in town on business and happened to be at the same local nightclub as Norma, and it was love at first sight. Eight months later, after a lot of visits and correspondence between the two, they were married in East Aurora, New York on May 24, 1947. They had a wonderful marriage and four children: Kim, John, Jamie, and Mark.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Norma Wilson Gregory on her 100th Birthday. Cheers to countless memories and adventures, and cheers to many more.

RECOGNIZING INTRUST BANK'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY DURING AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, in November, INTRUST Bank will celebrate 150 years of serving the Wichita community, during the same year our Nation celebrates its 250th anniversary.

INTRUST Bank was founded in 1876 in Wichita, when our Nation was celebrating its first 100 years, and Wichita was a small town on the Chisholm Trail. Since then, INTRUST Bank has been led by five generations, maintained a strong community presence, and expanded into neighboring states.

This institution, rooted in the patriotism of our country and the pride of the Kansas plains, has not only watched changes and growth of the past 150 years but has accelerated it. Throughout its history, INTRUST Bank has built trust through a commitment to its employees and customers.

While this milestone for INTRUST Bank is impressive, it is even more meaningful that it coincides with the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. As we celebrate 250 years and look toward the next 250 years, I have full confidence that INTRUST Bank will continue to be a critical piece of our nation's story.

I'm grateful that INTRUST Bank has been part of this community and continues to invest in the people of south central Kansas and our region. I look forward to seeing the growth of INTRUST Bank for many more years to come. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Kansas, I congratulate them on their sesquicentennial.

COMMENDING CHIEF LEONARD BURGESS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leonard Burgess was appointed on June 8, 2014 to the position of Police Chief for the North Miami Police Department in Miami-Dade County Florida. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Chief Burgess is a long-standing and progressive law enforcement officer well suited to lead North Miami Police Department. Having started his law enforcement career in North Miami Florida in 1984, he spent the past 29 years amassing, diversifying and refining his professional qualifications and his personal attributes;

Whereas, during his 20-year tenure with the Miami-Dade Police Department, Chief Burgess diligently and effectively served in numerous capacities, during this period he advanced from the rank of police officer to the position of Division Chief, where he was responsible for managing and supervising hundreds of personnel;

Whereas, from October of 2006 through December 2006, Chief Burgess was appointed and served as interim Director of the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department. Later, again he responded to the call for service when he was requested and voluntarily returned as the Department's Deputy Director;

Whereas, as the father of three children, Chief Burgess takes great pride in sharing his wisdom with young people to positively contribute to their growth and development. Chief Burgess has maintained a commitment and has worked tirelessly for more than 15 years to assist children serving as a mentor with and through the 5000 Role Model of Excellence Program;

Whereas, prior to his serving the South Florida communities of Miami-Dade County and North Miami Florida, Chief Burgess proudly served his Country in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged after service was complete; 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 Leonard Burgess for his dedication to his profession, and his commitment to serve others and maintain a pledge to commitment and to personal involvement and assuming leadership roles.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK LaLOTA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, during consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act, I inadvertently voted ''aye'' on Grothman Amendment No. 316 when my intention was to vote ''no.''

I regret this error. Had I been able to vote as intended, I would have voted ''no'' on Grothman Amendment No. 316.

HONORING THE 2026 SUMMER INTERN CLASS

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the amazing interns who spent their summer serving the people of California's 20th Congressional District. As their summer internships come to an end, I want to sincerely express my gratitude to Sydney Calderwood and Esmeralda Martinez for their service in my Bakersfield, California office, and to Logan McLoughlin, Isabella Stroia, and Cara Gallen for their contributions to my Washington, D.C. office.

Whether serving in my district office or D.C. office, these interns worked tirelessly for our constituents and country, demonstrating a strong willingness to learn and showing their drive and thoughtfulness during their time here. The work done by each of them has helped my team's efforts immensely, and I hope this experience will help them make even stronger contributions in whatever they choose to pursue. I truly look forward to seeing the impact they will have on their endeavors in the years ahead.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NINA OZLU TUNCELI

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nina Ozlu Tunceli on the occasion of her retirement. For more than three decades, Nina has been one of the most tireless and effective advocates for the arts in America. Nina understands something fundamental: not only do the arts enrich our lives, they are also a key component of vibrant, economically strong communities.

Since 1993, Nina has served as Chief Counsel of Government and Public Affairs at Americans for the Arts, and since 2004, as the founding Executive Director of the Americans for the Arts Action Fund. In that time, she built a network of 450,000 grassroots activists, built relationships with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, and made the case that support for the arts is not a partisan issue—it is an American one.

Nina has helped secure some of the most consequential arts policy wins of the past thirty years. In 2009, she led the ''Arts = Jobs'' campaign, which secured $50 million in federal support for the arts in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. During the pandemic, she helped secure critical relief for artists and arts organizations through the CARES Act, the Economic Aid Act, and the American Rescue Plan. Then, Nina established Zoom Office Hours with Nina where she devoted time to personally walking artists and small arts organizations through how to access that essential aid. She built the National Arts Advocacy Day into a Capitol Hill institution. Through ArtsVote, Nina ensured that voters across the country understood what was at stake for the arts in every election.

I had the privilege of working with Nina throughout my time in Congress, especially during my leadership of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. Nina has been a constant, trusted partner in the subcommittee's work to fund the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Nina provided the subcommittee with data and brought with her the voices of artists and arts organizations from every corner of the country. That partnership made our subcommittee's work stronger, and it strengthened the case for federal arts funding.

Mr. Speaker, a career like Nina's isn't just measured in legislation passed or funding secured. It's measured in the local arts agencies

still standing, the artists who kept working through moments of crisis, and the generation of advocates she trained and inspired along the way.

On behalf of everyone who has ever benefited from a stronger, more visible case for the arts in this country, I want to thank Nina Ozlu Tunceli for 30 years of extraordinary service. I wish her the very best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING CATHERINE A. MINNIS

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 Catherine A. Minnis, a strong and well-known advocate for breast cancer awareness in South Florida.

In 2006, Ms. Minnis overcame a cancer scare when a lump found by her doctor turned out to be benign. That same year, a former boss died from breast cancer. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Minnis joined the Dade-Monroe Unit of The American Cancer Society and was named Volunteer of the Year for her activism in the fight against breast cancer and for raising nearly 400,000 dollars for cancer research. A coffee-table book with stories from breast cancer survivors written by Ms. Minnis to empower, educate and encourage women with breast cancer and breast cancer survivors, will be released in November of 2012.

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. Minnis 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 Catherine A. Minnis, a long-term advocate for breast cancer awareness, for her dedication and commitment to our community and the fight against breast cancer.

HONORING SANDY AND OLE JAEGER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lives of Sandy and Ole Jaeger. Sandy and Ole met in Denmark in 1960 and were married for 65 years, many of which they spent in their home in Georgetown, Maine. They both passed away this year at the age of 90.

One of my favorite parts of serving as a Member of Congress is hearing from my constituents. It is fair to say Sandy and Ole were some of my most engaged constituents in Maine's 1st District. They believed more than anything in the importance of speaking up for the changes you want to see in local, state, and federal government.

I met Sandy and Ole when they volunteered for my campaign when I ran for Senate in 2002. Over the years, they have contacted me and other legislators, made phone calls, and written hundreds of letters to the editor on countless issues. Most recently, Sandy and Ole shared their own experiences in order to stand up for the rights and dignity of Maine's elderly population.

Sandy and Ole never stopped advocating for the causes they believed in and gave their time and support to local organizations including Boy Scouts, Association of Special Children and Families, AARP, Natural Resources Council of Maine, Age Friendly Georgetown, and the Maine Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer. They dedicated their lives to making Maine communities more vibrant and connected.

Sandy wrote to me in March of this year through her work with the Coalition to Fight Prostate Cancer. She added at the end of the note, "P.S. Ole died in September. We were married for 65 years and loved it all." Maine is better off thanks to the tireless advocacy and bountiful love of Sandy and Ole.

We are so grateful for their activism and the compassionate and giving lives they led in our state. I extend my deepest condolences to their family, including their children, Eric, Carl, Joseph, and Anna Sofia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAT MCCLELLAN

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Pat McClellan, the legendary owner of the Flora-Bama, a true icon of Northwest Florida and the Gulf Coast, and a dear personal friend.

I had the privilege of knowing Pat for more than 20 years. Beyond his success as a visionary businessman, Pat was a veteran who served on the USS Lexington after graduating from the Navy Flight Program, a dedicated community leader, and a man who believed deeply that the best things in life were simple and shared. His impact on our community and countless lives cannot be overstated.

Pat had a rare gift for bringing people from every walk of life together through music, laughter, and genuine fellowship. Pat's generosity, larger-than-life personality, and unwavering love for Northwest Florida had a lasting mark on everyone who had the opportunity to know him. His legacy will live on through the memories created at the Flora-Bama and through the many people whose lives he touched.

Katie and I send our heartfelt condolences to Pat's wife, Sheryl, family, friends, and the entire Flora-Bama family during this deeply difficult time. We join our entire community in praying for them as they mourn this tremendous loss.

May Pat McClellan rest in peace, and may his memory continue to inspire all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Health Center Week and celebrate the vital role Community Health Centers play in improving the health and well-being of millions of Americans. This week, we honor the dedicated health professionals, staff, and leaders who make these centers a trusted source of care for communities across the United States.

For nearly 60 years, Community Health Centers have been a cornerstone of our Nation's health care system, delivering high-quality, comprehensive care to 52 million patients across more than 17,000 communities. These centers are a critical part of New York's primary care safety net, serving more than 2.5 million patients across 900 sites. Nearly 60 percent of New York's Community Health Center patients are enrolled in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

These centers, which include our Capital Region's own Whitney Young Health Center and Hometown Health Centers, deliver integrated, whole-person care to patients and families who need it most. This includes primary and preventive care, behavioral health services, substance use disorder treatment, dental care, vision care, and other essential services. With more than $9.2 million in federal investments, these sites serve more than 36,983 patients, providing life-saving care that builds healthier communities throughout the Capital Region. I have been proud to help deliver federal support for these Community Health Centers, including funding to create a new dental clinic at Hometown Health Centers and establish a community-based dental residency program at Whitney Young Health Center. These investments ensure more Capital Region residents can access the care they need close to home.

As we recognize the vital role of Whitney Young Health Center and Hometown Health Centers, we celebrate their longstanding commitment to deliver equitable, accessible care to patients in our region and beyond.

RECOGNIZING ATTORNEY LARRY R. HANDFIELD

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 a South Florida philanthropist and public servant, Attorney Larry R. Handfield, who is the first graduate of Bethune-Cookman University, located in Daytona Beach, Florida, to have two on-campus buildings named in his honor, the "Dr. Larry R. Handfield Athletic Training Center" and the "Dr. Larry R. Handfield Music Building."