

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LEGACY AND IMPACT OF DOROTHY BALLARD GIBSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy and impact of Dorothy Ballard Gibson, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in her honor:

Whereas, Dorothy Ballard Gibson graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1948, and went on to pursue a career in healthcare, earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Virginia;

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson dedicated her life to healthcare in South Florida, working as a registered nurse at Jackson Memorial Hospital in 1956, Kendall Hospital in 1962, and as a supervisor at the Veterans Administration Hospital from 1966 until her retirement in 1990;

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson and her husband Sampson established Michael's Kindergarten, Inc., and educated thousands of children from Miami's Liberty City, Opa-locka, Carol City and numerous other communities, at four-day care centers;

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was an active member of Mt. Zion AME Church, where she served with the Missionary Society, the Trustee Board, Youth Development Department, the Little Folk Choir and the Founder of the Dorothy Gibson Lay Organization;

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was an active member in her community and often lobbied the State Legislature as a children's advocate;

Whereas, Mrs. Gibson was honored by the Miami-Dade County Child Development Services and received numerous awards, including the daycare center she founded, Michael's Kindergarten, Inc., being named Day Care Center of the Year; 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, honor the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Dorothy Ballard Gibson.

fertilizer costs and a reduced ability to export their products to foreign markets. This bill seeks to support small and mid-sized family farming operations and ensure that America's producers can continue feeding, fueling, and clothing our Nation.

Farmers across Alabama and the Nation continue to face rising production costs, market volatility, and economic uncertainty that have placed extraordinary pressure on family farming operations. These challenges have been compounded by rising fuel and fertilizer costs due to the Iran War and retaliatory tariffs resulting from the Trump Administration's trade policies, which have reduced export opportunities and created current and future uncertainty in agricultural markets. For farmers operating on thin margins, a single year of substantial losses can threaten the long-term viability of their operations.

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of Alabama's and the American economy, supporting rural communities and generating billions of dollars in economic activity each year. Despite their importance, this Administration has not adequately addressed the harm its policies and decisions have had on farmers. While the Trump Administration extended approximately \$20 billion in financial support to the Government of Argentina, American agricultural producers are facing measurable financial strain and need support.

The Tariff Impacted Farmer Support Act of 2026 would authorize up to \$15 billion through the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide direct assistance to qualifying agricultural producers of soybeans, cotton, corn, peanuts, and poultry with no repayment obligation. Eligibility would be limited to agricultural producers with gross annual farm revenues of \$500,000 or less, consistent with applicable definitions under the Food Security Act. Assistance would be based on documented revenue losses between the 2024 and 2026 crop years, utilizing receipts, contracts, and other producer records to verify eligibility.

I encourage my colleagues to support and cosponsor the Tariff Impacted Farmer Support Act of 2026.

just 19 years old as a dispatcher. Over the years, she has served in nearly every facet of the department, including as a jailer, patrol deputy, patrol corporal, Criminal Investigations Division investigator, and Administrative Staff Sergeant. Her career is a testament to her work ethic and her willingness to serve wherever she was needed.

Those who know her best often say she grew up in the Burnet County Sheriff's Office, and after more than two decades of service, it is easy to see why. She has dedicated her career to protecting her community and supporting those around her.

Mr. Speaker, public servants like Staff Sergeant Kristin Davis make our communities stronger and safer. Her leadership, professionalism, and dedication have earned the respect of her colleagues and the gratitude of the people she serves.

On behalf of the people of Texas's 31st Congressional District, I thank Staff Sergeant Davis for her years of faithful service and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition. I wish her all the best in the years to come and thank her for the example she has set for others who choose a life of public service.

COMMENDING THE LATE ELDER RUBEN ALEXANDER COX, JR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the late Elder Ruben Alexander Cox, Jr. and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, the late Elder Ruben Alexander Cox, Jr., at an early age, was ordained to the gospel ministry, committed to the work and calling of God and served as a ministry for over 50 years;

Whereas, Elder Cox dedicated his life to preaching and teaching the word of God, and by teaching messages of hope and love became a spiritual blessing to many;

Whereas, Elder Cox gave abundantly to charity and to his community throughout his lifetime;

Whereas, Elder Cox was an advocate for community and social change, and one of the community's unsung heroes;

Whereas, Elder Cox built his life around faith, family and friends;

Whereas, Elder Cox, even in retirement, continued to work with the youth in his community, mentoring and guiding them to become selfless members of society;

Whereas, Elder Cox was a devoted father and husband who always had a wise sermon for anyone who would listen; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United

INTRODUCTION OF THE TARIFF IMPACTED FARMER SUPPORT ACT OF 2026

HON. SHOMARI FIGURES

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Tariff Impacted Farmer Support Act of 2026, which would establish a temporary Farmer Support and Revenue Loss Assistance Program to provide targeted relief for producers of cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, and poultry. The Trump Administration's tariffs and foreign policies have uniquely impacted these farmers, who are experiencing significant revenue losses due to increased fuel and

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT KRISTIN DAVIS ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Kristin Davis of the Burnet County Sheriff's Office for her dedicated service to the people of Burnet County and Central Texas, on her retirement.

For more than 22 years, Staff Sergeant Davis has served her community with professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. She began her career with the Burnet County Sheriff's Office at

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States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Elder Ruben Alexander Cox, Jr. for his dedication to his family, his church, our youth and our community.

