

Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, after more than three decades of distinguished service.

A native son of Connecticut, General Healy graduated from Windsor High School in 1985 and attended the University of Connecticut (UConn), earning his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1989. General Healy then embarked on a career that would see him become a command pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours, including 402 combat hours operating in hostile airspace over Iraq and Afghanistan. An "Air Mobility Warrior," his journey took him from the C-141 Starlifter at then-McGuire Air Force Base, to the initial cadre of the C-17 Globemaster III program at then-Charleston Air Force Base, and ultimately to the C-5 Galaxy at Westover Air Reserve Base. A true Citizen Airman, General Healy also served as a Captain with U.S. Airways from 1999 to 2002, commanding the Boeing 737, and continues to serve as an Airbus A320 Captain with JetBlue.

Throughout his career, General Healy has commanded at all echelons, demonstrating exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to the Airmen under his command. Joining him on this journey and making it all possible is his wife of 34 years and fellow UConn Husky, Cathy. The Healy's have two daughters, Shannon and Paige, born in 1996 in Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1998 in Altus, Oklahoma, respectively. It was while they were in South Carolina and Oklahoma that General Healy was actively training future generations of C-17 pilots as an Instructor Pilot and the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. General Healy then progressed from critical squadron and wing assignments to key command and joint assignments, including the Director of Exercises and Assessments for U.S. European Command and then the Commander of the Twenty-Second Air Force, culminating in his current position where he is a steadfast advocate for more than 67,000 Reserve Citizen Airmen worldwide.

General Healy's tenure as Chief of Air Force Reserve has been marked by his clear vision of a force that is "Ready Now and Transforming for the Future." He has championed the modernization of the Air Force Reserve, ensuring that it remains an efficient, experienced, accessible, and lethal force prepared to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. Having personally experienced the challenges of balancing civilian-sector expertise with military excellence, General Healy is a tireless promoter for the well-being of Reserve Citizen Airmen and their families, recognizing that they are the foundation of the Reserve Advantage and the key to the Air Force's continued success.

General Healy's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the Air Force Reserve into the formidable force it is today. His dedication to our Nation, his commitment to the men and women of the Air Force, and his visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on the service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest thanks to Lieutenant General John P. Healy for his extraordinary service to his family, his airmen, and this country. I wish him, his wife Cathy, and their daughters, Shannon and Paige, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MR. GEORGE B. MELICK

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. George B. Melick of Tewksbury, New Jersey, for his 90th birthday. Mr. Melick was born to George B. Melick, Sr. and Florence Rinehart Melick on August 16, 1936 at Somerville Hospital becoming the ninth generation of Melick farmers in Tewksbury.

George grew up on the family farm where he still resides to this day. He learned from the strong example set by his parents about hard work, serving their faith, family, community and flag. George's father died in July 1954 when George, at 17 years old, making him head of the family and farm operation. That life-altering event resulted in George's hard work and resilience in the family business; he has worked tirelessly to find efficiencies to expand the farm. His efforts created the farm as it is today. Melick's farm cultivates over 700 acres of crops including the 120 acres of apple and peach trees that make Melick's Town Farm the largest apple grower in the state.

George's upbringing led him to a lifetime of public service beginning with the Oldwick Fire Company in 1957 and as a volunteer on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment in Tewksbury Township in 1960. In 1964 he went on to be successfully elected and later re-elected to the Township Committee for six consecutive terms over 18 years. In 1978 he was elected to the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, serving 12 consecutive terms over 36 years before retiring in 2013 as the longest continuous serving Freeholder in the State of New Jersey at that time.

Since his very first campaign in 1963, George Melick's message and credibility as a local public servant has never waned. He firmly believes that government should be efficient, accountable, constrained and that leaders must not be afraid to say "no."

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate George Melick's enduring impact and legacy; I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his lifelong contributions to agriculture and public service.

HONORING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES BROWN POTTER

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a remarkable hero from Houston County, Tennessee, who answered the call of duty during a critical chapter in our Nation's history. As the years pass, the profound debt we owe to our Korean War veterans only grows.

