

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING WITH LADY LIBERTY,
AMERICAN FREEDOM'S
250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

There they stood, God's assembled
Hosts from every corner known
In Ellis Island's Registry Room,
With eyes turned upward
Toward a majestic ceiling,
The pinnacle of a promising universe.
They brought their millennial prayers
And the crushing burden carried
To the doorstep of a new world.
If only they'd be allowed
To enter, to be free
Awaiting too is our loving
Mother Lady Liberty whose light
Saves at the sea of stormy life,
Triumphantly lifting high the torch
Of unquenched freedom—
Humanity's embedded inspiration—
That here human dignity—divinity
Would not surrender despite setbacks—
The alarming rise of appalling old
Antisemitism included—upheld by
The indispensable Angel of Responsibility,
A guarding-guiding presence that cannot
Be shaken, with towering Lady Liberty's
Tears of joy and sorrow spread in waters
Ever restless, Will her anxious children
Huddled with heartfelt universal prayer
Soon find out that they wouldn't be abandoned.

That the God of all the troubled accompanies
Them to the long beckoning Land of Promise,

Their Promised Land as well?
Don't let the grand American dream vanish,
It has already lasted 250 years, to ever be
matched

By a grand American reality blessed by
Shalom's

Eternal blessings of healing, hope and harmony!

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple Lev Tikvah and Honorary Senior Rabbi Scholar at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church, both in Virginia Beach. He is past National Interfaith Chair for JCPA (Jewish Counsel for Public Affairs). He is a member of the Holocaust's surviving remnant of European Jewry.

RECOGNIZING THE NATION'S COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROFESSIONALS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Nation's community supervision pro-

fessionals, who are dedicated public servants and perform many vital roles in their work with justice-involved adults and juveniles. They identify opportunities and services to help justice-involved individuals contribute to society, while holding them accountable for their actions. They remain mindful of their role in protecting public safety.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2026, whose theme is "Connected for Change: Building Bridges in Supervision," we salute all those who have chosen this important career. In the District of Columbia, we especially thank the employees of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA) for their service. CSOSA and PSA are models of excellence in community supervision.

Community supervision agencies are valuable partners of other government agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood-based groups and all who strive to make our Nation safer and stronger. We extend our gratitude to community supervision professionals and recognize their many achievements as we proclaim July 19 through July 25, 2026, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2026.

HONORING REVEREND CANON
RICHARD LIVINGSTON MAR-
QUESS-BARRY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Canon Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry for his distinguished service in Miami Dade County.

Reverend Canon Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry is the Rector of the historic Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church. He has served as a priest for over 40 years and has served as Saint Agnes' Episcopal Church's leader since 1977. Since taking leadership of the Church, Canon Marquess-Barry has piloted many community service initiatives. Reverend Canon Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry along with the Church formed the Saint Agnes' Rainbow Village Development Corporation, a non-profit organization that serves low-income families in the Overton community.

Canon Marquess-Barry is not only a community activist, he is a renowned scholar as well. Canon Marquess-Barry has served as a Visiting Fellow at both Oxford University and the University of Munich. He was also awarded a Doctor Humane Letters degree in 1995 by Barber-Scotia College.

Canon Marquess-Barry was born and raised in Miami Dade County. After graduating from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1958, Canon Marquess-Barry chose to pursue higher learning at Saint Augustine's College,

American University, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Emory University. Reverend Canon Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry is an ordained priest of the Episcopal Church and is invested as an Honorary Canon at the African Orthodox Church and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Together with his wife Virla Rolle, Canon Marquess-Barry is the parent of one daughter and grandparent of two grandsons.

Please join me in honoring Reverend Canon Richard Livingston Marquess-Barry for his commitment and many years of distinguished spiritual service to Miami Dade County.

CONGRATULATING UNITED STEELWORKERS DISTRICT 11 RAPID RESPONSE COORDINATOR ROBERT "BOB" RYAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, United Steelworkers Rapid Response Coordinator Robert "Bob" Ryan, on his retirement after nearly two decades of leadership and advocacy with the United Steelworkers.

Bob began his career with United Steelworkers after previously working as a Machinist with Rock-Tenn. As the District 11 Rapid Response Coordinator, Bob advocated for Steelworkers in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. In Minnesota alone, Bob helped represent over 13,000 workers, including those at Pine Bend Refinery in Rosemount, Minnesota.

In his role as a Rapid Response Coordinator, he worked tirelessly to improve wages, strengthen benefits and create safer working conditions for workers across the country. Bob helped mobilize members to advocate for union priorities and has been a strong partner for my office in advocating for organized labor.

I am deeply inspired by Bob's commitment to his fellow Steelworkers. His leadership in the labor movement will have a lasting impact on our community, and I am grateful for all he has done to strengthen workers' rights throughout District 11. It has been an honor working with Bob over the years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob and in wishing him all the best on his well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUISIANA STATE SEN. LARRY C. SELDERS

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, Louisiana recently lost one of its brightest lights with the

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sudden passing of State Sen. Larry C. Selders, D-Baton Rouge, at just 44 years old. He leaves behind his wife, Dr. Kendra Michael, and their two sons, Larry and Luke, the boys who were, by every account, inseparable from his side and at the center of his world.

Larry's life was a testament to service given freely and without pretense. He devoted himself to helping people rebuild their lives through substance abuse and mental health recovery. That same compassion carried him from a group home for troubled adolescents, where he worked while earning his social work degree at Southern University, all the way to the Louisiana Legislature, first as a state representative for House District 67, then as senator for the 14th District. Wherever he served, his focus on children and mental health reflected who he was long before he held office.

