

professionalism and dedication, he strengthened Fort Bragg's position as the Nation's premier power-projection platform while improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and serve there.

The people of Fort Bragg and the surrounding communities are grateful for Colonel Mixon's leadership and lasting contributions. Colonel Mixon, his wife, Charlotte, and their sons, Chase and Cole, will be deeply missed by the Fort Bragg community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Colonel K. "Chad" Mixon for his distinguished service as Garrison Commander of Fort Bragg and for his more than three decades with the United States Army and in wishing him and his family continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA JOHNSON

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 Patricia Johnson, a breast cancer survivor, and co-founder of the Tenaciously Pink Cancer Support Group at Trinity Church, in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Ms. Johnson was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008. After many years of activism and an advocacy for breast cancer awareness, Ms. Johnson helped found the Tenaciously Pink Cancer Support Group in May of 2012. The support group meets every fourth Sunday. Its mission is to provide spiritual one-on-one support to people undergoing treatment for cancer and comfort the patients, care givers, and their families. Tenaciously Pink also hopes to enable cancer patients/survivors and supporters to look beyond the diagnoses, cope with treatments, and resume living life to its fullest.

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. Johnson 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 Patricia Johnson, a breast cancer survivor and co-founder of the Tenaciously Pink Support Groups, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DAVID HARTMAN

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank WAPT Chief Meteorologist David Hartman for his 40 years of service to Central Mississippi. David Hartman has been one of Mississippi's most trusted voices in weather. David joined 16 WAPT as Chief Meteorologist in 1986 and has helped viewers prepare for some of the state's most dangerous weather events.

Graduating from The Pennsylvania State University in 1983, David studied meteorology and three years after working in South Carolina, moved to Mississippi. He then began his career that made him synonymous with weather coverage across Central Mississippi.

David earned recognition for his commitment to public safety and excellence in forecasting. He has been honored numerous times as Mississippi's Best Television Meteorologist by the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters and the Associated Press. David's work with the 16 WAPT news team earned a Regional Emmy Award for coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and an Edward R. Murrow Award for coverage of the devastating Yazoo City tornado in 2010.

In 1995, David received an Emmy nomination for his half-hour severe weather special, *A Matter of Seconds*, which focused on improving public awareness and preparedness for tornadoes.

WeatherRate recognized David as the Most Accurate Television Weather Forecaster in the Jackson market from 2020 to 2026. His career achievements have also been recognized with induction into the Mississippi Broadcasters Hall of Fame and receiving the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters' Lifetime Achievement Award.

While forecasting the weather was David's primary responsibility, he spent many hours educating the community about weather safety. He spoke in classrooms across Mississippi, helped Scouts earn their merit badges, and served as official meteorologist for events across the state. In 2000, David helped bring the first television Doppler radar to Mississippi, giving 16 WAPT viewers additional minutes of warning during severe weather, helping to save lives.

As the WAPT Chief Meteorologist, David has guided Central Mississippi through hurricanes, tornado outbreaks, winter storms, floods, and countless severe weather events with the calm, steady presence that viewers have come to trust.

David and his wife, Diane, are the proud parents of three children—Allison, Andrew, and Audrey—all named after hurricanes—and grandparents to Sydney and Peyton.

After a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years in broadcasting, David Hartman leaves a legacy defined not only by forecasting accuracy, but by an unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the people of Mississippi. His impact on the community—and on generations of viewers who trusted him when it mattered most will endure for years to come.

I am honored for the opportunity to recognize David's service and celebrate his 40

years of dedication to keeping us informed on the weather across Central Mississippi.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIA McCAA

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Julia McCaa, who sadly passed away on July 4, 2026, reuniting with her beloved husband, Dr. Clea McCaa I.

Julia McCaa spent her life serving others—through ministry, counseling, prayer, support, and unwavering love. She devoted her life to advancing the Kingdom of God by doing everything for His glory.

After graduating from high school, Julia continued her love of learning through her time at Wenonah State Technical College, MTI Business School in Miami, Florida, and Cochise College.

Along with her gift of learning, Julia had the gift of music. As a teenager, she joined her sisters in a gospel singing group named The Three Sisters. Her love of singing continued throughout her life, allowing her to share the Gospel through song in countless settings.

On May 14, 1961, Julia married Dr. Clea McCaa I at Trinity Church of God in Christ in Ensley, Alabama. Their marriage was wholly built on their love of and faith in Christ. Julia faithfully supported her husband throughout his time in the military and ministry as a prayer warrior, unwavering partner, and trusted counselor.

Julia found great joy and fulfillment in her family, as she and her husband were blessed with two wonderful children, Michelle Denise McCaa and Mayor Clea Otis McCaa II. Together, they also shared three beautiful grandchildren, Diondra Julia Denise ("Jul"), Clea Otis III ("Trae"), and Marie Cene ("Reece").

Throughout her life, Julia demonstrated a servant's heart. She committed her time to helping others, serving in the Church of God in Christ, being a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Sierra Vista West End Commissioner, and receptionist at Canyon Vista Medical Center, as well as volunteering with several local and national organizations.

