

way of encouraging residents to take pride and ownership in their neighborhoods. His passion for green space and trees resulted in numerous awards from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the City of North Miami Beach.

Councilman Derose has also worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the youth in our community, through the Haitian-American Alliance Youth Foundation, the non-profit organization he serves as President of and founded. Councilman Derose has also sponsored and spearheaded numerous hurricane relief efforts over the years to help the people of Haiti.

Born in Haiti, and one of nine children, Councilman Derose dreamed of coming to America in search of a better life. In 1974, he moved with his wife Marie to New York where he enrolled in the high school equivalency program, attended York College and obtained his bachelor's degree in psychology from California Coast University.

Councilman Derose's life story should serve as an example for all. His determination and triumphs in a foreign country epitomize what the American dream is all about—you can accomplish anything through commitment and hard work.

Please join me in honoring Councilman Philippe Derose, for his dedication, contributions and tireless service to our community.

CELEBRATING ADRIAN "DELL" ROBERTS

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 90th birthday of a community pioneer and legendary advocate for youth in my district, Mr. Adrian "Dell" Roberts.

Known to most simply as Dell, he began his 38 years of public service as a football coach at Riverside Poly High School in 1965, quickly gaining recognition by the principal for his kindness and patience during student conflict. He soon became campus supervisor, followed by assistant principal in charge of discipline, and finished his career as an assistant administrator covering discipline and campus security.

Since retiring in 2003, Dell has continued his philanthropic efforts through the Adrian Dell and Carmen Roberts Foundation, alongside his loving wife. Together, they host charitable fundraisers, backpack giveaways for students, scholarships for youth, conferences for young women, and lead the city's Annual Black History Parade and Expo, which celebrated its 46th year in February.

As Booker T. Washington wrote, "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

Dell's selfless acts of giving back to our community have changed countless lives over the decades. You are a role model to us all. On behalf of the constituents of California's 39th Congressional District, I wish Dell a Happy 90th Birthday.

HONORING MR. RICHARD MCABEE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard McAbee as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Born on July 21, 1926, Mr. McAbee demonstrated his immense patriotism at the age of 18, when he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps to serve as a B-29 bomber pilot during World War II. Shortly after enlisting, he reported to Biloxi, Mississippi, for basic training before continuing his service with assignments in Yuma, Arizona, and Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. McAbee served our Nation through the conclusion of World War II. After the war ended, he continued his dedication to the Armed Forces by serving as a mechanic for the B-29 bomber and was honorably discharged in September 1945.

In 1949, Mr. McAbee married his wife, Marilyn, and together they built a family. They welcomed their daughter, Brenda, in 1950, and their son, Brian, in 1951. In 1962, the McAbee family eventually put down roots in Dunlap, California, where Mr. McAbee became a well-known and respected member of the mountain community for more than six decades.

Throughout his life, Mr. McAbee has embodied the values of service, perseverance, and dedication. His commitment to defending our Nation, caring for his family, and strengthening our community perfectly models the character and patriotism that define the 'greatest generation'. Please join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him the best as he turns 100 years old.

HONORING MISS AJA WATKINS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Miss Aja Watkins, Miss Miami Gardens USA 2012, a tireless and enthusiastic advocate for non-violence and goodwill for all people, but particularly for the youth of our country.

Miss Watkins' mission began in response to the tragic death of her cousin, Trayvon Martin, on February 26, 2012. She lived in the same home as Trayvon and was deeply affected by the tragic event, not only because of the bond they shared, but also because of the loss of someone so young and with so much undeveloped promise.

Compelled to take action, Miss Watkins used her grief and personal family tragedy as inspiration to try to make a difference. As she works to bring urgent awareness to the crucial, critical importance of non-violence, self-protection and preservation. Miss Watkins also hopes to become a voice of hope and inspiration for adolescents and young adults who face the reality of violence on a daily basis.

As she completes her education, Miss Watkins actively serves as a role model to many young people. In hopes of capturing the

crown, gaining greater visibility for her life saving initiative, and to become a mentor and role model for many young people, she works with other delegates and people.

On Friday, July 13, 2013, Miss Watkins competed for the state title at the Miss Florida USA Pageant.

Please join me in honoring Miss Aja Watkins for her commitment, dedication and service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS VOTING ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2026

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Federal Bureau of Prisons Voting Assistance Act of 2026. Congresswoman CHELLIE PINGREE is the co-lead.

This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide individuals in BOP prisons from jurisdictions that allow such individuals to vote, like the District of Columbia and Maine, information on how to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. BOP would be required to provide each BOP prison information on the criteria for voter registration, instructions on voter registration, voter registration forms and prepaid envelopes for voter registration forms, if provided by the state generally. Each BOP prison would be required to post the information and to give it to each individual eligible to vote.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL "MOUSE" MALLIGAN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the loss of Michael "Mouse" Malligan, and celebrate his impactful life, which touched so many.

Michael was a proud Penn State employee for 35 years. He was also a devoted fan of Penn State and Pittsburgh sports, and never missed a chance to follow local teams.

Michael's greatest impact on the community came through coaching. As early as age 19, Michael demonstrated a passion for coaching. The desire to mentor and impart his knowledge of sport carried through the playing years of his three sons.

Over the years, Michael touched the lives of countless young athletes as a coach in parochial league basketball, Little League, and Federation baseball. Like so many others in our community, I was fortunate to have "Mouse" as both a coach and a mentor during my youth.

