

influence, Psychological Operations, and Civil Affairs activities across five Theater Special Operations Commands and more than 80 countries. His storied career reflects an unwavering commitment to soldiers, military families, and the defense of our Nation. Because of his service, the United States, our allies, and communities around the world are safer and more secure.

I am grateful for Colonel Wilcox's service to Fort Bragg and to the United States Army. I also extend my sincere appreciation to his wife, Nellie, and their three children, Hannah, Aiden, and Lukas, for their support throughout his distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Colonel John Wilcox upon his retirement from the United States Army and wishing him and his family continued success as they move on to their next great adventure.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROMOTING NATIONAL SERVICE AND REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Promoting National Service and Reducing Unemployment Act to address one of the greatest workforce tragedies—our unemployed young people—by adding 500,000 new members to AmeriCorps. Youth unemployment is harming our young people and costing our country billions of dollars each year in lost productivity and tax revenue, among other costs. Although the total unemployment rate has reached a relative low (4.2 percent), the youth unemployment rate is 10.8 percent. These young people have not had a fair chance to use the high school or college education we strongly urged them to obtain.

By adding 500,000 new members to AmeriCorps, this bill would allow unemployed youth to earn a stipend, obtain work experience, and provide valuable public service. AmeriCorps participants receive a living allowance and are also eligible for an education award equal to the value of a Pell Grant, school-loan forbearance, health care benefits, and childcare assistance.

This bill would also establish that the minimum wage for any AmeriCorps State and National member is 200 percent of the federal poverty line and would not allow for a decrease in that amount, as is allowed under current law. AmeriCorps members serve their country and gain skills, but we should increase the minimum wage for everyone, including national service members.

For some time, it has been clear that policies to address the most stubborn forms of unemployment need to be targeted in order to be effective. Without significant targeting, many young people will continue to face their first years as adults without jobs and with no way to acquire necessary work experience. Young people deserve a better start in life as adults.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ROBERT "BOB" HUTCHINSON, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a man who spent his whole life mending the hearts of others—Mr. Robert "Bob" Hutchinson, Sr., who was called home to glory on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at the age of 77, in the city he loved and served for so long, Albany, Georgia. There are homes across Southwest Georgia tonight where the light seems a little dimmer, because a man who spent his life turning the lights on for children has finally laid down his own. A homegoing service to celebrate his remarkable life was held on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.

Bob was born on July 19, 1949, in Ocala, Florida, to the late Clemm and Ethlene Blakely Hutchinson. He answered a calling early and never once stopped serving. After graduating from high school in 1967, he enlisted in the United States Army and gave to his country the same devotion he would later give to a generation of children who needed him more than they had words to say. For more than forty-five years, Bob made a quiet holy promise to every child who crossed his path—that no matter where they came from, no matter what they carried, they would have a safe place to belong, a mentor who believed in them, and a chance to become who God made them to be.

His life's work found its home in Albany, at the Cedar Avenue Boys and Girls Club and there it grew into a legacy that touched an entire region. Rising to Director of Operations and ultimately to Chief Professional Officer, Bob led the Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany and from three locations to eleven, until more than five thousand young people were being loved, fed, taught, and lifted every single day. He planted Club sites in schools, in churches, in housing communities—anywhere a hurting child might be—because he could not bear the thought of one boy or one girl being too far from a hand that would reach for them. And in 1995, he flung the doors open to girls as well, because in Bob's heart there was not one child on this earth who did not deserve to be believed in.

The world gave Bob its honors, and they were many—Leadership Albany, the Law Day USA Liberty Bell Award, the Herman Prescott Award, the David Roark Light the Path Award, and in 2016, induction into the Georgia Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame. He earned every one. But Mr. Speaker, I stand here to testify that Bob Hutchinson's name is written in a greater Hall of Fame than any this world can offer.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews records what the saints have long called the Hall of Faith—God's own roll call of the faithful. By faith Abraham. By faith Moses. By faith Sarah. These are the men and women who, Scripture says, "all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off." And of one of them the Word says something that could have been written for Bob Hutchinson himself: "he being dead yet speaketh." Mr. Speaker, that is Bob. He is gone from us—but

he is not silent. He still speaks. He speaks every time a child he mentored chooses hope over despair. He speaks every time a young man who had no father remembers the man who chose to father him anyway. He speaks in ten thousand lives, and he will go on speaking long after every one of us in this Chamber has been forgotten.

