

Mundle and his congregation, Tabernacle's story is one of divine provision and human determination. It is a story of pews won at auction that fit as if designed for them, of a sanctuary completed after nine years of labor, and of a ministry that expanded across continents—from the Bronx to Canada to Jamaica.

Today, under Bishop Henri-Mundle and Pastor Angela Henri-Mundle, Tabernacle remains a beacon of hope. Its beauty is not only in its chandeliers or its livestream cameras, but in the hearts of its people and the worship that fills its walls.

For fifty years, Tabernacle Church of God has fed the hungry, strengthened families, uplifted the brokenhearted, and built a legacy of faith that continues to bless our borough and beyond.

I congratulate the Tabernacle Church of God on fifty years of unwavering service. May the next fifty shine even brighter.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIO GRANDE LODGE NO. 81

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th Anniversary of Rio Grande Lodge No. 81, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and honor their unwavering commitment to serving the Brownsville community.

Since 1851, Rio Grande Lodge No. 81 has strengthened South Texas through dedicated civic engagement and public service. By supporting youth initiatives, assisting seniors, and investing in local facilities, the Lodge has strengthened our community and improved the lives of countless families.

Education has long been at the heart of the Lodge's mission. From sponsoring early literacy programs to funding scholarships, their work empowers and provides vital resources for students to finish high school and earn their bachelor's degrees. These initiatives have fostered a love of learning, greater civic responsibility, and patriotism within generations of young people.

Beyond the classroom, the Lodge has worked to improve the lives of families throughout our community. Its members have helped provide dental care, medical treatment, and financial assistance, while also helping parents and grandparents by building ramps in homes to enhance safety and accessibility.

Rio Grande Lodge No. 81 has also worked diligently to preserve the rich history of Brownsville and South Texas. Through its longstanding support of local museums, the Lodge has helped ensure that future generations understand the sacrifices, traditions, and stories that have shaped our region and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas' 34th Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude for the 175 years of service provided by the Rio Grande Lodge No. 81. Its outstanding contributions have inspired generations of South Texans, and I'm confident they will inspire many more.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DOTTIE GALLAGHER

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 Ms. Dottie Gallagher and her remarkable career of service to the Buffalo-Niagara region as she retires from the Buffalo Niagara Partnership (BNP) after thirteen years of dedicated leadership.

The BNP is Western New York's regional chamber of commerce and local economic development organization. Today, the organization bids farewell to its CEO of 13 years, Ms. Dottie Gallagher. Under Ms. Gallagher's leadership, the BNP successfully advanced its core mission: empowering, connecting, and mobilizing companies and their employees throughout Western New York. Throughout her career, Ms. Gallagher has advocated for companies and organizations across Western New York, earning her a reputation for thoughtful leadership, innovative problem-solving, and dedicated client service.

Ms. Gallagher was instrumental in creating a low-interest loan fund to help developers grow downtown Buffalo's residential-anchored projects. She also played a key role in securing federal funding to create an upstate tech hub, as well as state and federal dollars to expand the sport fishing industry around Olcott Bay in Northern Niagara County.

For decades, the BNP's focus on local employers and strategic partners has driven investment, economic growth, and job creation. Today, the organization represents businesses that employ more than a quarter of a million individuals across Western New York.

Ms. Gallagher's leadership and dedication have deeply shaped the success of the BNP and the wider region, standing as a testament to her unwavering civic commitment. Her remarkable tenure has set an exceptionally high bar, ensuring there is a shining role model at the top as the organization moves forward. Beyond the professional sphere, Dottie's proudest legacy includes her role as a mother to her children, Paige and Willem Cohen.

Today, as Dottie retires after decades of dedicated service, we celebrate not only her professional milestones but also her leadership, her commitment to her family, and her tireless work to better our community. Please join me in congratulating Dottie Gallagher on a remarkable career, and wishing her well as she enters this rewarding new chapter of her life.

