

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. 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. 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. 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 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

and film center, it attracts visitors to the Hollywood District, supports nearby small businesses, and serves as a hub for independent film, education, and community programming.

This unmistakable landmark on Sandy Boulevard, defined by its ornate Spanish Colonial Revival exterior, has persevered through a century of evolution in the film industry. First opened as a 1,500-seat silent movie palace in 1926, the venue would welcome "talkies" within a couple of years and then the ultra-widescreen Cinerama format by the early 1960s. Today, it is the only movie house in Oregon to regularly screen films in 70mm.

The theater has also broadened its reach within the past decade, now operating Movie Madness, a local video store and film history museum, as well as the Hollywood Theatre Airport Microcinema in Concourse C at PDX, which showcases short films by regional filmmakers.

I congratulate them on a century of entertainment and community engagement, and many more to come.

COMMENDING CHIEF STEPHEN
JOHNSON

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 Mr. Stephen Johnson, who was appointed on April 22, 2014, to the position of Police Chief for the City of Miami Gardens Police Department in Miami-Dade County Florida. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Chief Johnson who is a long standing and progressive law enforcement officer, began his career with the University of Kentucky Police Department in 1983. He has spent more than thirty years amassing, diversifying and refining his professional qualifications and his personal attributes. He is well suited to lead Miami Gardens Police Department;

Whereas, Chief Johnson transferred his police certification to the State of Florida in 1984 and joined the North Miami Police Department. Being promoted to the rank of Major, he oversaw the Patrol, Community Policing and Administration sections of the department. Having worked in a variety of units and divisions—including patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics, and community policing. Chief Johnson garnered both extensive experience and significant accomplishments as a law enforcement professional;

Whereas, in 2010, after serving as North Miami's Interim Police Chief, Mr. Johnson was soon appointed the city's Chief of Police. A year later, he was appointed as Interim City Manager by the North Miami City Council and subsequently selected to serve as City Manager;

Whereas, Chief Johnson takes great pride in sharing his wisdom with young people to positively contribute to their growth and development, Chief Johnson has maintained a commitment and has worked tirelessly for many years to assist children serving as a mentor with and through the 5000 Role Model of Excellence Project;

Whereas, Chief Johnson is an Adjunct Professor with Barry University for the Public Administration/Policy Program, he also

teaches at the University of Phoenix and the Everest Institute; 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 Chief Stephen Johnson for his dedication to his profession, and for his commitment to serve our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DORETHEA BRANCH

HON. DONALD G. DAVIS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dorethea Branch of La Grange who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

For a century, Mrs. Branch has exemplified the values that strengthen our communities: faith, perseverance, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to serving others. Her remarkable life stands as a testament to the profound difference one person can make through leadership and unwavering dedication.

Born in Dudley, North Carolina, on July 5, 1926, Mrs. Branch has called La Grange home for nearly eight decades. Alongside her beloved late husband, Ira Daniel Branch, Jr., she built both a successful family business and a life rooted in service. Together they operated Branch's Grocery Store for more than half a century, creating a neighborhood institution that continues to serve the community today under her ownership.

Mrs. Branch also devoted nearly 30 years to public service with the State of North Carolina. From her work as a social worker to her leadership as Director of Dobbs School in Kinston and later as a division director at the O'Berry Center in Goldsboro, she dedicated her career to improving opportunities and outcomes for some of our State's most vulnerable citizens. Her compassion, professionalism, and commitment earned the respect of colleagues and those whose lives she touched.

Her influence reaches far beyond her professional accomplishments. Mrs. Branch is an active member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in La Grange. She is an Emerita Member of the Board of Mothers and a former president of both the Lela Moore Home Mission Circle and the Daughters of Ebenezer. She has also broken barriers through her civic leadership, becoming the first African American member of the Board of Trustees of UNC Health Lenoir while lending her wisdom and experience to numerous local and statewide boards, commissions, and community organizations.

The many honors she has received over the years reflect a lifetime of extraordinary service. Her century of leadership reminds us that lasting change is built through integrity, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to the common good.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Branch on the extraordinary occasion of her 100th birthday. On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of North Carolina, I thank her for her lifetime of service and wish her continued health, happiness, and many more blessings in the years ahead.

HONORING BISHOP WALTER H.
RICHARDSON

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 honor and congratulate Bishop Walter H. Richardson, a man of God, a well-respected spiritual leader and a beloved husband and father, who is celebrating 49 years as Pastor of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness), in Miami-Dade County.

Bishop Richardson is one of the longest serving pastors in Miami-Dade County. Under Bishop Richardson's leadership, the church has grown to include congregations in Belle Glade, Florida and Valdosta, Georgia. Bishop Richardson is also highly recognized for the work he does in the community through the church's non-profit organization ButIfNot, Incorporated.

Bishop Richardson was called to the ministry at an early age. Under the tutelage of his uncle, the late Elder Thomas J. Richardson, the founding pastor of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness), and Elder Richardson's wife, the late Evangelist M.E. Richardson, a young Bishop Richardson would embody the skills to carry on the legacy begun by his uncle and aunt to lead one of the South Florida's most influential congregations.

On November 30, 1946, Bishop Richardson was ordained an evangelist at The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness). He was named pastor of the church in May of 1965 and elevated to the position of Elder in 1967. He was ordained and installed as the first Bishop of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) in 1996.

Bishop Richardson is the husband of Missionary E.C. Betty Forbes Richardson, the father of Dr. Walter T. Richardson and Elder Alfred J. Richardson, and the stepfather of Clifford J. Forbes and Dobrie Forbes.

Please join me in honoring Bishop Walter H. Richardson for his commitment to spreading the Word of God and for his commitment to his congregation, his family, friends, and to our community.

CONGRATULATING JOHN
CATSIMATIDIS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate John Catsimatidis on being named honorary chairman of Unleash Prosperity.

Unleash Prosperity is dedicated to educating policy makers and the public about policies that have been proven to maximize economic growth and equitable prosperity in America and globally.

Mr. Catsimatidis has been a steadfast supporter of this organization for many years, and this well-deserved recognition reflects his commitment to entrepreneurship, economic growth, and opportunity.

In 2019, he purchased WABC, a New York talk radio show which has since become the