You do not measure a man like Bob by buildings or by plaques. You measure him by the frightened child who walked through a Club door with his head down and walked back out with his head up. You measure him by the boys and girls—now grown into teachers, ministers, business owners, mothers, and fathers—who still cannot speak his name without their voices breaking. Somewhere tonight there is a grown man who learned to tie his shoes, to shake a hand, to look another person in the eye, because Bob Hutchinson took the time. That man will carry Bob with him to his own grave, and hand him to his children after that. This is the true Hall of Fame—the one written not in bronze, but in the living hearts of the people he refused to give up on.

Through all of it, beside this remarkable man stood the love of his life, his devoted wife of fifty-five years, Lula Peterson Hutchinson. Fifty-five years. Through every trial and every triumph, she never let go of his hand. Together they raised three children—Rodney, Michelle, and Robert, Jr.—and were blessed with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. And among the countless he fathered was his devoted protégé, Marvin Laster, who loved him not as a supervisor but as a daddy. When a man's employees weep for him like sons, they have learned everything they will ever need to know about how he lived.

Mr. Speaker, the Scripture says we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." Bob Hutchinson has taken his place in that number now. And so, on behalf of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,00 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in mourning his loss and celebrating his life. To Lula, to his children, grandchildren, and to the countless sons and daughters of Southwest Georgia who called him family—we grieve with them, and we thank God for the gift of him. Rest now, Bob. Well done, good and faithful servant. He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith—and generations yet unborn will rise up and call him blessed.

IN MEMORY OF JILLIAN OLSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the life of Master Deputy Jillian Olson, a true South Carolina hero, who dedicated her life to protecting and serving others. My wife, Roxanne, my staff, and I send prayers to her family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. May God Bless the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. I include in the RECORD an inspiring obituary provided by Cauthman-Harman Funeral Home:

Jillian was born on March 29, 1997, in Evanston, Illinois, and raised in Northbrook and Buffalo Grove, Illinois, where her adventurous spirit, determination, and love for family first took root.

From an early age, Jillian dreamed of moving south and serving in law enforcement. She attended Western Illinois University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration with minors in Political Science and Women's Studies in 2019; and her Master of Science in College Student Personnel Services in 2021. After graduation, she followed her dreams of moving south and made Lexington, South Carolina, her home in 2021, along with her beloved dog, Pudge. She later welcomed Levi and Ziggy into her family and was a loving dog mom to all three until her passing.

Jillian was sworn in as a Lexington County Sheriff Deputy on June 14, 2021, by Sheriff Jay Koon. In 2023, Jillian received the Sheriff's Tactical Operations Support Award, in recognition of her contributions to the department. Jillian joined the Lexington County Sheriff's Department Dive Team in May 2024. Her willingness to volunteer for specialized assignments reflected her dedication to serving both the department and her community above and beyond what was required for her position. She was promoted to Master Deputy of the Warrant Division in March 2025, and Jillian quickly established herself as a dependable leader who consistently sought ways to improve operations and support those around her. Jillian's commitment to excellence continued to be recognized throughout her career. She was named the 2025 Outstanding Judicial Services Deputy by the Lexington County Sheriff's Foundation in March of this year. This award recognized her exceptional initiative, leadership, and the lasting impact of the job tools she had created for fellow and future deputies of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. Her contributions to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department will continue to benefit future deputies, and her dedication, character, and legacy will not be forgotten.

Outside of work, Jillian embraced life wholeheartedly. She loved spending time on the lake paddleboarding, floating in the sunshine, and diving. She had recently celebrated her 100th dive, a milestone reflecting her adventurous spirit and love of exploring the underwater world. She was endlessly curious and determined. Jillian took immense pride in her home and eagerly tackled projects she had never done before—teaching herself new skills through research, persistence, and hard work. Whether it was installing ceiling fans, painting, completing electrical projects, or learning to cook, she believed almost anything could be learned with enough effort.

Jillian was known for her quick wit, infectious laugh, colorful vocabulary, and genuine honesty. She had a remarkable way of making people feel welcome and important. She was fiercely loyal, deeply compassionate, and always ready to help family, friends, coworkers, and anyone in need.

Her greatest joy came from the people she loved. She cherished her parents, siblings, grandparents, niece and nephew, friends, and her beloved dogs. She especially treasured being "Bebe" to her nephew, Lochlann, whose imaginative stories cast her as a hero capable of catching bad guys and rescuing creatures from volcanoes.

