

Please join me in honoring Norwood Elementary School Principal Kevin Williams for his commitment and dedication to educating our students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SULLY DISTRICT

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th Anniversary of the Sully District, the westernmost supervisor district in Fairfax County, Virginia, which includes communities such as Centreville, Chantilly, Oak Hill, Oakton, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Established following the 1990 Census, the Sully District has grown into a vibrant and diverse community that reflects both the history and future of Northern Virginia. Over the past three and a half decades, the district has experienced significant growth and development while maintaining a strong sense of community and commitment to quality of life for its residents.

The Sully District has long been shaped by thoughtful leadership at the local level. The district's first supervisor, Michael Frey, served from its creation through his retirement after more than two decades in office. During his tenure, he helped guide the district through a period of rapid population growth and transformation, playing a key role in advancing infrastructure, expanding public safety services, supporting youth programs, and preserving community assets. His leadership helped establish the foundation upon which the Sully District continues to thrive today.

Today, the Sully District is represented by Supervisor Kathy Smith, who continues to build on that legacy through her tireless service to the residents of the Sully District. Her leadership reflects an ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of a growing community while ensuring that residents remain connected to local government and services.

As the Sully District marks its 35th anniversary, residents come together to celebrate not only its history but also the people and partnerships that have contributed to its growth and success. This milestone reflects decades of dedication to building a community where families can live, work, and thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sully District on its 35th anniversary and in recognizing its continued contributions to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE MASTER SERGEANT OMAR J. HUNT

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Omar J. Hunt

as he retires after more than two decades of service to our Nation in the United States Air Force. In that time, he became one of the Air Force's most trusted Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance professionals—entrusted with some of the most demanding missions our Nation asks of anyone in uniform.

Omar's work supported critical airborne operations, special operations forces, and national-level intelligence missions. Over his career, Omar logged more than 3,400 flight hours, over 1,750 of them in combat, flying across Europe, Africa, and the Middle East in defense of our Nation and our allies.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Omar on several of those missions, taking off from RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom for missions high above the mountains of Afghanistan. In every assignment and on every mission, Omar conducted himself to the highest standards of leadership and effectiveness that we Airmen pride ourselves on. When a mission grew tense, his was the calm the whole crew leaned on—always steady and dependable.

That same standard carried into every leadership role Omar held. At Headquarters Air Combat Command, he became the Air Force's first Airborne ISR Evaluator, building the evaluation standards that still shape how enlisted aircrew are trained today.

Ask anyone who served with Omar, and you'll hear the same thing: he invested in younger Airmen, he led by example, and he left every unit stronger than he found it. That is the truest measure of any career, and Omar met it every single day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Master Sergeant Omar J. Hunt for his extraordinary service to our Nation, and in wishing him and his family every success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF BILL DICKINSON

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Bill Dickinson for his thirty-two years of dedicated service to Kern County and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement from the Kern County Probation Department.

Throughout his career, Chief Dickinson has made a lasting impact on communities across the Central Valley by strengthening public safety, promoting accountability, and supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of youth convicted of crimes. Chief Dickinson began his career with the Kern County Probation Department in 1994 as an Extra-Help Group Counselor at the Youth Detention Center before quickly advancing to a full-time Group Counselor. After earning his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Communications from California State University, Bakersfield, he steadily rose through the department's ranks, serving as a Deputy Probation Officer, Probation Supervisor, Assistant Probation Division Director, and Probation Division

Director of the Youth Detention Center. Just five years later, he was promoted again to Deputy Chief and then appointed by the Superior Court as Chief Probation Officer in August of 2023.

As Chief Probation Officer, he strengthened both public safety and youth rehabilitation by expanding evidence-based programming within juvenile detention facilities. He also led the department's implementation of Senate Bill 823, improving security measures for youth who committed serious and violent offenses. Throughout his tenure, he secured millions of dollars in funding for vital program support, led major Title 15 revisions, and initiated plans to construct a new 15,000-square-foot Youth Recreation Center. Through strong partnerships with county departments and local organizations, Chief Dickinson also helped institute over \$20 million in facility improvements to better support rehabilitation and ensure long-term public safety.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Bill Dickinson on his thirty-two years of steadfast service to the Kern County community and wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING AUDREY WHISMAN FOR BEING NAMED MISS PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEER 2026

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Audrey Whisman for being named Miss Pennsylvania Volunteer 2026.

Audrey Whisman, a graduate of Manheim Township in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a student at Gettysburg College, was named Miss Pennsylvania Volunteer 2026. In June, she represented our Commonwealth in the Miss Volunteer America Pageant, a nationwide pageant program oriented toward community service and volunteerism.

In line with the selfless spirit that the pageant promotes, Audrey is an advocate for those affected by selective mutism, an anxiety disorder that she herself has, helping children and educating teachers and parents on the disorder. Audrey has also raised over \$100,000 for a local nonprofit daycare that serves low-income and homeless families and has assisted in the facilitation of hurricane relief.

Since her crowning as Miss Pennsylvania Volunteer last October, Audrey has made 174 appearances across Pennsylvania to promote her selective mutism initiative and has partnered with organizations such as the Salvation Army. All of this took place during her time at Gettysburg College, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA.

I congratulate Audrey Whisman on being named Miss Pennsylvania Volunteer. Having met with her last year, I am continually impressed by her passion and dedication to the community, and I look forward to seeing what she accomplishes next.

HONORING THE 50TH SERVICE ANNIVERSARY OF RICHARD M. ASHTON

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of public service for a longtime constituent of Northern Virginia, Richard M. Ashton. Richard is an outstanding career professional whose tireless dedication to public service has made a lasting impact on our Nation. He has achieved this milestone after years on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Rich has served the American people with distinction, integrity, and expertise. After receiving his bachelor's and law degrees from Catholic University, Richard entered the honors program in banking law at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where he completed two years of service. He began serving in the Board's legal division in July 1976, with responsibilities in litigation, legislation, and legal services. Since 2005, Richard has served as one of the Board's Deputy General Counsels, supervising the legal division's litigation and enforcement functions.

Serving under eight Federal Reserve chairmen and six general counsels, Richard has been invaluable to the Fed's achievement of its mission as a result of his deep institutional knowledge, unflagging work ethic, and mentorship of generations of banking lawyers. Rich has served the Federal Reserve and the American people with great distinction.

I therefore ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Richard Ashton on 50 years of dedicated service to the U.S. central bank and recognizing the significant contributions he has made to our country.

**RECOGNIZING NORTH MIAMI
MAYOR ANDRE D. PIERRE**

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the Mayor of the City of North Miami, Andre D. Pierre.

Mayor Pierre is a celebrated Haitian American who has received numerous commendations for his leadership, his vision and his contributions to education and the economic growth of the city, the fourth largest in Miami-Dade County and home to more than 60 thousand residents. He is also known for work with Haitian immigrants and being on the forefront of immigration reform.

Since he was elected Mayor, in 2009, the City of North Miami has received four national awards: The All-American City, Playful City 2012, Playful City 2013, and the National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

The Mayor's support of local businesses and recruitment of new restaurants, a major drug store, a large-chain grocery store and a museum, have contributed greatly to economic health of the City of North Miami.

Mayor Pierre's focus on education has resulted in hundreds of scholarships being

awarded to hardworking and deserving students seeking to further their education and young adults pursuing a career in law enforcement. Without these scholarships, many students and young adults in the city might not otherwise have the means or opportunity to further their education and pursue careers.

Mayor Pierre is credited with the establishment of the North Miami Education Foundation, Incorporated, which provides scholarships through Take Stock in Children, the North Miami Adult Education Center, the Florida International University First Generation Scholarship and the North Miami Memorial Scholarship.

Please join me in honoring City of North Miami Mayor, Andre C. Pierre, for his commitment, dedication and service to his constituents, and his community.

**RECOGNIZING CLAIRE KIM FOR
HER ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF
THE KOREAN-AMERICAN NEXT
GENERATION COUNCIL**

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Claire Kim for her role as President of the Korean-American Next Generation Council.

As President of the Korean American Next Generation Council, Claire Kim has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to civic engagement, cultural advocacy, and the development of the next generation of community leaders. Through her vision, dedication, and collaborative leadership, she has worked to strengthen connections within the Korean American community while fostering meaningful relationships with the broader Northern Virginia and DMV communities.

One of Claire's most notable contributions has been her leadership in organizing and supporting major cultural events, including the annual Kimchi Festival. This signature event celebrates Korean heritage through traditional food, music, performances, and educational programming while promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation among people of diverse backgrounds. By helping coordinate volunteers, engaging community partners, and supporting event planning, Claire has played an important role in ensuring the festival continues to serve as a welcoming space for cultural exchange and community building.

In addition to the Kimchi Festival, Claire has been actively involved in several large-scale community outreach initiatives, including the KORUS Festival and George Mason University's AANHPI Heritage Month celebration. Through these events, she has helped organize educational exhibits, coordinate volunteer teams, and facilitate community engagement activities that highlight the history, contributions, and experiences of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. Her efforts have helped create opportunities for cultural education, dialogue, and increased visibility for the Korean American community across the region.

Recognizing the importance of encouraging the next generation to become informed and engaged citizens, she has actively supported

local political leaders through campaign volunteer efforts, canvass launch events, voter outreach initiatives, and special election activities. By introducing young volunteers to the electoral process and encouraging civic responsibility, she has inspired greater participation in public service and democratic engagement. Beyond volunteer efforts, Claire has facilitated meaningful conversations between emerging young leaders and elected officials, including state senators and members of the House of Delegates. These discussions have provided participants with valuable opportunities to learn about the legislative process, ask questions about public policy, and better understand how local and state government directly impacts their communities. Through these engagements, she has helped bridge the gap between government and young constituents, empowering future leaders to become active participants in civic life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the hard work of Ms. Claire Kim. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to empowering others, promoting cultural understanding, and inspiring the next generation to become engaged, compassionate, and effective leaders. She continues to serve as a role model whose contributions extend beyond individual events, leaving a positive and enduring legacy of community engagement and public service.

**CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF DIVERSIFIED ENERGY**

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Diversified Energy. Diversified Energy was founded by its current Chief Executive Officer, Rusty Hutson in 2001. Under Rusty's continued leadership, Diversified Energy has become an industry name in the management and production of low-decline natural gas and oil assets.

Diversified Energy's success can be attributed to its foundational business model of long-term growth. Its focus on low decline production has led to the extension of well life, reduced the need for new surface disruption, and maximized the value of their existing assets.

Additionally, Diversified Energy has distinguished itself in its reduction of methane emission. By implementing continuous monitoring, advanced leak detection, and proactive well retirement programs, the company has lowered its methane intensity across all operations. Diversified Energy's strategy and implementation of these standards demonstrate a disciplined plan that prioritizes excellence and environmental care.

Above all else, safety will always remain the top priority of Diversified Energy. They have established a strong culture of safety through routine training, accountability, and continuous improvement. Through the implementation of rigorous operational standards, Diversified Energy ensures that its employees, contractors, and surrounding communities remain safe and protected.

Mr. Speaker, Diversified Energy's success can be attributed to its core values of safety,