Supervisor and earning high honors, including: 8th Security Forces Squadron Senior NCO of the Year at Kunsan Air Base in Korea, Shift Chief of the Year at Beale Air Force Base, and Military Volunteer of the Year at Patrick Air Force Base.

Following his military service, Bill continued to protect and serve his community here at home. Across two decades with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Bill served in nearly every capacity, from Dispatcher and Patrol Deputy to Detective, Crime Scene Investigator, and Courthouse Security Officer. His excellence in law enforcement was repeatedly recognized by his peers, earning him Nassau County Deputy of the Year in 2008, Detective of the Year in 2012, and the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award in 2018. Beyond his professional career, Bill's heart for service shines in everything he does. A dedicated community leader, Bill has mentored generations of young people through the Boy Scouts of America for over twenty years, serving as Scout Leader for Troop 152 in Yulee, District Commissioner, and receiving the prestigious Silver Beaver Award in 2018. He is also an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Yulee Lions Club, Callahan Lodge No. 32 F&AM, and Amelia Baptist Church. Mr. Speaker, Bill Anno's life is a masterclass in civic duty, selflessness, and devotion to community and country.

On behalf of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to Bill Anno for keeping us safe, guiding our youth, and serving Nassau County with honor and distinction. We wish him and his family all the very best in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING MIAMI GARDENS COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA ROBINSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Miami Gardens Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, a breast cancer awareness advocate and founder of Miami Gardens' Breast Cancer Awareness ''Pink Week'', in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Councilwoman Robinson became an advocate for breast cancer awareness and the fight to find a cure after the death of her aunt, who died from breast cancer in 1997. Over the years she participated in and sponsored numerous fund-raising events throughout South Florida. On October 27, 2012, Miami Gardens will hold its first Breast Cancer Awareness ''Pink Week'' under Ms. Robinson's direction and leadership. Seven days of activities and fund raisers will be held across Miami Gardens. The goal is to empower, encourage and pamper women with breast cancer, as well as breast cancer survivors.

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. Robinson 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 Miami Gardens Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, a breast cancer awareness advocate and founder of Miami Gardens' Breast Cancer Awareness ''Pink Week,'' for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND ENDURING LEGACY OF STAFF SERGEANT ANGEL SARAH RAMPERSAD

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life, service, and enduring legacy of Staff Sergeant Angel Sarah Rampersad, a proud daughter of Carol and Basdeo Rampersad, whose extraordinary courage, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our nation will never be forgotten. Staff Sergeant Rampersad embodied the profound ideals of our country and the resilient spirit that defines our community of Queens.

Born in Trinidad and Tobago, Angel immigrated to the United States with her mother and sister at just two and a half years old, embracing the belief in the institutions and opportunities this nation offered while never losing sight of the values of family, faith, and service. She began her education at Narissa's Daycare before attending P.S. 108 in the heart of Queens M.S. 202 in Ozone Park, and later Forest Hills High School, where she graduated in 2015. She continued her education at John Jay College, where she obtained a degree in Criminal Justice, and discovered that her greatest calling was one of service. Determined to protect the nation that had become her home, she enlisted in the United States Army in 2019 and quickly distinguished herself through exceptional leadership, discipline, and commitment to duty, rising to the rank of Sergeant in just three years.

Throughout her military career, Staff Sergeant Rampersad served with honor across the globe. She was stationed in Hawaii before serving in Germany as a Signal Operations Support Specialist, where she supported critical communications missions and assignments throughout Europe. Most recently, she answered the call of duty once again and deployed to Jordan where she made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. Her devotion to duty reflected not only her love for her country, but also served as a reflection of her family's values that she cherished dear to her heart.

Whether it was serving her community, supporting her fellow soldiers, or encouraging those around her, Angel led with humility, kindness, and grace. She will long be remembered by those who knew her dearly as an eternal symbol of strength, unwavering compassion, and infectious bundle of joy that left a mark on every life she encountered.

Staff Sergeant Angel Sarah Rampersad's legacy is one of courage that embodies the heart and soul of Queens. Her life is a testament to the promise of America and to the countless men and women who bravely answer the call of duty to serve with honor and conviction. I honor not only a decorated soldier, but also a beloved daughter, wife, sister, friend, and Queens Borough hero. May we forever remember Staff Sergeant Angel Sarah Rampersad for her extraordinary service, cherish the example she set for future generations, and remain forever grateful for the sacrifices she made on behalf of our Nation.

IN MEMORY OF SHARON LOWRY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of a dear friend and community leader, Washington Township Trustee Sharon Lowry, who passed away at the age of 81 on July 21, 2026.

Sharon Lowry was an extraordinary woman who set an inspiring example of a life well-lived. She was a dedicated community servant, a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother, and a friend to many. She literally worked until her last day on this earth to make the community she loved a better place to live and raise a family.

Sharon was elected to the Washington Township Board of Trustees in 2018. She served as trustee president in 2020 and 2022, and as vice president in 2019, 2021, 2024 and 2026. She was the Township's delegate to the First Tier Suburbs Consortium from 2018 to 2022, served on the Montgomery County Emergency Communications Policy Committee for three years, and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for one year.

During her tenure on the Board, Sharon oversaw the construction of a new fire station, hired a new township administrator, and began expansion on the RecPlex, a popular public recreation center. She served on the Montgomery County Land Bank Board from 2020 to 2024, and helped support the Land Bank's mission of revitalizing neighborhoods and creating opportunities throughout Montgomery County.

In addition to her years of public service, Sharon earned a Master of Education degree from Wright State University, and was an assistant superintendent at Great Oaks Joint Vocational School District in southwest Ohio.

