

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

this House from 2009 until 2025. He was recognized by the University of Virginia's Center for Effective Lawmaking "as being the most effective member of the House in advancing policies pertaining to government operations" during the 117th Congress, and was also cited as "being the most effective lawmaker in the House overall" among all Members, both Republican and Democrat.

Gerry understood that the best way to get things done for his community and for his country was to work with people from both sides of the aisle. We served on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where I was proud to partner with him on postal reform issues, and on legislation protecting the rights of our federal workforce.

We both had the honor of serving as president of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. There was no stronger champion in our NATO Parliamentary Assembly than Gerry Connolly for the importance of NATO, which he called "the indispensable bulwark for democracy itself."

Gerry's impact on the Commonwealth of Virginia and his country will not soon be forgotten. His legacy will live on for years to come, both in his work and in the many lives he touched. I was honored to serve with him in this chamber, and it was an even greater honor to call him my friend.

It is appropriate that we honor Gerry in the community he served by naming this post office as a tribute to that all he did to make his Congressional district, and our Nation, a better place. May his life and memory be a blessing to us all.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
RHONDA M. SMITH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Rhonda M. Smith, a breast cancer survivor and the founder of The Breast Cancer Partner, an organization that focuses on breast cancer recovery through health and wellness and is located in Miami, Florida.

Ms. Smith was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008. In 2010, she opened Breast Cancer Partner. Its mission is to empower breast cancer survivors to live strong, healthy and balanced lives by providing support, information, tools and resources to shepherd them through recovery. Breast Cancer Partner strives to show breast cancer survivors the paths to an integrated health and wellness lifestyle so that they can recover, restore and reenergize themselves after treatment.

Experts estimate that about one out of every eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time during her life. The strongest risk factor for breast cancer is age. A woman's risk of developing this disease increases as she gets older. However, thanks to improvements in cancer treatment and early detection, millions of women and thousands of men are surviving breast cancer today. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung

cancer. The disease occurs almost entirely in women, but men can get it, too. Today, there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

I am honored to recognize Rhonda M. Smith, a breast cancer survivor and founder of Breast Cancer Partner, for her dedication and commitment to our community.

HONORING THE FIRST AFRICAN
AMERICAN MISSISSIPPI HIGH-
WAY PATROL TROOPERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very pivotal time within the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

In 1970, Willie L. Morrow and Jerome Mangum, with representation from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, filed suit against the leadership of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The case, *Morrow v. Crisler*, challenged the Department's long-standing exclusion of African Americans from employment as Mississippi Highway Patrol troopers. At the time, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, established in 1939, had never employed a Black state trooper.

Evidence presented in federal court demonstrated a pattern and practice of racial discrimination in hiring and recruitment. The court found that African Americans had effectively been excluded from trooper positions. Federal judges ordered the Department of Public Safety to eliminate discriminatory practices and adopt affirmative measures to recruit qualified Black applicants.

Following court orders issued in 1971, by early 1972, the Department began actively recruiting African-American candidates for positions within the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Recruitment efforts were directed toward Black communities, colleges, military veterans, and other qualified applicants throughout Mississippi. Applications from African-American candidates were processed for admission into the next Highway Patrol training class.

On June 18, 1972, five African-American men entered Cadet Class No. 12 at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Pearl, Mississippi, to train as Mississippi Highway Patrol troopers. Their admission followed federal court rulings in *Morrow v. Crisler*, which challenged discriminatory hiring practices within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The class was the first in the history of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, organized in 1939, to include African-American cadets. Of the five men admitted—James Cheeks, Walter C. Crosby, Sr., Arthur Marble, Richard "R.O." Williams, and Lewis Younger, Jr.—three graduated on September 1, 1972: Walter C. Crosby, Sr., R.O. Williams, and Lewis Younger, Jr. They became the first African-American troopers in the history of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the integration of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the men who helped pave the path for future generations of African-American officers.

CONGRATULATING COACH DAN
GRAYBILL ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE MANHEIM TOWNSHIP
SWIMMING TEAM

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Coach Dan Graybill on his retirement after 40 years of dedication to the Manheim Township High School Blue Streaks swimming team.

Coach Dan Graybill led the Blue Streaks boys' program for 40 years and guided the girls' program for 39 years. Under his leadership as head coach, the girls team secured 15 Lancaster-Lebanon League team titles, while the boys team earned 11 titles. Together, the Blue Streaks amassed a total of 31 section crowns during his tenure.

Beyond his work at Manheim Township High School, Coach Graybill also contributed to the sport through coaching positions at the Lancaster YMCA and Overlook, a team in the Lancaster County Summer Swim League.

Coach Graybill has left a profound impact on the Manheim Township swimming community. I congratulate Dan Graybill on his well-deserved retirement, and I wish him the best wherever the future may lead him.

RECOGNIZING THE HAITIAN
HERITAGE MUSEUM

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 South Florida's Haitian Heritage Museum. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the Haitian Heritage Museum is an integral part of our community, embodying and preserving Haiti's rich culture and heritage;

Whereas, the Haitian Heritage Museum has given Haitian art a permanent and prominent place in South Florida's art community;

Whereas, the Haitian Heritage Museum's scholarship program provides deserving students an opportunity to further their education and perfect their talent as artists;

Whereas, the Haitian Heritage Museum will honor community leaders who have made extraordinary contributions to Haitian heritage and culture during its 9th Annual Discover Haiti Gala on Saturday, February 23rd;

Whereas, the Haitian Heritage Museum will present the Father Jean Juste Visionary Award, named after the visionary leader who advocated for human rights and social justice on behalf of Haiti's poor;

Whereas, Father Jean Juste is widely regarded as the "Godfather" of Miami's Little Haiti community; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida:

Recognize the tremendous contributions of the Haitian Heritage Museum to South Florida: