

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETER
BAUER DUNBAR

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Peter Bauer Dunbar, a dedicated American, accomplished aviator, and distinguished veteran whose extraordinary service and devotion to family reflect the finest traditions of our Nation.

Born on January 29, 1936, at Epworth Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, to Irma and Willard Parker Dunbar, Sr., Mr. Dunbar spent his early years on the family farm near Crawfordsville, where he and his brothers, Willard and Samuel, worked daily caring for livestock and supporting the operations that sustained the family during and after the Great Depression.

After graduating from Crawfordsville High School in 1954, he earned a Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship to Harvard College, where he excelled academically and in leadership. He ultimately served as Battalion Commander of the Harvard NROTC unit. His summers included active-duty assignments aboard the USS *Albany*, USS *Purdy*, and at training sites in Virginia and Texas.

Mr. Dunbar graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts in Engineering and Applied Physics and immediately entered night training, where he further distinguished himself through rigorous instruction at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola and NAS Corpus Christi. In 1960, he was assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One (VQ-1) in Japan. He served four years in highly classified operations as a pilot and navigator of the Airborne Radar Surveillance and Intelligence Plane (EC-121M), conducting missions across Asia and the Western Pacific, including involvement in Operation Dominic. His leadership culminated in his role as an Electronic Warfare Aircraft Commander.

After transferring to the Naval Reserve in 1964, Mr. Dunbar pursued graduate studies at Purdue University, where he earned his Master of Science in Industrial Administration as a Krannert Scholar. He continued to fly for the Navy Reserve, piloting the Douglas C-54 and C-118 aircrafts at Naval Air Station Glenview and Alameda, demonstrating ongoing commitment to military readiness and service.

On October 4, 1965, he began a new chapter as a pilot and navigator for Pan American World Airways, flying the Boeing 707 and teaching navigation to new aviators. Throughout the Vietnam War, he completed more than 400 transits into Vietnam, transporting troops, equipment, mail, and supplies. He later qualified on the Boeing 747, quickly rising to the position of Training Captain.

On February 7, 1966, Mr. Dunbar married Tomoko Furukawa at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. This marked the beginning of a life of partnership that brought them one daughter, Cynthia. The family later settled in Carmel, Indiana, after many years in California. In 1986, following the transfer of Pan Am's Pacific operations to United Airlines, he continued flying for another decade, mastering the 727, 757, 767, and serving for several years as a 747 Captain.

Mr. Dunbar completed six years of active-duty Navy service, followed by three years in

the Ready Reserve and five years in the Standby Reserve, ultimately achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His exemplary service earned him a place on the retired list, marking the culmination of a life defined by dedication, skill, and honor.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Peter Bauer Dunbar stands as a remarkable testament to courage, excellence, and steadfast commitment to his country, his family, and the values that have long guided generations of Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLEJNIK FARMS AND GREENHOUSES

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Olejnik Farms and Greenhouses. Reaching a century of operation is a truly remarkable milestone that reflects a hundred years of dedication to Michigan agriculture.

For five generations, the Olejnik family has demonstrated unwavering commitment to hard work, quality, and service. As the industry has evolved and new generations have taken over, these core values have remained constant.

Over the past century, Olejnik Farms and Greenhouses has not only sustained a proud agricultural tradition but has also played an important role in strengthening the local community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olejnik Farms and Greenhouses on this historic anniversary and in wishing the Olejnik family continued success for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL
DYKES DUNBAR, SR.

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Samuel Dykes Dunbar, Sr., a devoted Hoosier, veteran, engineer, and servant-leader whose 93 years of life exemplified duty, character, and love of country.

Born on September 17, 1931, in South Bend, Indiana, to Irma Claire Dykes Dunbar and Willard Parker Dunbar, Sr., he grew up surrounded by the values of hard work and family. He spent his youth on Dunbar Farms in Crawfordsville and proudly graduating from Culver Summer Schools' Woodcraft Camp before completing high school in 1949.

At just seventeen, Mr. Dunbar began his military service as a Private in the Service Battery of the Indiana National Guard, later enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1950, where he served honorably as a Radar Systems Specialist in the only F-86 Sabre jet unit stationed in England. Mr. Dunbar forged lifelong friendships during his deployments in Europe and Africa.

Following more than five years of active duty, he returned home to Indiana to complete his Electrical Engineering degree at Purdue

University. He subsequently joined the Air National Guard as an Air Electronics Officer and dedicated over thirty years to service in Group, Wing, and State Staff roles, retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1987.

Throughout his distinguished military career, Mr. Dunbar earned numerous honors, including the Air Force Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Sagamore of the Wabash, and recognition as a Kentucky Colonel. These honors reflect Mr. Dunbar's lifetime of exceptional leadership and commitment to the Nation.

On September 7, 1957, he married Barbara Ann Nadeo, and together they raised four children: Theresa, Samuel, Jr., Claire, and Mary. Simultaneously he continued his education, earning an MBA from Auburn University in addition to completing both Air Command and Staff College and Air War College in 1970.

Beyond military service, he built a respected civilian career in the defense and engineering sectors across several states. Mr. Dunbar then returned to Indiana, where he served as a professional engineer at Esterline Angus and later at Mallory Controls. One of his most significant contributions include serving as President of the Indiana Chapter of the Society of American Value Engineers.

Mr. Dunbar passed away on November 15, 2024, at Hoosier Village in Zionsville, Indiana. He left behind a legacy defined by integrity, service, and deep devotion to his family, his state, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOHN PATRICK DWYER

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Patrick Dwyer, a devoted husband, father, Navy veteran, labor advocate, and longtime community leader whose service and dedication left a lasting impact on Northern Virginia and all who knew him.

