

Quinnie, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend whose love, compassion, and devotion to her family and community inspired all who knew her.

Mother Quinnie was born on November 25, 1930, in Linden, Alabama to the late Lemus Mitchell and Estelle Richardson Mitchell. Mother Quinnie cherished every moment with her family—a life filled with love and compassion until her passing. Her greatest joy was spent as a devoted wife for more than half a century to the late Mr. Peter Quinnie and mother to Jerry, Charles, Kenneth, Michael, the late Manning, the late Albert, the late Melvin, the late Anna Ruth Hugley, and the late Marion Haynie. She was later blessed to have twenty-four beloved grandchildren, nurturing them with the same kindness and care she gave to everyone in her life.

Mother Quinnie was raised with the strong support of her family from the very beginning, helping to shape her into a natural leader in all aspects of her life. She had a deep love and compassion for others, which she expressed through her role as a devoted community member. She previously served as an employee of the Sisters of Charity Hospital, working in the housekeeping department. She was later promoted to the emergency room sterilization department, where she remained until her retirement in 1994. In addition to her professional accomplishments, she was a talented homemaker, providing constant care, guidance, and support to her family while nurturing a warm and loving home.

Mother Quinnie was a faithful follower of Christ, serving as a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church. She later became a member of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church, where she continued to serve the Lord faithfully as a devoted and loving church mother, inspiring all who knew her through her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Mother Bessie Quinnie lived a life of devotion to her faith, family, and community. Her unwavering commitment to those she loved and her compassion towards others had a profound impact on all who knew her. Mother Quinnie was a woman who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around her. Her kindness, loyalty, and warmth will forever be remembered. Let us honor her legacy by living as she did, with devotion to family, faith, and above all, love.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF DR. MICHELLE ATCHISON,
PH.D.

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Dr. Michelle Atchison, Ph.D., as she retires from the University of Texas at San Antonio as the Director of Federal Relations and the Senior National Security Strategist. Dr. Atchison dedicated her career to selflessly serving our Nation, ensuring our armed forces remained at the forefront of innovation. Her commitment to service also extended to the San Antonio

community, and I, along with the city's students are grateful for her contributions.

Raised in a military family, Dr. Atchison learned the importance of service from an early age. Upon her graduation from the University of California at Los Angeles, she joined the United States Air Force—launching a 27-year career, where she would rise to the rank of Colonel. Throughout Dr. Atchison's career, she continued her studies, earning a master's degree from the Catholic University of America and a Ph.D. from George Washington University.

Throughout Colonel Atchison's Air Force career, she held senior military command and senior staff positions, including serving as Chief of the Science and Technology Division, USJFCOM Experimentation; Chief Scientist for Air Force Experimentation Office; and Senior Advisor for the Air Force Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center. Colonel Atchison's leadership was instrumental in advancing projects that enhanced the operations of USCENTCOM and our NATO allies. Outside of her scientific roles, she also served as a Congressional Affairs and International Political Officer, where she led the restructuring of the Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force education processes.

Following her career in the Air Force, Dr. Atchison spent 10 years in the private sector, where she led strategic partnership development for advanced technology laboratories. In 2013, Dr. Atchison joined the University of Texas System as their Associate Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations for National Security.

In 2021, Dr. Atchison joined the University of Texas at San Antonio. For the last five years, Dr. Atchison has been a remarkable advocate for the university. She has been a force in the university's emergence as a leading institution of higher learning. There is no doubt that current and future students will benefit greatly from her work.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable career of Dr. Michelle Atchison, Ph.D. Her leadership and selflessness to serving our Nation will be long remembered. May future generations of leaders look to her as a powerful example of bravery and dedication in service to those around them.

RECOGNIZING THE KOREA
FOUNDATION

HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Korea Foundation for its steadfast support of the Peace Corps Korea Revisit Program. This initiative has enabled more than 500 former Peace Corps Korea Volunteers to return to the Republic of Korea and witness firsthand the extraordinary transformation achieved since their service from 1966 to 1981.