As a husband, father, grandfather, coach, and friend, Michael will be remembered for the love and dedication that he poured into everyone around him.

As we pause to remember Michael's immeasurable impact and influence, we also keep his wife of 47 years, Mary, and all his family in our prayers.

Please join me in honoring the life of Michael, lovingly known as Mouse. While we will miss him, our lives are better for having known him.

COMMENDING MS. VENGHAN
"WINNIE" TANG

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Ms. Venghan "Winnie" Tang, a dedicated community advocate with a powerful voice who has made significant contributions to South Florida and our country, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in her honor:

Whereas, Ms. Tang is a deeply committed activist who has devoted her professional career to promoting the interests and well-being of the Asian Pacific American community;

Whereas, Ms. Tang has enriched the lives of countless South Floridians by administering after-school tutoring programs, encouraging voter registration and census participation, and advocating for immigration reform, legal and civil rights, homeless reform, healthcare, and women's affairs;

Whereas, Ms. Tang was the first Asian American to serve on the Miami-Dade County Democratic Executive Committee, and has organized voter registration drives and "Get Out the Vote" campaigns in the Asian community;

Whereas, Ms. Tang's excellence in leadership, advocacy, non-profit work, and community service has been recognized by various organizations through awards, accomplishments, and appointments, including chairing the Asian-American Steering Committee, leading to the creation of the Asian-American Advisory Board in Miami-Dade County, being the first Chinese American woman to receive the Miami-Dade County Park & Recreation Department's in the Company of Women Award in 2002, receiving the Florida Minority Reinvestment Community Coalition's Minority Advocacy Award in 2006, and receiving the Inaugural Honors Award Saluting South Florida's 21st Century Educators by Miami Gardens Excellence in Education Council (MGEEC) in 2013; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FedERICA S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend Ms. Venghan "Winnie" Tang for her years of commitment and faithful service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to state that my vote for Roll Call No. 243 is a nay. The Roll Call did not register my vote in time and marked me as not voting. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 243.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF THE LATE PASTOR JAMES
FREDERICK "RICK" HINES, JR.

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to pay tribute to and honor the life and legacy of the late Pastor James Frederick "Rick" Hines, Jr., a well-respected man of God, spiritual leader and mentor, loving son, husband and father, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Pastor Hines was a passionate and beloved youth pastor, at Koinonia Worship Center and Village, who was dedicated to spreading the Word of God;

Whereas, Pastor Hines devoted countless hours to mentoring young people and often credited the church's success with its youth, practicing the teachings of one of his favorite Bible verses Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it;"

Whereas, Pastor Hines served his country dutifully as a soldier in the United States Army from 1977 to 1979;

Whereas, Pastor Hines was a lifelong resident of South Florida who loved his community and worked to make it a better place to live; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FedERICA S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida honor the life and legacy of the late Pastor James Frederick "Rick" Hines, Jr. and commend him for his commitment and dedications to his family, his church and our community.

HONORING THE 2026 SUMMER
INTERN CLASS

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the amazing interns who spent their summer serving the people of California's 20th Congressional District. As their summer internships come to an end, I want to sincerely express my gratitude to Sydney Calderwood for her service in my Bakersfield, California office, and to Logan McLoughlin, Isabella Stroia, and Cara Gallen for their contributions to my Washington D.C. office.

Whether serving in my district office or D.C. office, these interns worked tirelessly for our constituents and country, demonstrating a strong willingness to learn and showing their drive and thoughtfulness during their time here. The work done by each of them has helped my team's efforts immensely, and I hope this experience will help them make even stronger contributions in whatever they choose to pursue. I truly look forward to seeing the impact they will have on their endeavors in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING NATE HUBER
ON BEING NAMED THE PENNSYLVANIA
FFA VICE PRESIDENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Nate Huber, who was recently installed as the 2026 to 2027 Vice President for the Pennsylvania FFA.

Having emerged from a rigorous nomination and election process, Nate Huber was one of seven officers chosen to lead the Pennsylvania FFA in 2026 to 2027. Nate is a recent graduate of Manheim Central High School and held leadership positions in the Manheim FFA.

Nate Huber's commitment to agriculture is evident from his experience at a local poultry company to his introduction of agricultural education programs at his school. Beyond his leadership roles with the FFA, he also holds positions with the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Manheim Community Farm Show.

Agriculture is a cornerstone of Lancaster County's economy, and Nate Huber has proven to be an ardent support of this legacy. I congratulate Nate Huber on his well-earned title as Vice President of the Pennsylvania FFA. As he settles into his new role and prepares for a bright future ahead, I wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

APPRECIATING KITA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Korean International Trade Association (KITA).

I have shared a longstanding relationship with this illustrious organization and have been proud to work alongside them in promoting increased trade and investment between our two nations to strengthen the U.S.-Korea alliance.

As the Lead Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, it has been my focus to deepen the bonds of the friendship we share, and to highlight how trade and people-to-people exchange underpins the foundation of our relationship.

KITA has been at the forefront of this effort in this regard, and its 80,000 member companies have done so much to impact our alliance and the U.S. economy as one of our top foreign direct investors.

The 2nd Congressional District of South Carolina that I am grateful to represent has ties to the Republic of Korea through investments made into our state. KITA has helped to create meaningful jobs and, in doing so, has also enriched our communities.

Please know that through my work on both the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees, I will continue to do all I can to defend our alliance and to keep it strong and free.

I wish KITA every success.