HONORING MATTHEW GIBSON
AUSTIN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Matthew Gibson Austin of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, an exemplar of academic excellence, athletic achievement, and community service whose work has earned recognition at the local, state, and national levels.

With a perfect ACT score and an outstanding academic record, he has been admitted to Northwestern University to continue his studies. Active in organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the National Honor Society, Mr. Austin made a lasting contribution to his school and community. He is also a proud Eagle Scout.

Matthew's athletic achievements include being named Boys Tennis Athlete of the Year in Southeast Missouri and receiving the 2025 Bank of Missouri Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Through his exceptional leadership and individual performance, he earned the role of captain of the Notre Dame Regional tennis team.

Through the French Honor Society, Matthew helped raise funds to sponsor a child's education in Haiti. He received the Notre Dame Regional Christian Service Award and the Congressional Award Program Gold Medal after volunteering more than 400 hours with local organizations. Mr. Austin's commitment to service reflects a rare combination of compassion and humility.

On behalf of the 8th Congressional District of Missouri, I commend Matthew Gibson Austin for his pursuit of excellence, his breadth of achievement, and his dedication to others, which together set a powerful example for students across the Nation.

HONORING THE CITY OF COLONIAL
HEIGHTS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary and to congratulate its residents, businesses, and community leaders on a century of remarkable history, growth, and service.

Officially incorporated as an independent city in 1926, Colonial Heights has grown from a small community into a thriving city that proudly serves as an economic, cultural, and civic anchor for Virginia's Tri-Cities region. Throughout the past century, the city has demonstrated resilience and a steadfast com-

mitment to preserving its history while embracing opportunities for the future.

Colonial Heights has long been distinguished by the dedication of its public servants, educators, first responders, military families, small businesses, faith communities, and countless volunteers whose service has strengthened the fabric of the community. Their contributions have helped create a city known for its strong neighborhoods, excellent schools, vibrant local economy and exceptional quality of life.

As part of this historic milestone, the City is hosting Americana Fest, a signature centennial celebration that highlights the music, craftsmanship, culture, and traditions that have shaped Colonial Heights over the last one hundred years. By bringing together residents and visitors from across the Commonwealth, the celebration not only honors the city's rich heritage but also showcases the local businesses, artists, and organizations that continue to drive its success.

One hundred years is a testament to the vision, perseverance, and community spirit of generations of residents who have built a city worthy of pride and admiration. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the City of Colonial Heights on its Centennial Anniversary and in wishing its residents continued prosperity, opportunity and success for the next one hundred years.

COMMENDING HUGH BERESFORD
"BERES" HAMMOND

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend legendary Reggae superstar Hugh Beresford "Beres" Hammond, known to his legions of fans and the music world as Beres Hammond, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Mr. Hammond's distinctive, romantic and soulful style, which was influenced by American soul and jazz music, and native Jamaican artists he grew up listening to in Annotto Bay, Jamaica, has garnered him international notoriety and acclaim;

Whereas, Mr. Hammond began singing and performing in local talent shows in the 1970's, and his career spanned more than 40 years, resulting in numerous hit singles and albums that have topped music charts.

Whereas, Mr. Hammond formed his own record label, Harmony Records, in 1985 and released his album "Make a Song," which had two Jamaican chart-toppers and set the stage for his success and recognition in the Reggae music industry;

Whereas, Mr. Hammond's 2012 album "One Love, One Life," topped the Billboard Reggae Albums chart. He has performed with iconic musicians, including Maxi Priest, Wyclef Jean, Buju Banton and Big Youth; 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, commend Hugh Beresford "Beres" Hammond for his talent and dedication to his art, and for his contributions the music industry.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF EVA CHARLOTTE HAHN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Eva Charlotte Hahn, whose extraordinary journey embodied courage, resilience, faith, and an unwavering love of freedom.

Born in 1938 in Jihlava, Czechoslovakia, Eva's childhood was shaped by the hardships of World War II and the rise of communism. She witnessed the brutality of Nazi occupation, including her father's imprisonment for helping Jewish friends, and later fled her homeland with her family to escape communist oppression. After spending time in a refugee camp in Austria, she emigrated to Australia before ultimately making her home in the United States.

Eva's determination carried her through every chapter of her life. She excelled academically, contributed to the production of Australia's first Salk polio vaccine, and later worked in medical research after settling in San Antonio, Texas. She married Dr. H. Herbert Hahn, II, and together they served abroad while he practiced medicine with the United States Foreign Service before making Temple, Texas, their permanent home.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Eva dedicated herself to her family and community. She volunteered in local schools and civic organizations, believing deeply in the principles of liberty, education, and personal responsibility. She was also a successful businesswoman, an avid reader, a gifted storyteller, and a gracious hostess whose warmth and generosity touched everyone she met.

Eva is survived by her four children, fifteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her sister, and many extended family members who will carry forward her legacy of faith, perseverance, and patriotism.

Eva Hahn's remarkable life stands as a testament to the enduring strength of the human spirit. It is my honor to recognize her extraordinary legacy, one year after her passing, and to extend my deepest sympathies to her family and all who mourn her absence.

HONORING COMMANDER
CHRISTOPHER RAGSDALE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Commander Christopher Ragsdale on the occasion of his taking command of the USS *Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee*. This milestone is a testament to his professionalism and unyielding commitment to serving our Nation. Advancing to this level of leadership reflects both the trust placed in him by the United States Navy and the exceptional standard he has continuously demonstrated throughout his career.

During his time serving as my Department of Defense Legislative Fellow, Commander