

in Visual Arts; Ajani Nyle Evans, Virginia Commonwealth University, Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and Development; Marquis Cetrel Freeman, Culpeper County, University of Northwestern Ohio, Bachelor of Business Administration; Nicholas Myles Hamm, Loudoun County, Virginia Tech, Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Analytics; Darius Hill, Fairfax County, George Mason University, Bachelor of Science in Biology; Tori Hudspeth, Fairfax County, George Mason University, Master of Science in Environmental Science and Policy; Malani Kathleen Johnson, Manassas Park, Virginia Commonwealth University, Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a Concentration in Product and Brand Development; Marie Johnson, Fairfax County, Regent University School of Law, Master of Arts in Law and Financial Planning; Matthew Hayden Leverette, Prince William County, Denison University, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism; Dr. Fahren Auriel Nipple, Prince William County, Oklahoma State University, Doctor of Forensic Science with a Concentration in Forensic Psychology; Alissa Northan, Prince William County, Virginia Commonwealth University, Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science with a Concentration in Physical Evidence and a Minor in Chemistry; and Jasmine Wigington, Prince William County, Virginia Tech, Bachelor of Science in Human Development.

In addition to recognizing this year's graduates, the church's Scholarship Committee continues its longstanding tradition of supporting educational advancement through scholarship assistance and recognition programs. This year's awards include the Youth Ministry Monetary Award, Men's Ministry Monetary Award, Erin Peterson Award, Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union Scholarship, Lucy Cole Scholarship, Cameron Dudley Memorial Scholarship, and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Scholarship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Centreville for its continued service to our community and in congratulating the graduates of the 2025 to 2026 academic year. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and the support of their families, friends, and educators.

HONORING ABC30'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor ABC30 on its 70th Anniversary, a remarkable milestone celebrating seven decades of service, journalism, and steadfast commitment to the people of California's Central Valley.

Since its first broadcast on May 10, 1956, ABC30's predecessor operated out of a small, modest facility in downtown Fresno with limited staff and resources. What began as a local station with humble beginnings has grown into the region's longtime news leader, informing families and shaping the community through decades of storytelling.

In the early 1970s, the station entered a new chapter with investments in equipment, staffing, and a new facility that helped launch the Action News format. This approach, emphasizing timely reporting, compelling visuals,

and faster-paced coverage, helped ABC30 rise to the top of the ratings, a position it has proudly maintained for generations.

ABC30 has been home to journalists and anchors who become trusted voices in households across the Valley. Longtime anchors such as John Wallace and Nancy Osborne helped build a lasting connection with viewers, not only through their reporting, but through their leadership, professionalism and dedication to the community they served.

The station's legacy is also reflected in its coverage of defining moments in Central Valley history, from the 1976 Chowchilla kidnapping to the aftermath of September 11, 2001, and the 2020 Creek Fire. Throughout each story, ABC30 has remained committed to its mission: to show up for the community and tell the stories that matter.

Beyond reporting, ABC30 has become a familiar presence in the daily lives of viewers, through recognizable faces, iconic music, and community-centered programs. Although technology and the ways people receive news has changed, ABC30's mission has remained steadfast: providing reliable journalism, addressing the issues that matter most to the community, and serving Central California with honesty and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating ABC30 on 70 years of service in our Central Valley. We honor the station's history, its journalist and staff, and its lasting contributions to our community. We extend our sincere appreciation as ABC30 continues its legacy of trust, news reporting, and public service for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALVIN STEPHENS

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alvin Stephens, a distinguished Army veteran, pioneering pharmacist, entrepreneur, mentor, and devoted family man whose remarkable 59-year career exemplified public service, leadership, and excellence.

Following his honorable service in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, Mr. Stephens earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Texas Southern University in 1959.

Soon after, he relocated his family to Riverside, California to establish his career—becoming the city's first African American retail pharmacist when he opened Perris Valley Medical Pharmacy in 1964. His professional leadership included service as President of the Riverside County Pharmaceutical Association, Western Zone Director of the National Pharmaceutical Association, and an active member of the Central Los Angeles Pharmaceutical Association.

Beyond his accomplishments in pharmacy, Mr. Stephens dedicated himself to mentoring young people through Career Day programs hosted by local school districts, encouraging countless students to pursue higher education and careers in healthcare.

He was also an established, lifelong member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., com-

mitting his time to various roles within their Riverside Alumni Chapter.

Above all his many achievements, Alvin Stephens was a devoted husband to Mrs. Ola Faye Stephens, his wife of 66 years, and a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His enduring legacy of compassion, integrity, and service to our community will continue to inspire generations to come.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the International Hearing Society's 75th anniversary and to recognize its decades-long commitment to making our world more accessible. The organization's positive impact extends far beyond its home here in Michigan, connecting hearing professionals across the country and internationally to mentor hearing aid specialists and patients. That is why I am proud to have introduced H. Res. 1214, which would recognize its years of significant efforts to promote better hearing care and visibility.

The predecessor organization to the International Hearing Society was founded in Chicago in 1951, later moving its headquarters to Michigan, where it established longstanding community ties to the Detroit area. There, it promoted the interests of hearing aid dispensers, now known as hearing aid specialists, and their patients. The International Hearing Society is responsible for connecting thousands of professionals, organizations, and partners in hearing care, and has consistently improved the quality of hearing healthcare by promoting dialogue across the field.

The International Hearing Society also made strides in hearing aid specialist education and training over the past 75 years. Alongside this work, it has consistently and meaningfully advocated for increased hearing health care access for veterans at the state and federal levels. In addition, the organization has produced numerous annual reports and editions of *The Hearing Professional* (THP) magazine, advancing the public understanding of hearing health care.

