

I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Johnnie L. Williams, Jr., one of Miami's first Black business owners. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Mr. Johnnie L. Williams, Jr., served Miami-Dade County with integrity and commitment to protecting and serving its citizens for over 40 years;

Whereas, Mr. Williams was bound by his beliefs in equality, fairness and justice for African Americans, employees of Miami-Dade County, students and families. He generously gave and supported various charitable organizations, including little league teams in Opa locka, Miami Gardens and Liberty City;

Whereas, Mr. Williams worked tirelessly to "balance the scales of justice." and ensure the safety of our youth;

Whereas, Mr. Williams was one of the first Black business owners in Miami-Dade County, running an NFL Skycap and Porters business;

Whereas, Mr. Williams was a member and advocate of the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and served as the President of the Orange Ridge Corporation;

Whereas, Mr. Williams served in the United States Navy, and is a veteran of World War II; 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 Mr. Johnnie L. Williams, Jr.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LARRY DAVID HAMBY, SR.

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 Larry David Hamby, Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and community leader whose life was defined by hard work, integrity, faith, and service.

Born in Austin, Texas, Larry was raised in humble circumstances that taught him the value of perseverance and determination. After leaving school to help support his family, he earned his Master's Plumbing License and built Hambone Plumbing and Hambone Sewer & Septic into respected businesses known throughout Central Texas for honest work and dependable service.

Larry believed that success was measured by how you treated people. I had the pleasure of knowing him through his involvement with the Rotary Club and through countless acts of generosity, he gave back to his community and earned a reputation as someone who never met a stranger. Whether helping a neighbor, mentoring a young tradesman, or sharing a story with someone he had just met, Larry made people feel welcome and valued.

Above all, Larry loved his family. Together with his wife, Barbara, he built a home centered on faith, love, and hard work. He taught his children and grandchildren to care for others and always be there for the people they love. A faithful member of St. Richard's Episcopal Church, Larry lived those values every day through his kindness and service to others.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; his twelve children; his brother, Jimmy Hamby; 36 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Larry David Hamby, Sr. lived a life that left his family, his community, and Central Texas better than he found them. It is my honor to recognize his life and extend my deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ZELLA SALLEY BROWN

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Zella Brown and to recognize her extraordinary contribution to civil rights and public education in Prince William County, Virginia.

In 1964, Mrs. Brown was one of the "Courageous Four," four Black educators who were sent with no warning and no public announcement to teach in schools that had previously been reserved for White students. Mrs. Brown was assigned to Loch Lomond Elementary School, where she carried the hopes of an entire community into unfamiliar rooms and unfamiliar faces, fully aware that her presence alone was an act of courage in a community still adjusting to change.

For decades afterward, her sacrifice went largely unrecognized outside the community she served. Mrs. Brown never sought credit or celebration for what she had done, remaining humble and quietly declining public honors, including the opportunity to have a school named after her. She chose instead to be what one admirer who knew her well called, "a leader from behind." It was only years later that Prince William County created an Unsung Hero Award in her honor: a lasting tribute to a woman whose quiet impact had shaped the county for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Zella Brown, a devoted educator, a civil rights pioneer, and a true American hero, and in extending our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the entire Prince William County community.

COMMENDING MR. MATTHEW WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor retired mail clerk, Mr. Matthew Williams, Jr., an ardent and honorable member of the United States Postal Service for 32 years, who began his career as a truck driver before rising through the ranks to become a mail clerk. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Mr. Williams has received numerous awards and accolades for his enthusiastic

performance during his tenure including perfect attendance, achieving over 1500 hours of sick leave, and a dedication to service award;

Whereas, Mr. Williams provided an invaluable service to his country as a member of the United States Army in both Vietnam and Korea achieving the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1975;

Whereas, Mr. Williams' unwavering devotion to God has been evidenced by his ministry as Deacon, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, and Usher at Greater New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church;

Whereas, Mr. Williams has been the loving and devoted husband of Sandra Williams for 37 years, father of Senior Master Chief Heerey C. Gaston, Jr., Tameka W. Jones, Monique W. Deggins, and Matthew B. Williams, III, and grandfather of nine grandchildren; 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 Mr. Matthew Williams, Jr. for his years of commitment and faithful service to his country, his community, and his family.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSHUA BAER

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 Joshua Baer, a visionary entrepreneur, mentor, and community leader whose contributions transformed Central Texas into a global center for innovation. His passing is a tremendous loss for his family, the technology community, and our Nation.