HONORING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DISTRICT MISSIONARY SARAH NELL HARRIS VANGATES

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 South Florida's most respected and heralded religious leaders, District Missionary Sarah Nell Harris Vangates, as A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ celebrates the District

Missionary's service to the South Miami District.

District Missionary Vangates has been a member of A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ for over forty-five years. As a committed member of the Church, the Missionary has served as President of the Young Women's Christian Council, 50 Women in White Program, Mother's Board, and Pastor's Aide Board. She is currently serving as the Sunday School Superintendent for A.M. Cohen Temple.

District Missionary Vangates has also demonstrated her commitment to Christ's ministry through her service to the South Miami District as District Missionary. As a member of the South Miami District, she has served as the Sunday School Field Representative, Facilitator to the Missionary in Training Institute, and a Member of the Examining Board of the Women's Department.

District Missionary Vangates was born in Naples, Florida to the late Herschel and Clara Mae Harris. She later moved to Miami, Florida, where she attended and graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1959. The District Missionary then married Alfred Vangates of Monticello, Florida. Together, they have five daughters: Regina, Renee, Renell, Reva, and Ronda.

Please join me in honoring District Missionary Sarah Nell Harris Vangates of A.M. Cohen Temple Church of God in Christ for her unwavering faith and commitment to her community.

RECOGNIZING CRANE CURRENCY'S 225TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 225th anniversary of Crane Currency of Dalton, Massachusetts, a remarkable milestone for one of the oldest companies not only in the Commonwealth, but in the United States.

For more than two centuries, Crane has embodied the ingenuity and craftsmanship that have long defined western Massachusetts, while making contributions felt across the Nation and around the world. The firm's paper has backed the integrity of U.S. currency since 1879, and their advancements in security technology continue to protect American financial systems well into the 21st century. This legacy of excellence and innovation was not forged overnight; it was built in the Berkshires by western Massachusetts workers, generation after generation.

The Crane family's imprint on the country and the Commonwealth extends well beyond papermaking. Murray Crane, who served as Governor of Massachusetts and later as a United States Senator, was a towering figure in New England politics. An advisor to Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft, and a formative mentor to a young Calvin Coolidge. The same character that has defined the Crane family in public life—steady, principled, and deeply rooted in this region—has continued to define their company for these 225 years.

Today, Crane marks this milestone at the Crane Museum of Papermaking in Dalton,

which is rather fitting, given that this is the same community where their story began. Their commemoration coincides with our nation's 250th anniversary, a fitting reminder that Crane's history and our nation's history are deeply and forever intertwined.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join the U.S. Treasurer and Crane Currency in celebrating this momentous occasion. I congratulate the Crane family and their tremendous workforce on 225 years of driving innovation, cementing their legacy in Berkshire County and the nation. I have no doubt that this legacy will endure for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE WATER AREA TRANSIT

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Blue Water Area Transit on its 50th anniversary. Since beginning public transit operations in 1976, Blue Water Area Transit has played a vital role in connecting communities, supporting economic development, and providing accessible transportation for passengers.

Over the past 50 years, Blue Water Area Transit has provided more than 37 million passenger trips. Today, its fleet serves the communities of the City of Port Huron, Fort Gratiot Township, Port Huron Township, Burtchville Township, and the City of Marysville.

I want to thank the dedicated employees of Blue Water Area Transit, whose hard work and commitment have provided reliable service to the community, and recognize the leadership behind its continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Blue Water Area Transit on its 50th anniversary for its outstanding service to the people of St. Clair County. I congratulate Blue Water Area Transit on this remarkable milestone, and best wishes for many more years of success in serving the region's transportation needs.

REMEMBERING MR. CECILLO "CHILO" DIAZ, SR.

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 commemorate the life of Mr. Cecilio "Chilo" Diaz, Sr., a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend whose love, compassion, and devotion to his family and community inspired all who knew him.

