

COMMENDING THE LATE MRS.
GUSSIE MAE HALL

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 commend the late Mrs. Gussie Mae Hall of Miami, Florida, an exceptional woman who has left an enduring legacy of humbleness, kindness and strength, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in her honor:

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was a tireless supporter of local African-American elected officials, and actively engaged in the democratic process by educating members of the community on the importance of the right to vote and encouraging their registration and participation;

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was a lifelong resident of South Florida who was born in Homestead, Florida, formally educated in the Miami-Dade County Public School system, and worked through her church, He Reigns Interdenominational Ministries, Incorporated, to improve our community;

Whereas, Mrs. Hall was an outstanding citizen, wife, mother and friend; 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 the late Mrs. Gussie Mae Hall for her years of loving and faithful service to her family, her church, and our community.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF RICKY T.
BUCHANAN

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Ricky T. Buchanan on his retirement after over twenty years of exceptional and steadfast service to the people of McDowell County.

Sheriff Buchanan has devoted his life to public service, demonstrating integrity, courage, and an unwavering commitment to protecting his community. He began his public service as a volunteer firefighter with the Pleasant Gardens Volunteer Fire Department and as an EMT-Intermediate with McDowell County Medical Services. He went on to serve in numerous roles, including Patrol Deputy, K-9 Deputy, SWAT Operator, and Detective with McDowell County Drug Enforcement. He became the first person from McDowell County to be selected as a full-time Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration before moving onto the North Carolina DMV License and Theft Bureau, where he advanced to Assistant District Supervisor in both the Charlotte and Asheville Districts.

Over the course of his career, Sheriff Buchanan distinguished himself through his professionalism, dedication to justice, and ability to lead with strength and compassion. His leadership as an instructor preparing the next

generation of law enforcement officers has earned the respect of colleagues and ensured the future of justice across North Carolina.

Sheriff Buchanan's impact extends far beyond his official duties. He is a committed partner in community health, substance abuse prevention, and local philanthropy, offering steady leadership on numerous boards and initiatives that strengthen McDowell County and improve lives. Today, he continues to serve as president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, a testament to the trust and admiration he has earned statewide.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Buchanan's career reflects a rare combination of service, sacrifice, and heart. His legacy is one of honor, devotion, and deep love for the community he has protected for decades. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend my deepest gratitude to Sheriff Buchanan and offer my best wishes as he enters a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DAN FORDICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dan Fordice, a veteran, businessman, accomplished warbird pilot, and patriot, who devoted his life to serving others, preserving our Nation's military history, and honoring America's veterans.

Dan approached every chapter of his life with a strong sense of duty and purpose. His 13 years of service in the United States Army and Mississippi Army National Guard shaped the leadership and patriotism he later brought to his family business, the construction industry, historic aviation, and his work supporting veterans. Throughout his life, Dan remained guided by his faith, his family, and his commitment to giving back.

Following his service, Dan continued his family's legacy at Fordice Construction Company, serving as Vice President until his retirement in 2023. He followed in his father's footsteps by serving as National President of the Associated General Contractors of America from 2022 to 2023. His leadership brought people together throughout the industry and ensured contractors of every size had a voice.

As an accomplished warbird owner and pilot, Dan demonstrated his deep appreciation for aviation history through the operation and preservation of World War II-era and other historic aircraft. He served on the Commemorative Air Force General Staff Board of Directors, proudly flew his P-51D Mustang, Charlotte's Chariot II, and helped return the original C-47 That's All, Brother to Europe for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Through these remarkable aircraft, Dan helped bring history to life for countless Americans.

Dan's dedication to America's veterans extended far beyond the cockpit. He founded the Southern Heritage Air Foundation to preserve veterans' stories and educate future generations about their service and sacrifice. In 2013, he founded the Warrior Bonfire Program to

support post-9/11 Purple Heart veterans through fellowship and opportunities for healing and recovery. Whether flying a historic aircraft, listening to a veteran's story, or leading the construction industry, Dan served others with conviction, compassion, and humility.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dan Fordice for his service to our country, his leadership in the construction and aviation communities, and his lifelong dedication to America's veterans. His legacy will live on through the historic aircraft and stories he preserved, the veterans he supported, the organizations he helped build, and the countless people he inspired. My prayers are with his family and all who knew and loved him. May Dan have blue skies.