Jillian is survived by her loving parents, Jim and Molly Olson; her siblings, Corey Olson (Janedellie), Julia Wiegmann (Aaron), and Courtney Olson; her nephew Lochlann; her niece, Amelia; her grandparents John and Judy, and Ron and Mimi; her cherished dogs, Pudge, Levi, and Ziggy; and countless

friends, fellow deputies, and loved ones whose lives are forever better because she was a part of them.

She will be remembered for her courage, humor, loyalty, adventurous spirit, and the extraordinary way she made every person in her life feel seen, valued, and loved.

HONORING CAROLINE KUHN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caroline Kuhn for her outstanding service and many contributions to Virginia's 1st Congressional District and to our Nation.

Caroline joined my office in January 2025 after serving on the House Committee on Ways and Means. Prior to coming to Washington, she earned both her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and her Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University, where she demonstrated an early commitment to public service and leadership.

During her time in my office, Caroline worked her way from Staff Assistant to Legislative Aide, earning each new responsibility through her dedication, professionalism, and exceptional work ethic. She played a vital role in ensuring our office provided outstanding constituent service and helped manage one of the strongest constituent correspondence and mail programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Congress.

Caroline approached every task with thoughtfulness, kindness, and selflessness. No matter the challenge, she consistently rose to the occasion with a positive attitude and unwavering commitment to serving the people of Virginia's 1st District. She was also a trusted mentor to interns and staff alike, generously sharing her knowledge and helping cultivate a collaborative and supportive office culture. Her leadership, integrity, and willingness to invest in others have left a lasting mark on my team.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Caroline for her dedicated service over the past year and a half. She has been an invaluable member of my staff, and while we will miss her greatly, I am confident she will continue to excel as she begins the next chapter of her career with the House Committee on Natural Resources. I wish her every success in this new role and look forward to seeing all she will accomplish in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Caroline Kuhn for her dedicated service to Virginia's 1st Congressional District and to our Nation. May God bless Caroline as she embarks on this exciting new chapter, and may she continue to serve our country with the same excellence and integrity that have defined her time in my office.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROBERT ANTHONY KLIMEK, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert "Bob"

Anthony Klimek, Jr. who passed away January 30, 2026.

Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1933 to parents Robert Anthony Klimek, Sr. and Emma Ellen Klimek. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the Air Force with the aim of becoming a pilot. Following his successful completion of pilot training, he served as a test pilot, a flight instructor, and flew the F100 as a fighter pilot. By the end of his career, Bob has amassed 5,000 hours of flying time, rising to Command Pilot.

Later in his Air Force Career, Bob specialized in electronic warfare. This became especially important during his service in the Vietnam War. During his service in Vietnam, he invented, and received a patent for, a device to detect and avoid Russian Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs). This groundbreaking invention saved countless lives and was so effective only one plane was lost to a SAM following its deployment through the end of the war.

Following a distinguished 24-year career in the Air Force, Bob retired at the rank of Colonel. For his outstanding service, he received Military Merit Medal, Medal for Meritorious Service, Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. He also earned undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado, Master's degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown Law School.

Bob became a lawyer with a focus on government and international contracts following his time in the Air Force. He lived an adventurous life, developing passions for scuba diving, sailing, flying recreationally, and travel.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Lucia Casale; along with his children, Robert Anthony Klimek, III, and Constance Conway; his grandson, Niel Young; and great-grandchildren Peyton and Emma Young.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Robert "Bob" Anthony Klimek, Jr.

RECOGNIZING THE 6TH ANNUAL FISH N' KIDS

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 2026

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize all that made the 6th Annual Fish N' Kids Festival a fun and educational success for the young people across my district. On Saturday, June 6th, well over two hundred children and their families gathered at William Blair, Jr. Pond in South Dallas to spend the day learning how to fish, building community, and creating lasting memories.

I would like to thank Sr. Corporal Robert Serrano and the Southeast Patrol Division at the Dallas Police Department for providing safety and security during the event, and the Dallas Police Community Affairs team, especially Officer Brian Joseph, for their assistance. I would also like to recognize Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Biologist Cynthia Fox Holt and her team for their assistance, as well as the volunteers who taught the children how to cast and fish. TPWD also kindly provided the necessary equipment for children who did not already have proper fishing gear.