Born in Nashua, New Hampshire, Joshua earned degrees in Computer Science and Information and Decision Systems from Carnegie Mellon University, where he first demonstrated the entrepreneurial spirit that would define his career by co-authoring the technical standard that allows millions of people to unsubscribe from email lists with a single click. After moving to Austin in 1996, Joshua became a driving force behind the city's emergence as a global technology hub. In 2009, he founded Capital Factory, which grew into Texas' leading startup accelerator and the state's most active venture investor, supporting more than 1,000 companies, later opening a second site in Washington, D.C.—Station DC. He recognized the vital connection between innovation and national security, playing an instrumental role in bringing Army Futures Command to Austin and strengthening the partnership between the military and the technology community.

I had the privilege of knowing Joshua and witnessing firsthand his passion for advancing innovation in Texas. On his many trips to Washington, he often visited my Capitol Hill office, where he proudly delivered one of Capital Factory's iconic robots for my collection, showcasing the remarkable technology companies that call Texas home. I am grateful to have called Joshua a friend and to have borne witness to his genius. He tirelessly championed priorities I shared, above all, the advancement of technology for our Nation's defense. Those advancements safeguard us

today, and his children and my grandchildren will reap their benefits for generations to come. I will always remember his enthusiasm, his generosity, and his unwavering commitment to strengthening both our innovation economy and our national security.

Joshua is survived by his wife, Amy, and their children, Mikaela, Noah, and Sascha. Joshua Baer's legacy will live on through the entrepreneurs he inspired, the companies he helped build, and the innovation ecosystem he cultivated across Texas. On behalf of a grateful Central Texas, Mrs. Carter and I extend our deepest condolences to his family and to all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF DUININCK

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Duinink, a fourth-generation, family-owned construction company that has been serving communities in Minnesota and around the country with integrity for a century. It is my privilege to congratulate the Duinink family, the employees of Duinink, and all who have contributed to this remarkable legacy on 100 years in business.

Founded in Prinsburg, Minnesota, it all started with two brothers and their road grading enterprise in 1926. With workhorses and iron graders, their pioneering spirit laid the foundation for their future success. Two years later, the third Duinink brother joined their team, solidifying this first-generation partnership that would build a lasting legacy.

In the 1950s, seven sons joined the business to continue the family venture. Soon after, they expanded further regionally, supporting President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Federal-Aid Highway Act to invest in America's interstate highway system. Duinink's work on these major projects established its reputation for excellence in heavy highway and civil construction.

In 1985, Duinink expanded its operation to Texas for highway and government airfield construction. Fifty courageous families moved from Prinsburg, Minnesota to Texas to launch this new venture. Many of those original families still live there and work at Duinink to this day.

In 1996, Duinink expanded its Minnesota branch and strengthened its regional presence. By 2003, the grandchildren of the original founders had fully assumed ownership of the business. In 2026, the fourth generation of owners joined the company, helping continue this family legacy.

Duinink's guiding principles of treating people well, respecting the communities it serves, and doing the work the right way have not only been the foundation of its success, but have positively impacted every community its work has touched. Duinink has created jobs and supported our economy for generations, strengthening the communities it calls home.

From Minnesota and throughout the Midwest to Texas, Duinink has built a legacy of strength. It is an honor to recognize Duinink

for its lasting impact in Minnesota on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. I join Duinink's leadership, employees, and customers in celebrating this historic achievement as we look ahead to the success of many generations to come.