Those who knew Larry best remember not just what he accomplished, but how he made people feel. He was described as "always jovial, always happy, and always ready to help somebody"—a "gentle giant" with a warmth that made colleagues feel like old friends. He brought humility and quiet strength to his work, approaching public service as an act of lifting others up rather than a pursuit of recognition.

Larry Selders leaves behind a legacy built not on titles, but on the countless lives he touched as a devoted husband, a proud father, a trusted friend, and a public servant who never stopped asking how he could do more good. Louisiana is better for having had him, and he will be deeply missed.

HONORING CAROL WHITEHEAD-SUTTON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of South Florida's most respected union leaders, the late Carol Whitehead-Sutton, President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO Miami Area Local.

Mrs. Carol Whitehead-Sutton joined United States Postal Service in 1980 as a Central Forwarding Clerk. In 1981, she volunteered as a union advocate and over the next 20 years would have a profound impact on working conditions for her fellow co-workers. She is credited with successfully resolving work infractions, contractual violations and putting numerous postal workers back to work after losing their jobs or being suspended.

Mrs. Carol Whitehead-Sutton was also a well-respected community activist. In 2001, she helped form the Miami Jackson Senior High School Alumni Association. Other organization and union affiliations ranged from the Organization for Inner City Schools (I.C.A.R.E.) to the NAACP; the Martin Luther King Trade Coalition; the A. Philip Randolph (APRE); the Coalition Black Trade Union, to Alpha Phi Omega.

Born to parents, the late Mr. Moses Whitehead and Mrs. Rozella Whitehead, Carol received her education in the Miami-Dade County Public School System, attending Orchard Villa, Gladeview and Allapattah Elementary Schools. She graduated from Miami Jackson

Senior High School in 1975 and received an Associate of Arts Degree from Miami-Dade College North Campus in 1979.

Mrs. Carol Whitehead-Sutton was a loyal and faithful member of New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith in Miami, Florida.

Please join me in honoring Carol Whitehead-Sutton for her unwavering faith and commitment to her community, family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARQUETTE COUNCIL 588

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Marquette Council 588. For more than a century, Marquette Council 588 has faithfully served three Sussex County parishes in New Jersey: Our Lady of the Lake in Sparta, St. Thomas of Aquin in Ogdensburg, and Immaculate Conception in Franklin.

Established in 1901, Marquette Council 588 stands among the oldest Knights of Columbus councils in both New Jersey and the United States. Their name honors Father Jacques Marquette, the French priest and explorer.

Throughout its 125-year history, Marquette Council 588 has played an integral role in many behind-the-scenes activities within the parishes, and beyond. The Council's unwavering commitment is evident in its support for families in need, assistance to veterans, engagement with youth, and dedication to charitable service. Members consistently serve their neighbors, regardless of background or faith, embodying the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

The Knights actively live out the Beatitudes through both word and deed. Recent initiatives, such as delivering 3,000 Thanksgiving turkeys to families across Sussex County, collecting nearly 1,000 coats for those confronting winter's chill, and organizing numerous food drives clearly reflect their spirit of selfless service.

As we celebrate Marquette Council 588's remarkable milestone, we extend our gratitude for 125 years of dedicated service to Sussex County and the State of New Jersey. I sincerely wish them continued success for the next 125 years and beyond.

FRIENDS OF DYKE MARSH

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Friends of Dyke Marsh.

Since 1976, Friends of Dyke Marsh have partnered with the National Park Service to preserve, restore, and stabilize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, a 480-acre freshwater tidal wetland on the Potomac River in Fairfax County and one of the last freshwater tidal marshes in the Washington, D.C., area.

Congress wisely designated Dyke Marsh as "irreplaceable" in 1959, and it certainly remains so for the 300 species of plants, thousands of arthropods, 38 species of fish, 25 reptiles, 22 amphibians, and nearly 300 species of birds that call it home.

The people, wildlife, and ecosystems of Virginia are indebted to the engaged and concerned residents who, since the 1970s, have protected that irreplaceable landscape.

Those residents founded Friends of Dyke Marsh to preserve the area and advocate for its survival.

As marsh habitat dwindles elsewhere along the Potomac River, Friends of Dyke Marsh have worked to protect the area from the erosion, invasive species, pollution, and climate impacts that threaten so many temperate wetlands.

Today, the group's work includes scientific studies, biological surveys, educational programs, stewardship activities, nature walks, trash cleanups, invasive plant control work, and comprehensive restoration planning. As the United States Geological Survey warns that Dyke Marsh could be gone entirely by 2035 due to erosion, that work is more important than ever.

In my time in Congress, I have been proud to partner with the Friends of Dyke Marsh to champion efforts to support and secure funding to protect Dyke Marsh and ensure it thrives.

Today, I am proud to honor Friends of Dyke Marsh on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary, thank all those who have been part of it over those five decades, and express gratitude for the community's enthusiasm and devotion to our irreplaceable natural places.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING DELTA KAPPA OMEGA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the Delta Kappa Omega/Providence Community Service Center in Tallahassee, Florida, which will continue to help improve the lives of people of Leon County.

The community center is the culmination of years of dedication and commitment by the Delta Kappa Omega Foundation, Incorporated, providing academic scholarships to deserving students through its Annual Gentlemen Sampler fundraising event and providing financial support to the under-served through its partnership with local social services agencies; and through countless other programs and projects.

The organization worked with many agencies in the community, including the City of Tallahassee, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Providence Neighborhood Association, to build the Delta Kappa Omega/Providence Community Service Center.

Delta Kappa Omega Foundation, Incorporated, was established in Leon County in October of 1996. For the past 16 years, the organization has been committed to providing service that enhances the education, civic and social well-being of the citizens of Leon County and surrounding communities.