She was also active in a variety of civic, service, and charitable organizations in the Miami Valley, including chair of the Centerville Women's Civic Club Scholarship Committee, and was a member of the board for Sophie's Companions for Veterans, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton, and the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.Through these organizations and others, her good work touched the lives of many.

On behalf of all of us who had the privilege of knowing Sharon and working alongside her, I offer her family my heartfelt condolences. I pray that her husband Bob, their children Jeffrey and Melissa, and their six grandchildren

may find comfort as they reflect on the many loving memories they enjoyed with Sharon through 58 years of love and marriage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life and memory of this beloved and respected community leader.

RECOGNIZING THE QUINCY-COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary milestone in the history of American reclamation, Western agriculture, and responsible local stewardship.

On June 30, 2026, the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District in Quincy, Washington, made its final construction repayment obligation associated with its portion of the Columbia Basin Project.

This is more than the closing of an account. It is the fulfillment of a promise made across generations.

The Columbia Basin Project is one of the great infrastructure achievements in the history of the American West.

At the center of the Project is the Grand Coulee Dam, one of America's most remarkable public works.

Through the Project's pumping plants, reservoirs, canals, laterals, and drains, water from the Columbia River is lifted, stored, delivered, reused, and put to beneficial use.

What was once arid ground today serves over 700,000 irrigated acres sustaining the production of potatoes, apples, wheat, corn, hay, grapes, livestock, and many other crops.

It also supports processors, equipment dealers, truck drivers, local banks, schools, small businesses, and rural communities whose futures are tied to the land.

Today, the Columbia Basin Project supports a diverse agricultural landscape that helps feed families across the country and around the world.

So we honor the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District, its irrigators, its landowners, its employees, and the generations of Central Washington families who made this achievement possible.

I congratulate the District on this historic accomplishment, and I took forward to the continued success of Central Washington agriculture for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING DEMETRES L. PARRISH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Demetres L. Parrish, a co-founder and membership chairwoman of the Miami, Florida Chapter of Sisters Network Incorporated.

In 2011, Ms. Parrish, an advocate for breast cancer awareness joined with three breast cancer survivors to found 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 and 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. Parrish 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 Demetres L. Parrish, a co-founder and membership Chairwoman of the Miami Chapter of Sisters Network, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DENNIS MIETZ

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dennis Mietz, President of Brighton Volunteer Ambulance (BVA), whose extraordinary dedication to emergency medical services and unwavering commitment to the Rochester community left an indelible mark on countless lives. I was fortunate to know Dennis as both a colleague and a friend over many years, and I saw firsthand the dedication defining his life of service.

For nearly four decades, Dennis served the BVA with exceptional distinction, becoming its longest-serving member and one of its most respected leaders. Throughout his remarkable tenure, he served as an Emergency Medical Technician, Critical Care EMT, member of the Board of Directors, and ultimately President of the Board. In every role, he helped shape the organization's future while mentoring generations of volunteers and earning the admiration of colleagues, patients, and friends alike.

Dennis's legacy extends far beyond the remarkable milestones of his service. Over the course of his career, he devoted more than 30,000 volunteer hours, helped save approximately 120 lives, and assisted in the delivery of eight babies. Those who knew him will remember him not only for these extraordinary accomplishments, but for his compassion and steadfast belief that the greatest leaders are those who listen first. Whether responding to an emergency, mentoring a new EMT, or guiding the organization through challenges, Dennis led with wisdom and an unwavering commitment to serving others. Beyond his distinguished service in emergency medicine, Dennis was an accomplished commercial airline pilot and Division I hockey player, exemplifying a lifelong pursuit of excellence in every endeavor he pursued.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dennis Mietz and celebrating his extraordinary legacy of service and compassion. Having had the privilege of working alongside Dennis throughout the years, I know his absence will be deeply felt by all who had the opportunity to know him. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the entire Brighton Volunteer Ambulance community. His selfless devotion to others enriched the lives of so many, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of first responders and community leaders throughout Rochester and beyond.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF NORMA WILSON GREGORY

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the 100th birthday of my constituent, Mrs. Norma Wilson Gregory.

Norma was born on August 2, 1926, and grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the middle child of five, with older brother Walter, older sister Jeanne, and two younger brothers, Herb and Gordon. As a child, she was something of a tomboy to keep up with her older brother Walter who was only ten months older. She also was an avid reader, often taking a book and the family dog on a walk to climb and sit in a tree, reading for hours, with the dog sitting guard at the base of the tree.

The name Norma means ''hard working and vivacious'' in Latin, and those who know and love her say that is an incredibly apt description. Anything she puts her mind to, she can master. From hanging wallpaper, painting, and making braided rugs, to gardening, arranging flowers, and baking and cooking, she was a woman of many talents.

Her talents allowed her to thrive professionally, having a successful 30-year career as a realtor. She loved selling houses and had the wonderful ability to visualize how a couple could fix up a house and make it their own.

Away from work, she became an avid bird watcher, traversing the globe to see birds in Northern Africa and Belize. She still to this day watches the birds at her feeder, including four male goldfinches who often come to the feeder at the same time and put on quite a show. While bird watching started to spend time with her beloved husband, Jim Gregory, she continues to experience the joy it can bring to its enthusiasts.

Jim Holmwood Gregory was not just the one who introduced her to bird watching, he was her greatest love and husband of 54 years. Norma met James when she was living in Kansas City with her aunt, Muriel. One day she ended up having all of her wisdom teeth pulled, and Aunt Muriel decided a night on the town would take her mind off of her teeth. Sure enough, James and his colleagues were