Of the 6.8 million Americans who served during the Korean War era, fewer than 300,000 remain with us today. This generation, now largely in their nineties, represents a rapidly dwindling connection to a pivotal struggle for global freedom. It is our sacred obligation to ensure their stories are told and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary service, sacrifice, and lifelong dedication of Charles Brown Potter. He represents the very best of Tennessee's Volunteer Spirit and the enduring resilience of the American servicemember.

Mr. Charles Brown Potter is a distinguished United States Air Force veteran who dedicated his military service to our Nation during the Korean War era. Following his honorable service, Mr. Potter established roots in Tennessee, where his presence as a resident of Houston County has strengthened the local network of military families and contributed to the proud tradition of veteran leadership and historic preservation within the community.

His exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity during active duty earned him the Good Conduct Medal. His specialized training and unique operational capabilities are further reflected in his receipt of the Special Forces Badge. Mr. Potter's life of service and continued civic dedication stand as a testament to the enduring legacy of America's veterans, and Houston County remains deeply enriched by his leadership.

Please join me in offering our deepest gratitude for his faithful service and proudly preserve their legacies in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LATE PASTOR, DR. ANNETTE ANDERSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Pastor Dr. Annette Anderson, a true servant of God, a beloved and respected spiritual leader, and a dedicated social activist in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Pastor Annette Anderson devoted her life to serving God and spreading His Word. She lived her life based on the teachings and lessons in the Bible, which also served as a guide to raising her family and working to improve our community and quality of life.

Pastor Anderson never met a stranger, nor tired of helping those in need. Her unwavering faith in God, love for all people and words of wisdom are credited with bringing comfort to the suffering at their darkest hour and restoring their faith.

As pastor and teacher of Light of Life Ministries, a weekly prayer and Bible study ministry, and assistant pastor of Breakthrough Deliverance and Healing Prayer Ministries, Incorporated, Pastor Anderson touched the lives of countless people. She did not believe in dwelling on the past and past circumstances but using life's struggles as steppingstones to strengthen one's faith in Jesus.

Pastor Anderson earned a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville Theological Seminary; a Master of Theology Degree and Posthumous Doctoral Degree in Theology from Practical Christianity Institute of Evangelism (PCIE), School of Bible Theology.

Please join me in honoring the late Pastor Dr. Annette Anderson, for her commitment, dedication and service to God, her congregation, her family and friends and our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KATIE BLOUNT TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the public service of Katie Blount, who dedicated more than thirty years to the State of Mississippi at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), serving as the seventh director of the agency since 2015. As only the second woman to lead the department since its founding in 1902, Katie had a steadfast commitment to “honest storytelling” and understanding the complexities of Mississippi’s storied history.

Under Katie’s leadership, the department has broadened access to its collections, expanded the stories it tells, and strengthened its commitment to preserving and interpreting the full and complex history of the state, ensuring that all Mississippians are represented.

Katie was instrumental in the creation and opening of the Two Mississippi Museums, which has welcomed more than 800,000 visitors and established Mississippi as a national leader in public history. She also guided the department in providing support to the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag, helping ensure the Commission carried out its work with transparency and effectiveness.

She has positioned the department for continued success in developing new sites that tell Mississippi’s stories, including the Vicksburg Civil War Visitor Center, the Natchez Tribal History Center, and Margaret Ann Crigler Park, while also strengthening the protection of historic places across our state.

I am thankful for Katie’s dedication and many years of service to Mississippi. Her work will live on through future generations and continue to inspire other historians to keep Mississippi’s unique story alive. I am thankful for the opportunity to recognize Katie’s service and commitment to the people of Mississippi and to our state’s history.

HONORING THE LONG ISLAND ASSOCIATION’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Long Island Association as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

For the past century, the Long Island Association has been a driving force for economic growth across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

They have brought together community leaders across all sectors to advocate for the investments and policies that help Long Island succeed.

Whether it is improving infrastructure, supporting small businesses, strengthening our Workforce, expanding housing opportunities, or bolstering our healthcare and education systems, the Long Island Association has been a trusted partner in building a stronger future for our region.

