

Carter, Miami VA Healthcare Systems in Miami, Florida, where he has been a compassionate, dedicated and devoted employee for 25 years;

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells has proven himself to be a leader and an advocate for all veterans and has effectively and tirelessly used his expertise to assist many veterans to obtain prosthetic limbs and devices such as electric wheelchairs, scooters, patient lifts and many other instruments to ease any vet's daily task;

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells is the president of two non-profit organizations, the South Florida Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) and the Army National Guard Family Support Foundation, which assists deployed soldiers' families with funds to pay bills while the soldier is overseas;

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells has received numerous accolades and awards for outstanding community service which includes helping the elderly, raising money for back-to-school supplies and college scholarships and building homes in Miami's Liberty City and Overtown neighborhoods with Habitat for Humanity;

Whereas, Sergeant Major Wells is a decorated, U.S. veteran who served in numerous U.S. operations and conflicts, including the Vietnam Conflict and Operation Iraqi Freedom before his retirement in 2007 which ended 39 years of military service; 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 Sergeant Major Arthur Wells for his service to our country and for his dedication and commitment to our veterans, their families and to our community.

CELEBRATING KATHIE EASTMAN TELL'S RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Kathie Eastman Tell, who is retiring after a cumulative twenty years of service in the United States House of Representatives.

Her public service stretched from the sandy beaches of Hawaii's 1st Congressional District to the rugged coast of Oregon's 4th Congressional District, to the vibrant urban core of Portland in Oregon's 3rd Congressional District.

Always strategic, efficient, and effective, Kathie served in almost every role of a House office operation, in both the D.C. and district offices. The handful of positions she never occupied were by her choice—much to the quiet dismay of offices that would have trusted her with all of them.

In 1993, she began as a Legislative Correspondent for Representative Neil Abercrombie. She then joined Representative Peter DeFazio in 1998 as a Senior Legislative Assistant, where she was especially active on issues related to transportation and infrastructure investments—a dedication that carried her onward as DeFazio's Legislative Director, and later his District Director. That same commitment to keeping our communities moving continued in Representative Earl Blumenauer's office, where she served as Press Secretary until 2006. Kathie then prioritized raising her two young children, McKenzie and Ben, in

Portland, Oregon, with her spouse Jason Tell. Never far from the Oregon delegation and public policy, she took on part-time roles and projects during this time. She returned to Blumenauer's office in 2019, as a favorite Caseworker among constituents and prized Scheduler to the Member. Oregon was lucky to have DeFazio and Blumenauer invested in transportation and infrastructure. They were luckier to have Kathie embrace this legislative portfolio. Most recently, in the office of Representative MAXINE DEXTER, Kathie efficiently helped build a brand-new district office from the ground up as the Operations Director.

Much can be said about Kathie's intellect and work ethic, but not enough can be said about her infectious sense of humor. One colleague recounted that while he learned many things from Kathie, most of them should not go in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A child of Berkeley, California, who dedicated her career to the people of Hawaii and Oregon, it is fitting Kathie will retire to Southwest Washington, claiming her final Pacific Rim state, in a life spent leaving every person and place she touched wiser, with a bit more grit, and better than she found them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PASTOR JEFFREY HAMILTON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the late Pastor Jeffrey N. Hamilton, a faithful-servant of God, an advocate for education, community activist, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, in 1991, as a member of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Jeffrey Hamilton was called into the ministry. After moving his membership to Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, he was ordained to teach the word of God and went on to serve as the youth minister at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church. In 2006, he was called to pastor at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church and then went on to establish his own church, the New Life Christian Worship Center Family in Miami's Liberty City;

Whereas, Pastor Hamilton was considered a beacon of light by his congregation and his community, and was affectionately called "Coach Ham" by the thousands of children he worked with through numerous community organizations, including the Children of Inmates and The Drug Free Coalition, the Miami Dade County School Board, the Healthy Mind Healthy Heart Program, the Hosanna Community Baptist Church Foundation, and the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project;

Whereas, Pastor Hamilton believed that education is an essential building block to success and, as a strong believer in the expression "practice what you preach," went back to school to farther his education and pursued a master's degree in divinity and special education from St. Thomas University and from Nova University;

Whereas, Pastor Hamilton's passion for students was unmatched and he touched the lives of elementary, middle and high school students across Miami-Dade; 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, am honored to pay tribute to the late Pastor Jeffrey Hamilton, for his passion and devotion to God, his church, to our students and community.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AURORA FASTPRINT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aurora Fastprint as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking half a century as a family-owned staple of the Aurora community.

Founded in 1976 by Tom Bartlett, Aurora Fastprint has provided high-quality, full-service printing services to businesses, nonprofit organizations, schools, municipalities, and residents throughout the Fox River Valley. Whether showcasing the work of a local poet in its storefront windows during Poetry Month or sponsoring a holiday food drive for the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora Fastprint has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the community. Its storefront in Aurora's historic downtown district has become home to a notable and respected local business.

Over the last 50 years, Aurora Fastprint has demonstrated remarkable resilience and innovation. As technology and the needs of the community have evolved, Aurora Fastprint has adapted and evolved too. By expanding beyond traditional printing services to offer graphic design, digital printing, and Every Door Direct Mail service, the company has adapted to the changing needs of its clients. Now, in its second generation of ownership under Bartlett's daughter Kim Woodin, Aurora Fastprint has grown alongside and supported the community it serves.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Aurora Fastprint calls my district home. Its remarkable 50-year history is a testament to the company's enduring commitment to service, reliability, innovation, and the Aurora community. I am confident that Aurora Fastprint will continue to thrive for generations to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. LEOME SCAVELLA CULMER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the late Mrs. Leome Scavella Culmer, a faithful servant of God, a community, and a beloved mother and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Leome Scavella Culmer, a native Miamian and product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1944 and later received a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and English from Bethune Cookman College in 1949;

Whereas, Mrs. Culmer was the widow of the Venerable Father John E. Culmer, the rector

of St. Agnes Episcopal Church and beloved mother to their five children: Francena Culmer Brooks (deceased), John E. Culmer, XI, Angela M. Culmer, Lona Culmer Shelback and James A. Culmer;

Whereas, Mrs. Culmer was a third-generation member of Historic St. Agnes' Episcopal Church where she served as Historian of the parish, President of St. Cecelia's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King/ECW, a Vacation Bible School teacher, a member of the Executive Board of St. Agnes' Branch of the Episcopal Churchwomen and a member of the Parish Council;

Whereas, for 21 years Mrs. Culmer served as the Chair of the Program Committee of the African American Committee of Dade Heritage Trust and was an advocate for historic preservation through her words, deeds and actions; 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, am honored to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Leome Scavella Culmer, for her commitment to God and her church, and for her dedication and devotion to her family, friends and to our community.

APPRECIATION FOR OMAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the relationship between the Sultanate of Oman and America goes back over 200 years.

Trade relations between the two countries were established in the early years of American independence on September 21, 1833, with the Treaty of Amity and Commerce. Oman was the first Gulf nation to recognize America, sending an envoy in 1841.

Today, Oman is a key American security, economic, and defense partner with a Free Trade Agreement coming into effect on January 1, 2009, leading to trade of over \$4 billion in goods and services.

The terrorist regime in Iran has launched at least 19 drone attacks on Oman in recent months targeting their ports, as well as an attack on Omani radar systems this month.

Iran and its terrorist regime must be stopped and reopen the Strait of Hormuz without tolls or fees.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops. Trump is reinstituting Peace Through Strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump as war criminal Putin provides targeting intelligence to Iran to kill American troops which confirms the need for the Lindsey Graham Russian-Iran Sanctions Act.

RECOGNIZING THE LATE MRS. BLANCHE SIMMONS

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize the late Mrs. Blanche Simmons, a faithful servant of God, beloved

wife, mother and friend. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mrs. Simmons was a strong supporter of parent teacher associations and other school activities that encouraged children to ensure their growth and development as productive citizens;

Whereas, Mrs. Simmons, who knew the value of an education and service to one's country, saw many of her of children graduate from colleges and universities, become educators and lawyers and serve in the United States Army;

Whereas, Mrs. Simmons was an active member of Salter's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Miami, Florida;

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, am proud to recognize the late Mrs. Blanche Simmons for her commitment to God and her church, and for her dedication and devotion to her family, friends and our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. ED MEADOWS

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ed Meadows on his retirement after nearly two decades as President of Pensacola State College.

Since 2008, Dr. Meadows has transformed PSC into one of Florida's leading state colleges by expanding workforce training, launching new bachelor's degree programs, and investing in facilities that prepare students for careers in healthcare, cybersecurity, aviation, advanced manufacturing, and other high-demand fields. Under his leadership, the College also earned national recognition for innovation and student success while strengthening its commitment to military families and veterans.

Dr. Meadows understood that the future of Northwest Florida depended on giving students the skills and opportunities to succeed. He worked tirelessly to build partnerships with local industries, expand career and technical education, and invest in modern training programs that opened doors for students while strengthening the workforce our communities depend on. Because of his leadership, countless students have been able to turn their education into meaningful careers and help build the future of Northwest Florida.

Beyond the classroom, Dr. Meadows forged lasting partnerships that advanced economic development across Northwest Florida and inspired extraordinary philanthropic support for future generations of students.

Dr. Meadows leaves Pensacola State College stronger than he found it, and his legacy will be reflected in the thousands of students whose lives have been changed because of his leadership.

On behalf of Florida's 1st Congressional District, and the thousands of students, families, and lives Dr. Meadows has impacted for the better, I want to thank him for his years of dedicated service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE
MR. HARCOURT IRVIN CLARK, SR.

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Mr. Harcourt Irvin Clark, Sr., a trailblazer, patriot, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Mr. Clark worked tirelessly to make a difference in his community and break down barriers. He became the first African-American police officer in the city of Coral Gables, Florida. Determined to break more barriers, he went on to serve as Chief of Police for the University of Miami Police Department, Director of Campus Safety for Florida International University, and as the first Administrative Director for the Miami-Dade County Equal Opportunity Program Social Service Agency, which is now the Community Action Agency of Miami-Dade County.

He later shared his expertise and experiences as a professor of criminal justice at Florida International University. Mr. Clark capped his public service journey as a librarian in the city of North Miami. He went on to pursue his entrepreneurial spirit by opening "The Hickory Pit Barbeque Restaurant."

Before his stellar career in law enforcement, Mr. Clark dutifully served his country as a soldier in the United States Army. After his tour of duty, he completed his college studies, earning a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, and various certifications.

Mr. Clark was born on December 23, 1934, to the late Zena Marie Sawyer-Clark and Irwin Harcourt "Christmas" Clark in Coconut Grove, Florida.

He fulfilled his dream of becoming a member of the famed Marching 100, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's (FAMU) marching band. While at FAMU, he also met Alice Martha Cabrera, who would become the love of his life and his wife of 44 years, before her death.

Mr. Clark was a devout Christian and lifelong member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove. He was also a Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and a member of The Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliated.

Please join me in paying tribute to the late Mr. Harcourt Irvin Clark, Sr., who lived a life of purpose, commitment, and service to his family, his friends and to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic milestone in Portland's cultural history: the 100th anniversary of the Hollywood Theatre, an iconic movie house situated in Northeast Portland.

The Hollywood Theatre has been a significant asset in Oregon's 3rd Congressional District. As a nonprofit modern-historic theater