Julia will be greatly missed. She was a light to those around her and all who knew her experienced genuine love, care, and counsel.

May Julia rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING EDITH MORGAN

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 Edith Morgan, founder of the Mom-2-Mom 58 Foundation, in Miami, Florida, a support group for mothers that focuses on issues such as breast cancer, child safety and empowerment, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence and many other topics.

The Mom-2-Mom 58 Foundation is a non-profit faith-based organization that was born

out of the tragic death of the late Kansas City Chief linebacker Derrick Thomas on February 8, 2000. Thomas' death was the result of a car accident; he was not wearing a seatbelt. His mother, Mrs. Morgan, felt a pressing need to get the word out to other mothers about the importance of training our children in the use of seat belts. She also realized there were other issues she wanted to address, wherein she could be of service to the community. In 2006, the Mom-2-Mom 58 Foundation started a breast cancer support group, and each year holds a fundraising walk and spa day for women with breast cancer and survivors. The goal is to empower and to encourage women with breast cancer and survivors of breast cancer.

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. Morgan 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 Edith Morgan, founder of the Mom-2-Mom 58 Foundation, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE DRAGON DREAM TEAM NAMED AS OHIO'S 13TH CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dragon Dream Team as the Ohio 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

The Dragon Dream Team is Ohio's first group of breast cancer survivors participating in the team sport of dragon boating.

I am incredibly proud to celebrate their achievements as they prepare to represent Northeast Ohio next month at the 2026 International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission Participatory Festival in France.

Based in Akron, this team has spent 20 years showing that a breast cancer diagnosis does not define a person's future.

As board member Talie Schroeder shared, every woman in their boat has heard the words, "You have breast cancer," yet every time they push off from the dock, they remind us that a diagnosis is not the end of their story.

I congratulate the Dragon Dream Team on 20 remarkable years and helping show why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is proudly known as the Birthplace of Champions.

I wish them the best in France.

HONORING COLONEL LUKE A. WITTMER ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS GARRISON COMMANDER OF FORT BRAGG

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Luke A. Wittmer on his appointment as Garrison Commander of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Colonel Wittmer entered the United States Army in 2002 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point and receiving his commission as an infantry officer. Throughout his distinguished career, he has served in numerous infantry, Special Forces, operational planning, and senior leadership assignments, including positions with the 101st Airborne Division, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), the Combined Arms Center, and Special Operations Command Central.

Colonel Wittmer has deployed multiple times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve. Most recently, he served as Deputy Commanding Officer for Special Operations Command Central before completing senior service college at the United States Army War College. He brings valuable installation-management experience to Fort Bragg, having previously served as Garrison Commander of the Yakima Training Center in Washington.

Colonel Wittmer's extensive experience, proven leadership, and distinguished record have prepared him well to lead one of the Army's largest and most complex installations. I look forward to working alongside him to strengthen Fort Bragg's readiness, advance critical installation priorities, support military families, and improve the quality of life for all those who live and serve on the installation. I also extend a warm welcome to his wife, Cristy, and their sons, Jack, Cole, and Aaron.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Colonel Luke A. Wittmer on his appointment as Garrison Commander of Fort Bragg and wishing him every success in this important assignment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2026

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2026, which would apply many of the laws that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch to the legislative branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on others.

In 1995, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), which applied 13 existing civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws to the legislative branch. In 2018, after reports of sexual harassment in Congress and in light of the #MeToo movement, Congress passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act (Reform Act), which changed the name of the Office of Compliance to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR),

revised the process to resolve workplace claims and extended CAA protections to unpaid staff, interns, and fellows. It also made Members of Congress personally liable for their own violations of workplace harassment and retaliation laws.

The CAA and the Reform Act were important steps in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but they did not finish the job. As noted, the CAA brought the legislative branch under 13 existing civil rights, labor, and workplace safety and health laws, but it omitted important substantive and procedural protections. OCWR has identified additional federal workplace laws and procedures that should apply to the legislative branch. This bill considers OCWR's recommendations.

This bill would provide general whistleblower protections and make additional Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) anti-retaliation provisions applicable to the legislative branch. This bill would provide subpoena authority to OCWR to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations. It also would provide extended paid parental bereavement leave to legislative branch employees.

This bill would further the CAA's goal of preventing workplace discrimination in the legislative branch by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions based on an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act or Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code.

Finally, this bill would bolster the CAA's recordkeeping requirements. It would apply to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws.

This bill would help restore the public's trust in Congress by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING ADRIAN B. MCCLENNEY

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 Adrian B. McClenney, a breast cancer survivor and cofounder and president of the Miami, Florida, Chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated.

Mrs. McClenney was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. During treatment and her search to find support, she learned about 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." Mrs. McClenney contacted the organization and was so moved by their support and encouragement that in 2012, she and three other breast cancer survivors founded the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network.