

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

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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

aviation in action, a fitting backdrop for a school whose students are just beginning to discover how high their own ambitions can take them. But what will ultimately define Skyview High School is not its facilities. It will be the students, teachers, staff, and families who bring those halls to life.

The inaugural students of Skyview have an opportunity that few students ever receive: the chance to help create a school's identity from the very beginning. They will establish its clubs and traditions, cheer for its first teams, celebrate its first performances and achievements, and create memories that will become part of Skyview's history. The traditions they begin today will be carried forward by generations of students who follow them.

The opening of Skyview High School reflects the dedication of the educators, administrators, school staff, parents, and community partners who worked to make this new school possible. Their commitment to providing students with outstanding opportunities strengthens Fairfax County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this historic first year for Skyview High School and wishing its inaugural students, faculty, and staff every success. As they write the first chapter of Skyview's story, I look forward to seeing the traditions they establish, the discoveries they make, and the many accomplishments that will fill the chapters ahead.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
EUGENE SILER, JR.

HON. HAROLD ROGERS
OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Eugene Siler, Jr. and celebrate the designation of the federal courthouse annex in London, Kentucky as the "Eugene E. Siler, Junior United States Courthouse Annex." My longtime friend and trusted adviser, the Honorable Eugene Siler, Jr. has served on the federal bench for nearly 50 years and was nominated by three U.S. Presidents. President Richard Nixon first nominated Siler as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky in 1970, followed by President Gerald Ford's appointment in 1975 as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and President George H.W. Bush's elevated appointment of Judge Siler to preside over the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1991.

The Siler family legacy of public service is highly regarded in southern Kentucky. Eugene's father, and namesake, served as a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals before being elected as a Member of this House for the decade spanning 1955 to 1965. The senior Siler was known for being fiscally conservative, a man of great faith, and very generous, donating his expense allotment to build up scholarships at home in Kentucky. Likewise, his son has established a reputation as an acclaimed jurist, a compassionate community member, and a trusted source for legal advice at home and abroad. Both Silers joined the military before pursuing their law degrees,

bravely serving and protecting this great Nation. Eugene Siler, Jr. was a U.S. Navy midshipman in 1957 and served as a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve from 1958 to 1983.

When I was first elected to represent the people of Kentucky's 5th Congressional District, Judge Siler swore me in during a ceremonial celebration in 1981 on the courthouse square in my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky. That moment will forever be one of my favorite memories, as I first stepped into this monumental responsibility of public service, surrounded by my mentors and closest friends. Fast forward to 2026, and I am proud to say that Judge Siler and I are still showing up for the people of this region every single day. He still carries a hefty caseload, five days a week, as a Senior Judge.

It was an honor to join U.S. Senator MITCH MCCONNELL's efforts to advance this worthy courthouse designation from both chambers of Congress. Judge Siler's legacy gives us a great sense of pride in southeastern Kentucky, and it is only fitting for his home court of justice, where he has mentored aspiring legal minds, to bear his name. This designation for Judge Siler is a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as we applaud his continued valiant service.

HONORING MR. ALEX C.
HABERSHAM AND THE 35TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MACON-MID-
DLE GEORGIA BLACK PAGES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a son of Middle Georgia whose life's work has been to make certain that his neighbors were seen—Mr. Alex C. Habersham, founder and publisher of the Macon-Middle Georgia Black Pages, which this week marks thirty-five years at the Tubman Museum in Macon under the theme "35 Years Strong: Honoring Our Past, Powering Our Future."

Mr. Speaker, thirty-five years is a long time to keep a promise.

Alex Habersham was born and reared in Macon, in Tindall Heights—built in the 1940s as the city's first public housing development for Black families. He graduated from Ballard-Hudson High School, went on to Savannah State University to train as a teacher, and then did what too few do: he came home. He came back and taught at the very high school that raised him.

But first, Mr. Speaker, we need to talk about the 1960's.

When Macon integrated its public schools, Alex Habersham was among the first Black educators transferred to Lanier High School. Think about what that asked of a young man. He walked into a building that had not been built with him in mind, in a city that had not yet made up its mind, and he stood before other people's children and taught them anyway. No cameras. No ceremony. Just a Black teacher with a lesson plan, doing the quiet, dangerous work of desegregation one class period at a time.

That is not on any plaque. But it belongs in this RECORD.

He built his teaching on a principle he still quotes today: you take a person from the

known to the unknown. You start where they are. You do not shame them for where they are. You walk them somewhere better. That is how he taught. That is how he has lived.

Mr. Speaker, he was also an entrepreneur, and not a cautious one—a flower shop, a newspaper, a car wash, a transportation company, a radio and television repair shop, and in 1972, Habersham Records, a music store many in Macon still remember. So, he learned the hard lesson from the inside: you can serve your people well and still be invisible. Known on your street. Unknown in your city. A landmark to your neighbors and nowhere at all on paper.

So, in 1991, Alex Habersham did what his people have always done in this country when the record left them out. He started his own record.

He started it on Cotton Avenue—today D.T. Walton Sr. Way—the historic heart of Black commerce in Macon. He did not build the Black Pages beside that tradition. He built it inside of it.

Mr. Speaker, in 1912, a woman born Sarah Breedlove—the world came to know her as Madam C.J. Walker—rose uninvited at the National Negro Business League convention, because no one had thought to put her on the program. She told that room she had come up from the cotton fields to the washtub to the cook kitchen, and then, she said, she promoted herself into business. And she left them a sentence that has outlived every man who tried to ignore her:

"I got my start by giving myself a start."

Mr. Speaker, that is the whole story of the Black Pages. Alex Habersham did not wait to be written into somebody else's book. He gave himself a start—and then spent thirty-five years handing that same start to everybody else.

There is a lineage here, and Mr. Habersham names it himself. A generation before, when a Black family could not be certain where they might safely stop for gasoline or a night's rest, a little green book told them where they would be welcome. That book helped our people survive. Alex Habersham published one that helped our people prosper. Both did the same holy work—they wrote down the names.

And what a record it has become. More than thirty editions. More than a thousand Black-owned businesses. Nine counties across Middle Georgia. Physicians and barbers, churches and bookstores, contractors and caterers—alongside scholarship notices and memorial tributes. A directory, Mr. Speaker, is never only a directory. It is a declaration. It says: this business is real. This family is here. This work is worthy of the ink.

Nor did his love for young people ever stay inside a classroom. He co-founded the Adopt-A-Role-Model Program, so a young man in Macon could sit across from a professional in his field and see with his own eyes that such a life was possible. He established Bird City Energetics. And for years he has instructed in the State Bar of Georgia's BASICS Program—a program with a recidivism rate of seven percent. Let that number sit for a moment. Behind it are men who came home and stayed home. Mothers who stopped waiting by the phone. Children who got their fathers back.

He has chaired the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors, served the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, published the Macon Courier, and hosted Macon's Call to