COMMENDING MR. RAY MOU

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Mr. Ray Mou. I include in the Record the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Mr. Ray Mou, Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), in Miami since September 2010, has overseen trade relations between Florida and Taiwan that have improved by 20 percent with an average bilateral trade volume of more than \$817 Million;

Whereas, Mr. Mou has worked closely with the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Florida to explore and develop business opportunities, such as trade missions between Miami entrepreneurs and Taiwan;

Whereas, Mr. Mou has worked to strengthen relations between Taiwan and Miami political and business leaders by coordinating annual visits;

Whereas, Mr. Mou has worked to foster a relationship between 32 universities to promote language and cultural learning programs offered at the Taiwan Academy;

Whereas, Mr. Mou has taken an active role in Haiti's reconstruction after the earthquake by taking part in humanitarian aid projects of the international charity NGO "Food for the Poor;"

Whereas, Mr. Mou has worked to educate South Floridians about Asian culture through Chinese gourmet cuisines, traditional artistries and Taiwanese products;

Whereas, Mr. Mou has spent the past three years working to promote a strong and lasting business relationship not just in South Florida but across the state; 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 Mr. Ray Mou, Director General of Miami's Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, for his commitment to our community's economic, educational and humanitarian growth.

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH
WEINSTEIN ON AN EXTRAOR-
DINARY CAREER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Deborah Weinstein for her extraordinary career dedicated to advancing the well-being of low-income and vulnerable people across the United States.

For more than four decades, Mrs. Weinstein has been a tireless advocate for policies that reflect our Nation's highest ideals, those of fairness, opportunity, and shared responsibility for our shared prosperity. Her leadership has

helped shape national conversations about poverty, economic security, and the role of government in ensuring that all Americans can meet their basic needs.

Since 2003, Mrs. Weinstein has served as the Executive Director of the Coalition on Human Needs, where she has led a broad alliance of civil rights, labor, faith-based, and service organizations. Under her guidance, the Coalition has become a respected and indispensable voice in federal policy debates, providing clear-eyed analysis and principled advocacy on behalf of those too often left behind.

From fighting for the expanded, monthly Child Tax Credit which lifted half of U.S. children out of poverty, to helping organize a broad cross-section of society to advocate for working families in the annual appropriations process, Mrs. Weinstein has been an irreplaceable champion of federal anti-poverty investments and the broader social safety net. She fought to protect Food Stamps, guarantee equal pay for equal work, increase access to paid leave, and invest in our country's health and education, not because it was easy but because it was just.

Long before her national leadership, Mrs. Weinstein's work was grounded in a deep commitment to human dignity and the belief that public policy should expand opportunity and reduce hardship. Her efforts have consistently emphasized that economic security is not an abstract goal, but a moral imperative that strengthens communities and the Nation as a whole.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Weinstein has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to collaboration—bringing together diverse voices to pursue common purpose. She has worked across sectors and with leaders at every level of government, always guided by the belief that effective policy must be rooted in human dignity and real-world impact. She brings together advocates, service providers, and community leaders to speak with a unified voice for those struggling to make ends meet, helping to ensure that the lived experiences of families and children were reflected in policy decisions.

Mrs. Weinstein also served during the Obama Administration as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, where she worked with the other Council members to make recommendations related to preventing lead poisoning in children in HUD-assisted housing, and to encourage finalizing new child support regulations. This work exemplifies her efforts to strengthen collaboration between government and community organizations in addressing poverty and human needs.

At a time when economic inequality and hardship continue to challenge our Nation, Mrs. Weinstein's work stands as a testament to the power of informed, persistent, and principled advocacy.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank Deborah Weinstein for her lifetime of service and her enduring commitment to ensuring that America lives up to its promise for all its people.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her remarkable contributions and in celebrating her legacy of leadership and compassion.