

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.

The members of Delta Kappa Omega Foundation, Incorporated have demonstrated how the strength, talents and commitment of women working together, to implement the ideals of community service, can change a community for the better and improve the quality of life.

Please join me in honoring and recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Delta Kappa Omega Foundation, Incorporated, and its long-standing legacy of service to this community.

HONORING BILLIE JOE FRAZIER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Mr. Billie Joe Frazier.

Billie Joe Frazier is a graduate of Sadie V. Thompson High School. He attended Jackson State University before enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where he served from 1971 to 1974. He later joined the Natchez Police Department.

Mr. Frazier began his career with the Natchez Police Department in 1976, becoming one of the first 15 African Americans to serve as a police officer in the City of Natchez. During his 32 years of service, he held several leadership positions, including Patrol Supervisor and Supervisor of Jail Administration and Records.

Throughout his career, Mr. Frazier demonstrated courage, professionalism, and a deep commitment to his community. He was recognized as a community hero for rescuing two women trapped in a vehicle during a flood. He also survived being shot in the line of duty, yet continued to serve with dedication and resilience.

Mr. Frazier is married to Shelly "Shirley" Fitzgerald Frazier, and they have three daughters: Jarita Frazier-King, Courtney Frazier, and Skylar King-Frazier. They also have one son, Keimon B. Frazier, along with four beautiful grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, affectionately known as their "chocolate drop." Mr. Frazier is a deacon at Greater Mt. Sinai and currently serves as an alderman for the City of Natchez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Billie Joe Frazier of Natchez, Mississippi, for his actions, achievements, and dedicated service to the Natchez community.

HONORING MARK BUYCK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mark Wilson Buyck, Jr. South Carolinians will always cherish the professionalism of Defense Attorney Mark Buyck as evidenced by his extraordinary success serving the public. A highlight of my life was in 1966, as a Washington and Lee University student, to poll watch for him at Mars Bluff Precinct in Florence, with his lead-

ership in founding the modern Republican Party in South Carolina. I include in the RECORD an inspiring obituary provided by Waters-Powell Funeral Home:

MARK WILSON BUYCK, JR.

Mark W. Buyck, Jr., 91, of Florence, passed away July 11, 2026.

Mr. Buyck was born on Christmas Day 1934, the son of Mark Wilson Buyck and Mary Otis Buyck. He graduated from Saint Matthews High School where he was President of the Senior Class, editor of the school's award-winning newspaper, and State President of the Beta Club, an honorary Scholastic Society.

He graduated from his beloved University of South Carolina with an A.B. in 1956 and its Law School in 1959. He served as a judge advocate in the US Air Force for three years following law school, including spending the first two years of his 66-year marriage in Turkey with his wife, the former Julia Willcox of Florence, where their first two children were born. He and Julia were inseparable and shared their numerous life activities together.

He retired from the Air Force Reserves as a Lt. Colonel. He served on the USC Board of Trustees for 28 years. He was a former member of the Board of Visitors of USC, Francis Marion University, and Winthrop University, receiving Honorary Degrees from both Francis Marion University and the University of South Carolina. He was a past president of the Greater USC Alumni Association and a former member of the State Board governing South Carolina's Technical College System. Mr. Buyck was active in local civic affairs, serving as president of the Florence Rotary Club, Florence Country Club, and Florence Little Theater. He was one of the founders of the Florence Heritage Foundation, the first Chairman of its Board, and President.

He was a member of the Florence County, South Carolina and American Bar Associations, and a past president of the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association. He was a permanent member of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, former United States Attorney for South Carolina, and past chairman of the University of South Carolina Law School Association.

Mr. Buyck was admitted to practice before all State and Federal Courts in South Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

He was a former member of the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, a current member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was past president of the S.C. Chapter of ABOTA and a former member of its National Board of Directors. Mr. Buyck was past Chairman of the National College of District Attorneys Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a former Regent and Vice-President of the National College of District Attorneys.

Mr. Buyck was the past President of the South Carolina Historical Society. He served for a decade on the initial Advisory Board of the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the SC State Fair Association. He had been honored by two Governors of South Carolina with the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest award, and had been listed in all published editions of the Best Lawyers in America. He received the prestigious honor of the Judge Hemphill Award for distinguished service to the legal profession and the public by the SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association and the Compleat Lawyer Award by the USC Law School. He was also the re-

cipient of the Judge Ralph K. Anderson, Jr. Award from the Florence County Bar Association, and the SC Bar DuRant Award for distinguished public service and outstanding leadership to his profession, community, state, and nation. The DuRant Award is presented by the South Carolina Bar Foundation and is considered the highest honor for a South Carolina lawyer. Some of his most significant criminal cases occurred while serving as U.S. Attorney and in civil cases he was involved in the S.C. Tobacco cases during his private practice.

Mr. Buyck was a member of the Board of Directors of The Bank of Clarendon. He served on the Board of Trustees and as Secretary of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation in Florence. He was on the MUSC Florence Hospital Board of Trustees and was a member of the Board of the SC State Ports Authority. Mr. Buyck was an attorney at Willcox, Buyck, and Williams, PA for over 60 years.

He was a lifelong horseman. He and Julia were engaged at the Carolina Cup, and he was a former member of the Camden Hunt. One of the happiest moments of his life was when his horse Show Court won the Carolina Cup in 2017. He and Julia were generous hosts, particularly for his family and friends on his Christmas birthdays at his home and at their cottage at Pawleys Island.

He was a parishioner of Saint Anthony Catholic Church, former president of the Parish Council, and former Parish School board chairman and a lector.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Hugh Willcox Buyck, Jr.

Surviving are his wife, the former Julia Willcox of Florence and three children: Mark W. Buyck, III, (Virginia) of Florence, Julie B. McKissick (Charlie) of Greenville, and Hugh W. Buyck (Meredith) of Mt. Pleasant; eight grandchildren: Mark W. Buyck, IV, of Florence, Elizabeth B. Howell (Joseph) of Charleston, Brooks Buyck of Charleston, Charles McKissick, Jr. of Georgetown, Julia Smyth Anido (Andrew) of Greenville, Peter S. Buyck of Charleston; Coles Buyck of Mt. Pleasant; and his siblings, William Otis Buyck of Manning, Lynan B. Leding of Tampa, FL, and Susan B. Eckstein of Chapin.

HONORING BENJAMIN SIEGEL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Benjamin Siegel, who is retiring after a decade of service as the City Manager of San Juan Capistrano, California. As a proud resident of San Juan Capistrano, I pay tribute to and celebrate his impact on the City and community in California's 49th District.

Ben Siegel has served as San Juan Capistrano's City Manager since 2016, providing leadership to facilitate the effective delivery of municipal services, management of City operations, and the negotiation and administration of contracts. Ben has over 20 years of municipal management experience, presides over the Orange County City Managers Association, and has extensive knowledge in the areas of land use and development, transportation, and public infrastructure. He is passionate about making government more efficient and improving service delivery to San Juan Capistrano's residents and businesses.