During those years, more than 2,000 Americans served in the Peace Corps in Korea, working alongside local communities as the country rebuilt from war. I know their story

personally because I was a young girl growing up in South Korea during those same years. These volunteers, together with the resilience and determination of the Korean people, helped a war-torn nation rise into a vibrant democracy and one of America's strongest allies.

The Peace Corps Korea Revisit Program is a powerful testament to the bonds forged through that shared experience. By supporting this program, the Korea Foundation has made it possible for former volunteers to reconnect with the communities they once served and to see the lasting impact of their partnership, service, and mutual respect.

I join Friends of Korea in expressing my appreciation for the Korea Foundation's leadership and generosity in advancing this meaningful initiative and strengthening the ties between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Korea Foundation for its continued efforts to promote goodwill, understanding, and cooperation between our two nations.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
BISHOP DAVID COOPER

HON. MELANIE A. STANSBURY

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished leadership and 50 years of dedicated service of Bishop David Cooper, Senior Pastor of New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For half a century, Bishop Cooper has devoted his life to the spiritual, civic, and social wellbeing of our community. As Senior Pastor of New Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church, his leadership has enhanced the quality of life for countless individuals and families across our state, region, and Nation.

Bishop Cooper's impact reaches far beyond the pulpit. He has provided trusted advisement at the state and national levels, mobilizing faith communities across New Mexico to promote civic engagement. He has worked tirelessly to eradicate social inequities and systemic racism, and has been a steadfast advocate for public health, education, and our common humanity.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop Cooper has served as a trusted messenger, carrying and amplifying the voices of the people to key leaders and serving as a collaborator for positive change. He has been a tremendous advocate for building more inclusive, resilient communities, strengthening families and neighborhoods, and expanding economic opportunity throughout the 1st Congressional District.

Bishop Cooper has strengthened the Albuquerque community, uplifted the lives of its residents, and left a lasting impact on all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, the 1st Congressional District of New Mexico extends its deepest gratitude to Bishop David Cooper for his 50 years of faithful service. He is a source of pride and inspiration for all New Mexicans, and I am honored to recognize his contributions.

CELEBRATING NEIGHBORHOOD
HEALTH CENTER

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Neighborhood Health Center, one of many that has sought to bring primary care health services to the communities of Western New York. The Health Resources and Services Administration ranks Neighborhood Health Center as the top health center for quality in Western New York, and the opening of the newest location in Buffalo marks a tremendous step in access to high quality and equitable healthcare.

With roots in the Civil Rights Movement, the Nation's first Neighborhood Health Center opened to address the critical need for affordable primary care in underserved communities. Welcoming all Western New Yorkers since 1987, Neighborhood Health Center now serves as the region's leading primary care provider to more than thirty thousand patients. Neighborhood Health Center serves as not just a healthcare provider. It offers youth and senior citizen programming, education, crime victim assistance, daycare, and much more.

Neighborhood Health Centers across Western New York find themselves at the front line of community enrichment, providing services that contribute to mental health, family planning, and individual safety. This new site will create employment for the community as well as be another symbol of our strive to ensure a stable and supportive system in Western New York, with all being welcome at all Neighborhood locations. Even those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate the contributions that Neighborhood Health Center has made and their unwavering dedication to service that they have demonstrated to patients across Western New York. Although our work is never ending, please join me in thanking all those who have contributed to Neighborhood Health Center as they continue to provide exceptional care and contribute to our region.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHILIP
DE ANDRADE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Philip De Andrade, whose joyful spirit, generous heart and deep love of San Francisco enriched the lives of all who knew him, and to express my condolences to his family.

For decades, Philip was a treasured member of our extended Pelosi family. From my first campaign for Congress, his friendship, kindness, and dedication were gifts that we all deeply cherished. Philip served on my staff both in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., always bringing his warmth and generosity to our work on behalf of our constituents, who loved him dearly.