COMMENDING DR. FREEMAN T.
WYCHE, SR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Dr. Freeman T. Wyche, Sr., an inspirational man of God and a revered spiritual leader in the Miami's Liberty City community, who has served as Senior Minister of the Liberty City Church of Christ for thirty-five years, and I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Dr. Wyche is dedicated to his church and to his community, having chaired and served on the boards of many civic and educational organizations in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida;

Whereas, Dr. Wyche was mentored by the late renowned Dr. Marshall Keeble, and has earned several degrees from the University of Houston, New York Theological Seminary, and Faith College;

Whereas, Dr. Wyche provided an invaluable service to his country having served as an air traffic controller and a hospital administrator in the United States Air Force, and achieving the rank of Master Sergeant before retiring at Homestead Air Force Base in 1990;

Whereas, Dr. Wyche's unwavering devotion to God has been evidenced by his decades of ministration, teaching, evangelizing, and counseling across the Nation and around the world; 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 Dr. Freeman T. Wyche, Sr. for his years of faithful service to his family, his church, and our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD KNOTT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen conflict, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 8823 and H.R. 4541.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 250 and YEA on Roll Call No. 251.

RECOGNIZING HARRY MULLINS AS
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Harry Mullins of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, for his selection as the recipient of the Norma Jean Shanholtz Community Service Award presented by the Williamsburg Civic Club.

The award honors individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to Williamsburg Borough through dedicated community service.

Harry has held leadership positions in the Lions Club, Williamsburg Municipal Authority, Williamsburg Fire Commission, and Williamsburg Fire Police. His service has also benefited the Williamsburg Community Farm Show and Williamsburg Food Bank.

As noted by another community leader, Harry is always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. His servant's heart, generosity, and unwavering commitment have made him a true pillar of the Williamsburg community.

On behalf of constituents throughout Williamsburg Borough and the entire 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Harry Mullins on this well-deserved award and thank him for striving each day to make the world around him a better place.

HONORING THE LATE MRS. GWEN-
DOLYN MAE HEASTIE WELTERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mrs. Gwendolyn Mae Heastie Walters, an exceptional woman who has left an enduring legacy of compassion, enthusiasm, and service in her community.

Mrs. Walters approached life with a community-oriented focus and a generous spirit. As an educator and an administrator with Miami-

Dade County Schools, for 40 years, she touched the lives of hundreds of students and advocated tirelessly to improve Miami-Dade County's educational system and provide access to a quality education.

As entrepreneurs, Mrs. Walters and her late husband Warren Walters provided employment opportunities for high school students in Miami's Brownsville community by hiring them at their family-owned business, Brownsville Pharmacy. She also encouraged the youth to give back to their communities through service.

Often referred to as a petite "little giant," her kind heart and passion for service was limitless and often recognized by the many organizations she was affiliated with such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she was a Golden Soror, Life Member, and past president of Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter in Miami. Mrs. Walters was a Platinum member of The Links, Incorporated, served as National Director of International Trends and Services, and was a "Links of Gold" Honoree for the Greater Miami Chapter in 2005. She was also an active member of the Black Archives History and Research Foundation, Inc., and a recipient of the Miami-Dade County Woman of Impact Award (2006) and the Leroy Thompson Pioneer Award by the Miami-Dade Chapter of NAACP (2007).

Born April 30, 1924, Mrs. Walters grew up in the historic and culturally rich Overtown community in Miami. She earned a B.S. degree in Business Education from Florida A&M University, a master's degree from Columbia University Teachers College in New York City, and completed further graduate work at the University of Miami and Barry University.

Please join me in honoring Mrs. Gwendolyn Mae Heastie Walters, posthumously, for her commitment, dedication and service to our community.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POST JOURNAL IN
JAMESTOWN, NY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable institu-

tion that has done far more than report the news—it has preserved the history of Chautauqua County for two centuries.

For 200 years, The Post-Journal has served as the newspaper of record for Jamestown and Chautauqua County. Its pages have documented the people, events, triumphs, and challenges that have shaped the region, creating a lasting record of the community's history and the generations who have called it home.

A hometown newspaper is more than ink on paper. It is the first draft of local history. It captures not only elections and public policy, but also the stories of veterans, small businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations, and everyday citizens whose contributions may never make national headlines but leave an enduring mark on their communities.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, it is especially fitting that we recognize one of our nation's oldest and most enduring civic institutions. Founded in 1826—just fifty years after the birth of our Republic—The Post-Journal has chronicled nearly the entire American story through the lens of one community. Few institutions can claim such an extraordinary legacy of continuous service.

The First Amendment protects a free press because our Founding Fathers understood that an informed citizenry is essential to self-government. For two centuries, The Post-Journal has fulfilled that responsibility by informing its readers, fostering civic engagement, and preserving the history of Western New York for future generations.

Over the past two centuries, The Post-Journal has adapted to changing times while remaining steadfast in its mission to serve its readers with trusted local journalism. That commitment has strengthened not only Chautauqua County but our democratic institutions as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the editors, reporters, photographers, publishers, printers, carriers, and every member of The Post-Journal family—past and present—on this extraordinary milestone. May they continue their proud tradition of serving Jamestown, Chautauqua County, and Western New York for many years to come, preserving the stories that define their community and carrying forward this great American tradition for generations to come.