Mr. Speaker, I once again ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the International Hearing Society on its 75th anniversary. Michiganders, Americans, and thousands of impacted specialists and patients from across the world are so grateful for the contributions its staff and volunteers have made to patient care, visibility, and accessibility.

HONORING SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT ALVIN N. ROLLINS

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 one of

South Florida's Drug Enforcement Agency Supervisory Special Agent Alvin N. Rollins who is retiring after 30 years of service to our country.

Special Agent Rollins began his law enforcement career on February 25, 1983, with the DEA as a Basic Agent Trainee in the Washington Field Division. In 1999, he was reassigned to the Miami Field Division as a senior investigator, where he initiated an investigation that dismantled a major drug organization operating in Opa-locka, Florida.

Special Agent Rollins career would then take him to the Caribbean where he helped to establish narcotic units for several Caribbean nations. He was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent and would later serve as a principal advisor to the U.S. Ambassador in Port au Prince, Haiti, on all counter-narcotic related matters.

After the 2004 coup in Haiti, Special Agent Rollins served as principal advisor to the incoming Marines Commander and United Nations Peacekeeping forces. He also oversaw several major operations that resulted in 18 major criminals being arrested and transported to the South District of Florida to face narcotic charges.

Special Agent Rollins was reassigned to the Miami Field Division in 2005 as the Supervisory Special Agent for the Special Support Unit responsible for Firearms, Recruiting, Demand Reduction and Training.

He is a member of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, National Association of Black Narcotics Officers, Chairperson of Haiti Committee and he is a member of the Fountain of New Life Church, where he is Chairman of the Parking Lot Ministry.

Please join me in honoring Supervisory Special Agent Alvin N. Rollins for his commitment, dedication and service to his community and our country.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month and to reaffirm our shared commitment to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and providing compassionate support for those affected by mental health challenges.

Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has served as an opportunity to increase understanding and encourage early support for those living with mental health conditions. It also highlights the importance of making care accessible to individuals and families across the country.

Mental health is a critical part of overall well-being. It shapes how people navigate daily life, respond to challenges, and connect with others. Each year, millions of Americans experience mental health conditions, yet many still face obstacles when seeking care.

In communities across Northern Virginia, dedicated providers, advocates, and organizations are working every day to expand access to care and support those in need. Their efforts help ensure that individuals and families receive the services, understanding, and respect they deserve.

Mental Health Awareness Month also reminds us of the importance of building strong, supportive communities where individuals feel safe seeking help. By promoting awareness and investing in mental health services, we can help ensure that no one faces these challenges alone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month and in supporting continued efforts to improve mental health care, expand access to services, and promote the well-being of individuals and families across our Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. DANNY CRAWFORD, AN OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL OF- FICIAL AND HERO TO MANY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Danny Crawford, who is recognized as being one of the most accomplished and respected basketball officials in the history of professional sports, having dedicated more than three decades to officiating the highest level of competition in the National Basketball Association.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Crawford has exemplified integrity, professionalism, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, earning the admiration of players, coaches, fellow officials, and basketball fans throughout the United States and around the world.

Beginning his NBA officiating career in 1985, Danny Crawford officiated over 2,000 regular season games, more than 300 playoff games, and 30 NBA Finals games, distinguishing himself as one of the league's most trusted and elite officials.

Danny's steady leadership and exceptional judgment on the court helped uphold the integrity of the most memorable moments in basketball history, contributing immeasurably to the success and global popularity of the National Basketball Association. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Crawford has served as a mentor and role model to generations of officials and young athletes, demonstrating that discipline, humility, and dedication are the hallmarks of true greatness.

As a proud native of Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Crawford has brought honor and distinction to his hometown and continues to inspire future generations through his enduring legacy of service, leadership and legacy. As the U.S. Representative of the 7th District of Illinois, I take this moment to acknowledge Mr. Danny Crawford as a living legend in recognition of his remarkable career as an NBA official, and thank him for his enduring contributions to the sport of basketball and lifelong commitment to excellence.

I believe in giving honor when and where honor is due.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK CHAMPIONS AS OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize six extraordinary high school athletes as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champions of the Week.

Last month, these young women demonstrated excellence, determination, and perseverance on Ohio's biggest high school track and field stage.

Jackson High School junior Gabby Whalen soared to a Division I state championship in the girls pole vault, showcasing the hard work and dedication that have made her one of Ohio's premier athletes.

The Buchtel High School girls 800-meter relay team of Jada Davis, Joslynn Bushner, Devonnah Smith, and Miniya Mitchell captured a state championship through teamwork, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to one another.

Their victory is a testament to the proud tradition of excellence at Buchtel and was just 0.2 seconds shy of the state record.

Finally, Tallmadge High School senior Allison Hay closed out her remarkable high school career by winning the Division II state championship in the 800 meters, an accomplishment that reflects years of dedication and perseverance.

These young women have represented their schools, families, and communities with distinction. Their achievements remind us why Ohio's 13th Congressional District continues to be the "Birthplace of Champions."

I congratulate Gabby, Jada, Joslynn, Devonnah, Miniya, and Allison on their outstanding accomplishments and proudly recognize them as the Champions of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

CONGRESSMAN GERALD E. CONNOLLY POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support and cosponsor legislation designating a postal facility in Fairfax, Virginia in honor of our late colleague, and my dear friend, Congressman Gerry Connolly.

Gerry was a devoted public servant who spent over three decades serving the people of Virginia and our Nation with unmatched dedication and purpose. He began his career in public service as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1995, and served five years as its Chairman, from 2004 to 2009. As Chair of the ten-member board, Gerry balanced a budget of \$4.5 billion and managed a county that, based on its size, would make it the Nation's thirteenth largest city, twelfth largest school district, and sixth largest office market.

Gerry Connolly went on to serve the people of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia in