

I rise today to recognize the Reverend Nigel Leon Lovell-Martin, dedicated servant of God, respected spiritual leader, educator, and community activist, who is celebrating 25 years as the Pastor of Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Reverend Lovell-Martin is credited with bringing stability to struggling Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, when he became pastor in 1997, and building, over the past 25 years, a sound foundation for the church that is supported by loyal and dedicated members;

Whereas, Reverend Lovell-Martin has initiated numerous successful ministries at the church that tackle issues facing youth and adults, the poor and the homeless;

Whereas, Reverend Lovell-Martin is an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University, holds a Ph.D., a Masters, and several other degrees in Education and raises money yearly for scholarships to help students further their education;

Whereas, Reverend Lovell-Martin served the Presbyterian Church in various capacities including as commissioner to the 214th and the 219th General Assemblies, commissioner to the 11th stated meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic, presbytery staff and moderator, and Committee/Commissioner on Ministry moderator; 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 recognize Reverend Doctor Nigel Leon Lovell-Martin on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, for his commitment to God, his congregation and our community.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT CALEB PAUL CLOVER

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Caleb Paul Clover of the Anna Illinois Police Department for his act of selfless heroism in the line of duty.

On July 3, 2026, Sergeant Clover was on his way to work at the Anna Police Department when he came upon a head-on collision. As Sergeant Clover approached the wreck, he realized that one of the vehicles was rolled onto its driver's side and was on fire with two passengers, a mother and daughter, still inside.

Without a second thought, Sergeant Clover jumped into action, climbing onto the burning car to open the passenger door. The door, however, was stuck due to the accident. With flames climbing the vehicle Sergeant Clover went for the sunroof, shattering it. He proceeded to climb into the vehicle to cut the seat belts of both passengers. After he removed the first passenger, he realized that the driver was stuck. With the help of a Good Samaritan, they were able to pull the driver from the vehicle as the fire consumed it.

Thankfully, because of Sergeant Clover's quick thinking and courage, he saved the lives of both passengers. He was sent to the hospital after his act of heroism, suffering from cuts and burns sustained from pulling the victims to safety.

The City of Anna will recognize Sergeant Clover for his selfless courage by putting himself in harm's way to save others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Sergeant Caleb Paul Clover for his act of heroism and courage in the face of danger to save lives.

IN MEMORY OF HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Qatar Caucus, I offer my sincerest condolences to the State of Qatar on the passing of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Father Amir of the State of Qatar.

Sheikh Hamad served as Amir of Qatar from 1995 to 2013 helping the Persian Gulf nation become increasingly diplomatic throughout the international community through economic, social, and cultural development.

In 2013, Sheikh Hamad made the decision to abdicate his throne, passing leadership to his son, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. After this transition, he became known as the Father Amir, remembered for his modernization efforts and lasting impact on Qatar.

I am grateful that Qatar has invested greatly in the state of South Carolina and that they host the Al Udeid Air Base, the largest American military base in the Middle East, having invested \$10 billion in financing for its construction.

HONORING GENERAL CHRIS DONAHUE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a warrior, hero, and extraordinary patriot, General Chris Donahue.

General Donahue attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and was commissioned in 1992. Throughout his prestigious career, General Donahue has deployed over 20 times in support of numerous operations including: Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, Atlantic Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, European Assure, Deter and Reinforce, and in support of the Sudan crisis.

In addition to these deployments, General Donahue served as the 39th Commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, and most recently as Commander of U.S. Army Europe and Africa.

I had the pleasure of working alongside General Donahue during his time at Fort Bragg. During this time, we worked hand-in-hand to support the installation, improve readiness, soldier lethality, and build better lives for the servicemembers and their families who called the base home. I am proud to call General Donahue my friend and grateful for his service to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in thanking General Donahue and commending the re-

markable contributions he made to both the United States Army and our country throughout his career.

RECOGNIZING KAROL TOOMER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Karol Toomer, a breast cancer survivor and secretary of Miami, Florida, Chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated.

Ms. Toomer was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008. In September of 2012, Ms. Toomer, who has been a strong advocate for breast cancer awareness, became the Secretary for the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network, Inc., a national African-American breast cancer survivorship organization. Its mission is to address the needs particular to African-American women, the underinsured and the underserved around the country by getting the message out that "we must stop the silence about breast cancer so women can start beating the odds." The organization has since provided a strong support group for hundreds of women with breast cancer, as well as survivors in South Florida.

Experts estimate that about one out of every eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time during her life. The strongest risk factor for breast cancer is age. A woman's risk of developing this disease increases as she gets older. However, thanks to the work Ms. Toomer is doing and improvements in cancer treatment and early detection, millions of women and thousands of men are surviving breast cancer today.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The disease occurs almost entirely in women, but men can get it, too. Today, there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

I am honored to recognize Karol Toomer, a breast cancer survivor and secretary of the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

YOUNG BALD EAGLES SYMBOLIZE AMERICAN FREEDOM AND RESILIENCE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the birth of two bald eaglets at Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio, named "America" and "Independence" in honor of our Nation's 250th birthday.

Born two days apart on March 31, 2026, and April 2, 2026, America and Independence are now almost fully grown and recently embarked on their first flight. As we celebrate their births, let us not forget the special significance the Bald Eagle holds to our country and how this iconic bird's history is intertwined with our own,

Chosen as the Seal of our Nation by our Founding Fathers, the Bald Eagle is a strong and independent, majestic and bold, noble and steadfast creature that embodies the greatest qualities of our Nation. But, not unlike our own history, the Bald Eagle has faced perils of its own.

In the late 1800s, there were 100,000 nesting bald eagles in the contiguous United States, but due to harmful pesticides, illegal hunting, and habitat loss, that number had dropped to only 400 breeding pairs by 1960. As recently as 1978, the Bald Eagle stood on the verge of extinction.

However, due to the collective efforts of American scientists, the enactment of federal laws, including protection under the Endangered Species Act, and most importantly, public support from the American people for the bird's protection, the Bald Eagle has experienced a renaissance.

By 1996, the Bald Eagle's classification was changed from endangered to threatened. The Bald Eagle was officially removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007. There are now 71,467 active nests in the United States, including 964 in Ohio across 87 of its 88 counties.

In many ways, the story of the Bald Eagle mirrors the story of our Nation. From the trials of the Revolutionary War and Civil War to the sacrifices of two World Wars, the tensions of the Cold War, and the challenges of the War on Terror, our Nation has repeatedly faced grave dangers, persevered through adversity, and emerged stronger than before.

So, as we celebrate the birth of the eaglets America and Independence and commemorate 250 years of our Republic, we are reminded that resilience, courage, and renewal remain among our greatest national virtues. And just as these two young eaglets have taken flight over Dayton, so too, does the United States stand ready to soar confidently into its next 250 years.

RECOGNIZING JAMIE BAIN HEDGES ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jamie Bain Hedges upon her retirement as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Fairfax Water after 37 years of dedicated service to Northern Virginia.

Jamie began her career with Fairfax Water as an engineer and steadily rose through the organization. She became Director of Planning and Engineering in 2006, Deputy General Manager in 2019, and General Manager and Chief Executive Officer in 2021. Her career reflects both a deep knowledge of the region's water system and a longstanding commitment to public service.

Under Jamie's leadership, Fairfax Water has continued providing dependable, high-quality water service to communities across Northern Virginia. Today, the utility serves approximately 2.2 million people in the region. Her steady guidance helped the organization respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, severe weather, and the integration of the City of

Fairfax and City of Falls Church water systems.

Jamie also understood that reliable water service depends on thoughtful planning and continued investment in the infrastructure that supports it. Throughout her tenure, she helped position Fairfax Water to meet the region's current needs while preparing for future challenges involving water supply, system maintenance, and environmental protection.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jamie Bain Hedges on her retirement and in thanking her for 37 years of service to Fairfax Water and the people of Northern Virginia. Her leadership has left the organization well prepared to continue serving our community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING LARHONDA LAMPKIN SHARP

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to LaRhonda Lampkin Sharp, a breast cancer survivor, and co-founder and treasurer of the Miami, Florida, Chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated.

Mrs. Sharp was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. In 2011, she and four other breast cancer survivors founded the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network, Inc., a national African-American breast cancer survivorship organization. Its mission is to address the needs particular to African-American women, the underinsured and the underserved around the country by getting the message out that "we must stop the silence about breast cancer so women can start beating the odds." The organization has since provided a strong support group for hundreds of women with breast cancer, as well as survivors in South Florida.

Experts estimate that about one out of every eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time during her life. The strongest risk factor for breast cancer is age. A woman's risk of developing this disease increases as she gets older. However, thanks to the work Mrs. Sharp is doing and improvements in cancer treatment and early detection, millions of women and thousands of men are surviving breast cancer today.

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I am honored to recognize LaRhonda Lampkin Sharp, a breast cancer survivor and co-founder and treasure of the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

HONORING THE PINECREST HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pinecrest High School women's lacrosse team on an undefeated state championship season.

On Friday, May 29, 2026, Head Coach Jacqueline Page and the Pinecrest High School women's lacrosse team capped off a perfect 22-0 season by winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Girls Lacrosse 8A State Championship.

This tremendous achievement is a testament to the team's unity, discipline, and outstanding work ethic. Winning a state championship is a remarkable accomplishment and doing so with an undefeated record makes this achievement even more extraordinary.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional young women of Pinecrest High School's women's lacrosse team. These young leaders have made our community proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today celebrating the Pinecrest High School women's lacrosse team's remarkable undefeated state championship season.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN WOOD

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. John Wood's lifetime of service to the people of Brownsville, Texas, and the Rio Grande Valley.

For decades, Mr. Wood has dedicated his time to strengthening our community through both civic engagement and public service. Before entering elected office, Mr. Wood served as chair of the local chapters of the American Red Cross and United Way, Chairman of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. His dedication to improving the lives of those around him laid the foundation for a distinguished career in public service.

As a Brownsville City Commissioner and Cameron County Commissioner, Mr. Wood earned the trust of his constituents by remaining accessible and attentive to their needs. He successfully secured state funding to rebuild roads, install a new drainage system, lay sidewalks, and install streetlights, delivering critical infrastructure improvements that enhanced neighborhoods and improved the quality of life for countless families.

As a Commissioner on the Brownsville Navigation District Board, Mr. Wood continued to lead with integrity and vision. He advanced reforms to the port's employee retirement fund and raised the minimum wage. Commissioner Wood also advocated for the deepening of the