Through his beloved Goat Hill Pizza, Philip helped create a gathering place that became

woven into the fabric of both Potrero Hill and our City. May it be a comfort to Philip's family and his many friends that so many join them in mourning during this sad time.

RECOGNIZING KEITH AEDER FOR
MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keith Aeder for his decades of dedicated public service to the residents of Fairgrove Township and the surrounding community as he marks his retirement from the Vassar Area Ambulance Board of Directors.

Since 1984, Keith has been a steadfast leader in Fairgrove Township, serving as Township Supervisor for 40 years. During his tenure, Fairgrove Township modernized its firefighting equipment, acquired and renovated the township hall, supported two library expansions, and made significant improvements to local ambulance services and roads. He concluded his tenure as Township Supervisor in 2024, leaving behind a legacy of progress and dedicated service to the community.

Keith's commitment to public service also extended to the Vassar Area Ambulance Board of Directors, where he began serving in 1986. He completed 40 years of service on the board in 2026. His dedication to improving emergency services has made a meaningful difference in the lives of residents throughout the community.

In addition to his public service, Keith built a successful professional career. He spent 29 years with Farm Credit Services before retiring in 2018 and founding Aeder Appraisal Services, where he continued to serve his community through his professional work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Keith Aeder for more than four decades of dedicated public service. His leadership, commitment, and devotion to the residents of Fairgrove Township and the surrounding community are truly commendable. I congratulate Keith on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his many years of service to Michigan's Thumb.

CELEBRATING THE 12TH PAS-
TORAL ANNIVERSARY OF PAS-
TOR KEITH MOBLEY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable leadership and service of Pastor Keith Mobley as we honor his 12th Pastoral Anniversary at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Lackawanna, New York. Pastor Mobley's influence extends far beyond the walls of the church, making a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

More than two decades ago, Pastor Mobley earned his master's degree in Christian Studies from the Bible Centre College of Roch-

ester, New York and received his license to preach. Soon after, he served under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Dion J. Watkins and became ordained at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. For nearly ten years, Pastor Mobley proudly served as the Sunday School Teacher and Assistant Pastor before he was spiritually guided to the role of Lead Pastor in 2014, serving as the eighth pastor in the 80-year history of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Mobley is supported by his beloved wife, First Lady Elizabeth Mobley. Together, they have formed a family centered in faith as they raise their four blessed children: Tyson, Talia, Tevin, and Troy. Their marriage exemplifies the strength found in a family that prays and worships together. Pastor Mobley remains committed to serving both his family and his community with love, devotion, and unwavering trust in the Lord.

Pastor Mobley has made a priority of reaching out to his community, serving as a mentor and advocate for youth, adults, and community leaders through his role as President of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity. Congregants and community members have gathered throughout the month of May to recognize Pastor Mobley's pastoral anniversary and his steadfast commitment to Christian leadership.

Today, as we celebrate twelve years of Pastor Mobley's unwavering dedication, let us recognize the countless lives he has touched and the profound impact he has made at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church and beyond. I congratulate Pastor Mobley on this significant milestone. His service is a blessing, and we look forward to many more years of his inspired leadership.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of Skyview High School in Herndon, Virginia, and to congratulate the students, educators, staff, families, and community members who will make up its inaugural school community.

The opening of Skyview High School marks an important milestone for Fairfax County. As the first new Fairfax County Public Schools high school to open in more than 20 years, Skyview represents both an investment in our growing community and an investment in the next generation of Northern Virginia students.

Skyview was designed with the future of learning in mind. Its campus includes bright and flexible learning spaces equipped with modern technology, outdoor classrooms, and an advanced robotics lab that will give students opportunities to explore, experiment, collaborate, and create. Students will also benefit from an aquatic facility, as well as a state-of-the-art auditorium, where future generations of students will take the stage for concerts, theater productions, presentations, and other performances.

Even Skyview's location offers inspiration. Situated near Washington Dulles International Airport, students will have a front-row view of