

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, 2025, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 113.

I strongly oppose H.J. Res. 78, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt". If enacted this resolution would threaten the recovery of the Longfin Smelt which was listed as endangered in 2024 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is imperative that we allow scientific experts to manage and determine which species are able to be delisted or enlisted.

RECOGNIZING GARY SADLEMYER

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pillar of Nebraska broadcasting, Gary Sadlemyer, who, after nearly five decades behind the microphone at KFAB News Radio, has officially retired.

Since first stepping into KFAB's studio in 1976, Gary's signature voice has been trusted by generations of listeners.

From morning news to Nebraska football broadcasts, Gary's professionalism, wit, and warmth made him not just a radio host, but a friend to his audiences.

Gary's commitment to excellence earned him induction into the Nebraska Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame in 2011. Simply put: Gary's impact on the people of Nebraska will endure long after his final sign-off.

As he steps into his next chapter, Gary will enjoy more time with his kids and grandkids.

Today, I join Nebraskans everywhere in thanking Gary Sadlemyer for his decades of commitment to our state as a superb broadcaster and I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING RODEO HALL OF FAME MEMBER, FLINT RASMUSSEN

HON. TROY DOWNING

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's 250th birthday, Members of Con-

gress from the Treasure State are highlighting exceptional Montanans each month who embody the spirit of our great state and Nation.

Last year, rodeo was officially recognized as Montana's state sport. It's only fitting that the first Montanan I honor is Havre native Flint Rasmussen.

For decades, Flint brought laughter, heart, and unforgettable energy to rodeo arenas across Montana and the country. His natural talent, quick wit, and unmistakable flair captivated audiences wherever he performed.

Making his PBR World Finals debut in 1997, Flint became the dedicated, exclusive in-arena entertainer for PBR's premier tour in 2006. For more than two decades, fans packed arenas not only to watch world-class bull riding, but to be entertained by Flint's iconic performances that became a hallmark of PBR events.

In recognition of his remarkable career, Flint was inducted into the National Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2024 and the Bull Riding Hall of Fame last year. Flint Rasmussen didn't just shape Montana's rodeo culture, he helped define rodeo entertainment across America.

I thank Flint for his innumerable contributions to the fabric of American culture through his life's work. He has made our state and our country proud.

HONORING THE 2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM OF ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2025 varsity football team of St. Mary's High School of Stockton, California, for winning the CIF Division Two AA State Championship and delivering a historic season for their school and community.

The Rams completed the 2025 season with a thirteen-win, two-loss overall record and an undefeated league record, finishing first in conference play. Throughout the regular season, the team demonstrated disciplined execution, explosive scoring, and the ability to compete at a high level against strong opponents. Early setbacks tested the team's resolve, but players remained focused and committed to improvement. That resilience proved essential as the team entered postseason play prepared and confident.

The Rams' playoff run was defined by perseverance and teamwork. Game after game, the team rose to the challenge, earning hard-fought victories through late-game execution and collective effort. Players stepped up in critical moments on both sides of the ball, while coaches and staff reinforced preparation and accountability. This steady approach allowed the team to advance through each round and earn a place in the state championship game.

In the championship contest, the Rams secured a dramatic twenty-four to twenty-one

victory to claim the state title. The win capped a postseason filled with determination, composure under pressure, and trust among teammates. Beyond the scoreboard, the team reflected a deep sense of brotherhood, built through years of shared experience and commitment. Their success brought pride to Stockton and served as a unifying moment for the community.

The 2025 St. Mary's High School football team leaves behind a legacy of excellence, character, and resilience. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these student-athletes, coaches, and supporters on a truly historic achievement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIONEL MENDOZA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Firefighter Lionel Mendoza on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years and 7 months of dedicated service with the Corpus Christi Fire Department. Throughout his distinguished career, Firefighter Mendoza responded to thousands of emergency incidents and served our community with professionalism, courage, and an unwavering commitment to public safety.

Mendoza served at Firehouses 1, 3, 8, 10, and 18, where he earned the respect of his colleagues and set a strong example for generations of firefighters to follow. His leadership, integrity, and devotion to duty have left a lasting impact on the Corpus Christi Fire Department and the community he so faithfully protected.

As he concludes his final shift, we extend our deepest gratitude to Firefighter Mendoza and his family for their sacrifices and service. I congratulate him on a remarkable career and wish him continued success, good health, and fulfillment in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100-year anniversary of the City of Miami Springs, a historic and vibrant community in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Founded in 1926, Miami Springs was envisioned as a planned community that blended thoughtful design, natural beauty, and a strong sense of civic pride. From its earliest days, the city distinguished itself through its distinctive architecture, tree-lined streets, and commitment to preserving green spaces, creating a unique character that endures to this day.

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Over the past century, Miami Springs has grown into a close-knit community that values public service, cultural heritage, and local engagement. Its residents have played an integral role in the economic, civic, and social fabric of South Florida, contributing to the region's growth while maintaining the small-town spirit that makes Miami Springs special.

The city's centennial is not only a celebration of its past, but also a recognition of the generations of residents, public servants, educators, first responders, and local leaders whose dedication has shaped its success. Their commitment to community, stewardship, and neighborly values serves as a model for cities across our Nation.

