

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.

HONORING MRS. LOVYE
WILLIAMSON COCHRAN ON THE
OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman whose life has spanned a century of American history, and who has spent nearly every year of it giving something away—knowledge, kindness, service, and love. Today, July 21, 2026, Mrs. Lovye Williamson Cochran of Albany, Georgia, celebrates her 100th birthday.

She was born on July 21, 1926, in Reidsville, North Carolina, the firstborn daughter of Weldon and Hessie Williamson, and the eldest of four girls. She was raised in a home where education was not a luxury but an inheritance, and she took that inheritance seriously. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Reidsville, then went on to Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina—that historic institution which has been turning out Bennett Belles of uncommon dignity and backbone for generations. She later earned her master's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, also in Greensboro. In an era when this Nation placed obstacle after obstacle in the path of a young Black woman seeking to be educated, Lovye Williamson simply kept walking.

In 1950, she married Mr. Benjamin Franklin Cochran, Jr., and together they made their life in Albany, Georgia. Mr. Cochran became Albany's first Black professional photographer. Mr. Speaker, I want my colleagues to understand what that meant. In those years, a Black family's wedding, a Black child's graduation, a Black church's anniversary, a Black mother's Sunday best—these were not events the wider world considered worth preserving. Benjamin Cochran preserved them anyway. He spent his life making sure that our community could see itself, and see itself beautiful. And while he was capturing the faces, his wife was in the classroom shaping the very children whose portraits he took. He kept the pictures. She helped make the people in them.

Mrs. Cochran is a retired educator, and in Southwest Georgia that title carries a particular weight. There are grown men and women in Albany today—parents, deacons, business owners, public servants—who first learned to believe in themselves in her classroom. A teacher's monument is not made of stone. It walks around, and it talks back, and it raises its own children the way she taught it to.

She and Mr. Cochran raised three children—Beverly, Juanita, and Benjamin, III—and she is the proud grandmother of Anthony. For decades she has lived on Lily Pond Road in Albany, which the older residents still remember as Westbrook Road. Mrs. Cochran is the longest surviving resident of that street. She has watched the road change its name, watched the houses change hands, watched the city change around her—and through all of it, she never changed who she was.

Her service did not end at the schoolhouse door. Mrs. Cochran has given her time and her judgment to the community's institutions,

serving on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs and with the Albany ARC, known today as the Arc of Southwest Georgia. Mr. Speaker, those two commitments say something about the shape of her heart. She gave herself to children who needed somewhere safe to go after the last bell, and she gave herself to citizens with developmental disabilities—neighbors whom too much of the world has been content to overlook. She never overlooked anybody.

Mrs. Cochran is a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and remains active in the sorority at 100 years of age. She holds the honored designation of Delta Dear.

Mr. Speaker, among Mrs. Cochran's sorors in Delta Sigma Theta was the late Honorable Shirley Chisholm of New York, the first Black woman elected to this body and the first to seek the presidential nomination of a major party. Congresswoman Chisholm gave us a definition of a life well spent that has never been improved upon: "Service is the rent that you pay for the space that you occupy here on this earth." By that measure, Mr. Speaker, Lovye Williamson Cochran does not owe this world one thin dime. She paid her rent in full—in classrooms and in church pews, in board rooms and in her sorority and on her street, in the raising of three children and in a hundred years of quiet, faithful, unglamorous good. She paid it early, she paid it often, and she is paying it still.

This evening, more than 200 Deltas of the Albany community are gathering at the Galleria on Dawson Road to celebrate her. They have made only one request of those who come: bring flowers. Not gifts. Flowers—in her own words, so that she can smell them, while she is living.

Mr. Speaker, there is a whole sermon in that sentence. Too often in this country we save our finest words for funerals. We wait until a woman can no longer hear us to say what she has meant to us. We send the roses to the graveside when we could have set them on the kitchen table. Mrs. Lovye Cochran, at 100 years old, has taught this community one final lesson, and it may be the most important one she has ever given: love people out loud, and do it while they are here to enjoy it.

So tonight the flowers will come. And she will hold them, and she will smell them, and she will know—beyond any possibility of doubt—exactly how much she is loved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, on behalf of the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, in extending our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Lovye Williamson Cochran on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We thank her for a century of faith, family, teaching, and service. We salute her children, her grandson, her sorors, and her neighbors. We pray God's continued blessing upon her in the years yet to come.

**RECOGNIZING TOMMY NAGLE AS
THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA FARM BUREAU**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Tommy Nagle of Patton,

Cambria County, as the new President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

The 10th president in the history of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Tommy owns and operates an incredible farm that includes Angus beef cattle and acres dedicated to corn and soybeans.

Tommy has held several leadership positions within the Farm Bureau over the past decade. He served on the Cambria County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, including a stint as county president, and later spent three years on the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau State Board before being elected vice president.

Tommy possesses a wealth of knowledge, professional experience, and public service leadership that will enhance his impact as a passionate advocate and vital resource for agricultural producers throughout Pennsylvania.

On behalf of constituents throughout Cambria County and the entire 13th Congressional District, I express best wishes to Tommy for success in fulfilling his strategic vision for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and thank him for his leadership and service.

**HONORING REVEREND AND MAYOR
ERIC H. JONES, JR.**

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 Reverend and Mayor Eric H. Jones, Jr., a true man of God and his community, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Reverend Eric H. Jones, Jr., is the founder and Senior Pastor of Koinonia Worship Center and Village, which started with six members and has grown to a congregation of 6,000;

Whereas, Reverend Jones has committed his life to spreading the Word of God and built a ministry that meets the spiritual, physical, and social needs of the community;

Whereas, Reverend Jones has reached beyond the sanctuary of Koinonia to nourish souls, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and uplift the poor and underserved through the church's outreach ministries;

Whereas, Reverend Jones has established Youth ministries that prove guidance and mentorship to our most vulnerable and at-risk youth, and produce more college-bound students;

Whereas, Reverend Jones' focus on economic empowerment is building stronger and thriving neighborhoods;

Whereas, Reverend Jones was elected the first Mayor of West Park and serving his third term as Mayor of Broward County's 31st city;

Whereas, Reverend Jones has received numerous award and accolades for his humanitarianism and public service work which included: the MLK Celebration Committee's Martin Luther King Faith Leadership Award, the Urban League of Broward County's Thurgood Marshall Advocacy Award, the NAACP's Criminal Justice Image Award, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Volunteer Recognition Award, a Certificate of Recognition from the Broward Sheriffs Office's Feed the Needy Program, the 2006 Man of the Year recognition by the Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network; and now, therefore; be it