Mr. Diaz, Sr. was born on September 22, 1923 in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, to Mr. Anicasio Diaz and Mrs. Maria Candelaria Diaz. Mr. Diaz, Sr. cherished every moment spent with his family—a life filled with love and compassion until his passing. His greatest joy was his role as a devoted husband to Petronila "Loly" Diaz, and father to Cecilio, Jr., Francisco, Teresita, Crucita, Jose Antonio, Mary Anne, David, Elizabeth, and Richard. He was later

blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nurturing them with the same love and kindness he gave to everyone in his life.

As a proud native of Puerto Rico, Mr. Diaz, Sr. was raised with the strong support of his family, helping to shape him into a natural leader in all aspects of life. For more than three decades, he worked as a Boiler Operator at Bethlehem Steel, where he was known for his strong work ethic, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his craft. He took great pride in his work and earned the respect of his colleagues throughout his long career.

Outside of his professional career, Mr. Diaz, Sr. remained deeply committed to his faith and family. He was a faithful member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Lackawanna, New York, serving as a minister and preaching the gospel to incarcerated individuals. One of the most treasured memories for those who knew him was his love for fishing, gardening, and playing dominos. Whether casting a line on a quiet morning, tending to his garden with care, or gathering with family and friends for a spirited game of dominoes, he found joy in life's simple pleasures and created lasting memories with those around him.

Mr. Cecilio "Chilo" Diaz, Sr. lived a life of devotion to his family, faith, and community. His unwavering commitment to those he loved and his compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew him. Mr. Cecilio "Chilo" Diaz, Sr. was a man who believed in the importance of faith and family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around him. His kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us honor his legacy by carrying forward the values he lived by: family, faith, and above all, love.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTINA RENEA WALKER

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 a remarkable student and young adult, Ms. Christina Renea Walker, who through hard work and dedication has received acceptance letters to thirteen colleges and universities. She has also been awarded 268,000 dollars in academic scholarships and three thousand dollars in community scholarships.

The colleges and universities are: University of Miami, Lynn University, University of South Florida, University of Florida, University of Alabama, Louisiana State University, Tuskegee University, Howard University, Campbell University, New York Institute of Technology, St. Johns University, Mills College and the University of San Francisco.

Ms. Walker, who will be entering college as a sophomore in the fall, attended Northwestern Senior High School, in Miami, during her senior year, in order to take dual enrollment courses. These courses allowed her to take college courses early, under a program sponsored by Florida International University. The program is called "The Education Effect", and is funded by a one million dollar grant provided by Chase Bank.

Ms. Walker has chosen to attend the prestigious University of Florida. It is close to

home, but far enough where she can grow into an independent young adult. She also says "It is great to be a Florida Gator!"

While there have been many people who have played an important role in her life, Ms. Walker says her mother is her true inspiration. A strong, independent woman, who has taught her to love everyone; instilled Christ in her at a young age; taught her to believe in herself and trust God through every obstacle she faces.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Christina Renea Walker, a shining example and motivating force for all young people who seek to better themselves through education and serve their communities.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAYLE ELLIS FOR OVER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Dayle Ellis for 36 years of Federal Service and his commitment to the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

Throughout his career, including as an administrative officer, Mr. Ellis has provided critical guidance to military families, helping them to navigate difficult K-12 education options and determine student eligibility as they transitioned between duty stations around the world. His expertise, professionalism, and compassion have ensured the families and students receive consistent support during some of the most challenging periods of military life.

Mr. Ellis's dedication has supported military retention, helped families navigate education options for their children, and contributed to the success of military communities across different branches. Countless families have benefited not only from the positive outcomes he has helped achieve but also from the care and unwavering commitment he has brought to every interaction. His service demonstrates DoDEA's mission of supporting military-connected students and their families with excellence and integrity.

I want to personally thank Mr. Ellis for the outstanding impact he has had on his colleagues, families, students, and the many individuals he has served over the past 36 years. His leadership and expertise reflect the very best of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Dayle Ellis for his service and the difference he has made in our communities. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE KING HIGH SCHOOL MATH STUDENTS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional group of students from King High School in Tampa Bay, whose