As Miami Springs marks this historic milestone, I commend its residents and leaders for preserving the city's legacy while preparing for the opportunities and challenges of the next century. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the City of Miami Springs on 100 years of history, resilience, and community, and I wish it continued prosperity for generations to come.

COSPONSORING THE STOP EXCESSIVE FORCE IN IMMIGRATION ACT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to cosponsor the Stop Excessive Force in Immigration Act. I look forward to working with the bill's authors through the legislative process to improve important details of that bill.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENT GROCERS ALLIANCE

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Independent Grocers Alliance. Founded in 1926 by Chicago entrepreneur J. Frank Grimes, IGA began with a bold and simple vision: to bring together independent grocery stores under one banner to provide local communities with quality products, fair prices, and personalized service. Over the past century, that vision has grown into a powerful global alliance of thousands of independently owned grocery stores serving towns and cities across America and around the world.

From its earliest days, IGA has embodied the spirit of Main Street America: entrepreneurial, community-minded, and deeply committed to service. Its member stores are often family-owned businesses that have supported local jobs, sponsored youth sports teams, and supplied fresh food to rural and urban neighborhoods alike. Through wars, economic downturns, and changing retail trends, IGA retailers have continued to adapt, innovate, and thrive.

Today, as the grocery industry evolves through technology and shifting consumer

needs, IGA's enduring commitment to local ownership and community engagement remains as strong as ever. The alliance's focus on innovation, local food and support for local businesses, and customer care ensures that independent grocers will continue to play a vital role in our Nation's food system for the next hundred years.

I am proud to join my colleagues in celebrating this milestone and in recognizing IGA's century-long dedication to the people and places that define America's Main Streets. I extend my warmest congratulations to the Independent Grocers Alliance on its 100th anniversary and wish continued success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING ROB McCARTNEY'S OUTSTANDING KETV CAREER

HON. MIKE FLOOD

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a key figure of Nebraska journalism and cornerstone of KETV's newsroom, Rob McCartney.

Over 40 years covering the Nebraska-Iowa area, Rob became a trusted, reliable voice for generations of Nebraskans. After 33 years at KETV, Rob's impact on our state's media landscape is nothing short of significant.

The breadth of Rob's career was reaffirmed when he recently accepted the Nebraska Broadcasters Association's award for Best Election Coverage on behalf of KETV.

Whether reporting on our Huskers, traveling with the Nebraska National Guard overseas, or sharing the inspiring recovery of an Omaha police officer, Rob's dedication to journalism built an incredible legacy.

While his final broadcast was a bittersweet moment for Nebraska, the broadcast journalist who guided us through triumphs and trials finally now has more time with his family. I congratulate Rob on an extraordinary career. Happy retirement.

CELEBRATING ELIZABETH SCHANNE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Schanne, a remarkable constituent who is celebrating her 100th birthday. Elizabeth was born on January 13, 1926, in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Cecilian Academy, beginning a life marked by faith, service, and creativity.

Elizabeth was introduced to her husband of 65 years, Lt. Francis A. Schanne, by her best friend Mary Moriarty. They were married on November 10, 1944, during World War II, and moved to Fallbrook, California, where Francis served in the United States Navy. During this time, Elizabeth assisted the Navy Purser, ensuring servicemen received their pay. She later worked as a ballroom dancing instructor at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Boston

while Frank completed his engineering degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The couple returned to the Philadelphia area, where Frank worked for DeLaval in Trenton, and they raised five children. In the 1950s, Elizabeth earned the title of Miss Artisan of Ocean City, New Jersey. The family later settled in Newtown, Pennsylvania, where Elizabeth and Frank became active members of Saint Andrew Catholic Church. Elizabeth shared her artistic talents through sewing, needlepoint, knitting, oil painting, and by teaching ballroom dancing to local youth at the George School.

Elizabeth also served the community through her involvement in the Saint Andrew Church Centennial celebration, the Newtown Bicentennial celebration, and the efforts that helped bring Saint Mary's Hospital into existence. She is also well known throughout Bucks County for her distinguished career as a Realtor, beginning in 1962, serving generations of families for more than five decades before retiring at age 75 to care for her husband.

Never one to slow down, Elizabeth took up step dancing at age 75 and performed in local shows and parades, including the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, she continues to serve others at the Holland Senior Living Community by praying with fellow residents. Elizabeth is the proud mother of five, grandmother of twelve, great-grandmother of eighteen, and great-great-grandmother of two.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and God's blessings to Elizabeth Schanne on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

SUPPORTING H.R. 7006

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the FY2026 Financial Services and General Government and National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act.

Due to the perseverance of my colleagues, Ranking Members DELAURO, HOYER, and FRANKEL, the legislation before us protects funding for Democratic priorities, reasserts Congress's power of the purse, and rejects Republicans' poison pill riders.

The fiscal year 2026 National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations bill upholds U.S. leadership abroad and invests into vital programs that support humanitarian aid, development, and democracy building. This bill, while imperfect, rebukes President Trump's attacks on foreign aid by allocating \$5.5 billion for humanitarian assistance, \$9.4 billion to support the State Department's Diplomatic Programs, and \$3.5 billion for global health programs that support maternal and child health and fighting infectious diseases. All of these areas were cut significantly in the President's budget and the House Republican appropriations bill. In addition to the improvements made to humanitarian assistance programs, this bill also makes strides in international conservation