Reaching 100 years is an extraordinary achievement, and it speaks to the organization’s lasting commitment to the people and businesses that call Long Island home.

I congratulate the Long Island Association, and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years ahead.

HONORING MRS. FANNETT CLARK LYONS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations, and birthday wishes to Mrs. Fannett Clark Lyons, an outstanding citizen, wife, mother and friend who celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Clark Lyons has lived an exemplary life of service to her family, her church and her community.

Mrs. Clark Lyons was born in the Miami’s Overtown neighborhood, on September 14, 1913. She was the oldest of six children, and after losing her father at a young age, she helped raise her siblings. Mrs. Clark Lyons is the mother of four: Leonard, Rosemary, Franklin, and Marvin (deceased). She has sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ms. Clark Lyons has been an active member of Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church for over fifty years. She enjoys cheering for the Miami Dolphins and the Miami Heat; her favorite sports teams. She also enjoys cooking Bahamian food, and her specialty is pigeon peas and rice.

Please join me in honoring Mrs. Fannett Clark Lyons on this remarkable milestone, her 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE TIM MURPHY

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of the Honorable TIM MURPHY, who passed away on July 18, 2026, at the age of 73. Congressman MURPHY dedicated his life to serving our Nation and commonwealth as a child psychologist, State Senator, U.S. Representative, and Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. His leadership and compassion left a lasting impact not only on me, but on our region and our country.

Before his service in government, Congressman MURPHY earned his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh, Master of Arts from Cleveland State University, and Bachelor of Arts from Wheeling Jesuit University. He also served on the staff of Pittsburgh Children’s and Mercy Hospitals and founded his own private practice.

Congressman MURPHY represented the people of Pennsylvania for over twenty years, first representing Allegheny and Washington Counties in the Pennsylvania State Senate. In 2002, he was elected to represent Pennsylvania’s 18th Congressional District, which included Allegheny, Greene, Washington, and

Westmoreland Counties. In addition to serving his constituents in Pennsylvania, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, where he rose to the rank of Commander.

He was a tireless advocate for his constituents, dedicating his career to fighting for veterans and seniors while working to fix our Nation’s broken mental health care system. Congressman MURPHY led the effort to save the local 911th Airlift Wing, preserving hundreds of jobs and a critical asset to our national defense. Through his strong commitment to constituent services, tens of thousands of individuals were able to secure Social Security, veterans, and other federal benefits.

A renowned child psychologist, Congressman MURPHY also authored the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016, expanding access to care for families and individuals facing mental health challenges. This legislation was ultimately enacted as part of the 21st Century Cures Act. He further advanced the conversation around mental health through his writing, including *The Christ Cure: Ten Biblical Ways to Heal from Trauma, Tragedy, and PTSD*; *The Angry Child: Regaining Control When Your Child is Out of Control*; and *Overcoming Passive Aggression: How to Stop Hidden Anger from Spoiling Your Relationships, Career, and Happiness*.

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable TIM MURPHY was a trusted mentor and friend to me for many years, and I hope that he rests peacefully. His dedication to advocating for those in need was unending. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Nan, his daughter, Bevin, his grandchildren, and all his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATING GROWMARK’S CHUCK SPENCER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Chuck Spencer on the occasion of his retirement following more than 40 years of distinguished service to Illinois agriculture through the Illinois Farm Bureau and the GROWMARK Cooperative System.

During his tenure with the Illinois Farm Bureau, Chuck served as Associate Director of State Legislation, where he contributed to the successful passage of the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act. He later served as Director of National Legislation and Policy Development, where he led negotiations supporting passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard.

At GROWMARK, Chuck continued his tireless advocacy on behalf of agricultural cooperatives and farmer-owners. He worked with a team that successfully made Section 199A of the federal tax code permanent, protecting the ability of cooperatives to return patronage benefits to farmer-owners without facing an unfair tax increase.

Chuck also served on the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Government Affairs Committee, including as its chairman. Additionally, he contributed to legislative committees for the American Seed Trade Association,