Born in the Bronx, New York, John lived a life defined by service, hard work, and a deep commitment to the people and causes he cared about. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966 aboard the USS *Mitscher* and continued his service in the Naval Reserves.

Following his military service, John pursued a career as an air traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration. A strong believer in the rights and dignity of working men and women, he became deeply involved in the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization and remained a steadfast advocate for organized labor throughout his life. His commitment to workers and unions reflected his broader belief that communities are strongest when people stand together in support of one another.

John later made Northern Virginia his home, where he established a successful printing business in Alexandria and became a familiar and respected figure throughout the community. Through his business and civic involvement, he built enduring friendships and earned the admiration of many for his integrity, generosity, and unwavering loyalty.

John was also a dedicated supporter of civic engagement and public service. For many years, he remained actively involved in local political and community organizations, believing deeply in the importance of participation in our democratic process and in giving back to the community he loved.

Above all else, John was devoted to his family. He shared 45 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Kathy, and took immense pride in his children, grandchildren, and extended family. Those who knew him will remember his storytelling, his quick wit, and his ability to bring people together with warmth and humor.

Mr. Speaker, John Dwyer's life was one of service, friendship, and dedication to others. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his memory and extending our deepest condolences to his wife, Kathy, his family, and all those whose lives were touched by his remarkable example.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
BETTY LOUISE HARRAH

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Betty Louise Harrah of Delaware County, a Navy veteran and long-term Ball State University official, who celebrated her 100th birthday in March 2026. Born in Bloomington, Indiana, she was the only daughter of Herbert and Elsie Harrah and the second oldest of four children. After moving to Bloomfield at the age of two, she graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1944.

Harrah attended Indiana University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in government, and later pursued graduate study at Washington State University on a fellowship, working in the university's residence halls. She ultimately returned to Indiana University and completed her doctorate in 1969.

While at Washington State, Harrah applied for a Navy commission and entered service in 1951 as an Ensign. She served our Nation with distinction for 35 years, retiring in 1986 at the rank of Commander, a groundbreaking achievement for that era. During her service, she trained in locations such as Newport, Rhode Island and Seattle, Washington. She often reflects that the travel and lessons in working with people were among the most formative parts of her career.

Following her military service and completion of her doctorate, Harrah returned to Indi-

ana and joined Ball State University, where she served as director of residence hall personnel until her retirement in 1986.

In retirement, Harrah remained in Muncie and has lived at Westminster Village Nursing Home since 2002. She continues to stay active through puzzles and computer games. Those who know her describe her as remarkably tech-savvy even today. Family has always remained central in her life. Though her brothers have passed on, she maintains close relationships with her nieces and nephews, who speak of her with deep admiration and gratitude for the example she has set.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Indiana's 5th District, I express profound appreciation to Dr. Betty Louise Harrah for her lifetime of service both in uniform and in higher education. Her dedication, leadership, and integrity have left a lasting impact on all who have known her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 241; YEA on Roll Call No. 242; NAY on Roll Call No. 243; NAY on Roll Call No. 244; YEA on Roll Call No. 245; NAY on Roll Call No. 246; and YEA on Roll Call No. 247.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLARD
PARKER DUNBAR

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Willard Parker Dunbar, born on December 27, 1929, in South Bend, Indiana, to Irma and Willard Parker Dunbar, Sr., whose remarkable 96 years reflect devotion to family, distinguished military service, and an enduring commitment to aviation.

From an early age, Mr. Dunbar was shaped by the values of hard work and perseverance. He first started as a student at Indiana's historic Culver Military Academy where multiple generations of the Dunbar family would study and later on the family farm near Crawfordsville. It was here he helped tend corn, soybean fields, and a Holstein dairy herd

while nurturing his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot.

Following his graduation from high school, he pursued higher education at Wabash College and Purdue University, all while serving in the Indiana National Guard. He then earned a commission in the United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Program in 1950 and began intensive flight training that would later define his career.

Mr. Dunbar trained on the T-6 Texan, the F-5 ID Mustang, and later transitioned to America's emerging jet aircraft. He mastered the T-33 and F-80 before completing advanced combat crew training at Nellis Air Force Base and qualifying in the F-86A Sabre, the premier fighter aircraft of its era.

His courage and skill were demonstrated during his service with the 4th Fighter Wing, 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Mr. Dunbar flew 100 combat missions over Korea between May and October of 1952, engaging hostile MiG-15 aircraft and earning a confirmed damage victory along with the United States Air Force Bronze Star at only 21 years of age.

Upon returning home, Mr. Dunbar continued to serve his Nation as an instructor at Tyndall Air Force Base, teaching aerial gunnery and all-weather interception. He went on to serve in the Indiana Air National Guard while completing his Bachelor of Science in Aviation Transportation at Purdue University.

Between 1956 and 1964, he served as an Air Guard officer and worked as a farmer after the passing of his father. As an Air Guard Officer, he flew the F-84F aircraft for the Indiana Air National Guard before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

On March 15, 1961, he married Joan Peabody, a flight attendant with Lake Central Airlines, and together they raised three children, Willard, III, Valerie, and Bryant. He continued his aviation career as a commercial airline pilot for American Airlines from 1965 until his retirement in 1989.

After many years in Northbrook, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar eventually returned to Indiana, where they continue to reside in Zionsville. His lifetime has been defined by service, discipline, and devotion to those he loved, while Mrs. Dunbar is remembered with great affection following her passing in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Willard Parker Dunbar stands as an example of integrity, patriotism, and excellence. His contributions to aviation, military service, and family endure as a meaningful legacy for future generations.