 1959, and the New England AAU Championship in 1961. He represented New England in national AAU competition, competed as a professional boxer, and earned distinction as the Fort Dix U.S. Army Boxing Champion in the 118-pound division while serving his country. Roger also proudly served in the Massachusetts National Guard. His dedication to boxing and his contributions to the sport were recognized in 2007 when he was inducted into the New England Boxing Hall of Fame.

While Roger achieved success in the ring, his greatest contributions may have come through his commitment to mentoring young people. Believing that boxing could provide structure, confidence, and opportunity, he founded the West End Boxing Gym and worked closely with the Lowell Boys Club to guide and inspire countless young athletes. Through his mentorship, Roger taught lessons that extended far beyond sports, instilling discipline, respect, perseverance, and self-confidence in generations of Lowell youth. For many, he served not only as a coach but as a role model and trusted mentor whose guidance helped shape their futures.

Roger's business acumen was equally impressive. He owned and operated the Moosehead Café, founded Beverly Roofing and several successful roofing businesses, and invested in residential and commercial properties throughout Lowell. Through these ventures, he contributed to the economic vitality of the city while creating jobs and opportunities for others.

Following in his father's footsteps, Roger also devoted himself to civic leadership. From 1960 through 1964, he served as President of the Passe Temps Club, becoming the youngest president in the organization's history. Throughout his life, he remained an active and respected figure in the community, using his influence to support local organizations, youth programs, and neighborhood initiatives. His leadership reflected a deep belief that strong communities are built through service, hard work, and a willingness to invest in others.

Roger's greatest pride is his family. He shared a lifelong bond with his wife, Sandra Graham Frechette, and together they raised four sons: Roger, Jr., Ronnie, Robert, and