

dedicated himself to an internship with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. From his love for his family to his charismatic personality that turned strangers into friends, he embodied the best traits of the human spirit.

Sina was a beloved son, brother, friend, and athlete who taught those around him what it means to be unbreakable. He was a light to all who knew him, and I share in the celebration of his life.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RYAN MACKENZIE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Emergency Management Awareness Month and to honor the dedicated emergency management professionals who work tirelessly to protect our families.

Emergency managers play a critical role in preparing communities for natural disasters, severe weather, public health emergencies, and other threats. Long before a crisis occurs, they work with first responders, government agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community partners to develop preparedness plans, coordinate resources, and ensure that our communities are ready to respond when disaster strikes.

When emergencies occur, emergency management professionals are often among the first to act and among the last to leave. Their leadership and coordination help protect lives, maintain essential services, support first responders, and guide communities through the difficult process of recovery and rebuilding. This work is especially important in communities across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, where first responders—including police, EMS, and professional and volunteer firefighters—play an essential role in keeping our families and neighborhoods safe.

Across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, we are fortunate to have emergency management professionals who are committed to serving their neighbors and strengthening the resilience of their communities. Their work may often take place behind the scenes, but its impact is felt whenever a community is prepared to endure a crisis and recover from its effects.

National Emergency Management Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize these dedicated public servants and to remind every American of the importance of being prepared. I encourage families, businesses, and communities to take steps to understand their unique risks, develop emergency plans, and know where to turn for information and assistance during a crisis.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the emergency management professionals and first responders who dedicate themselves to preparing for the unexpected and protecting their communities. Their commitment, expertise, and service are essential to the safety and resilience of our Nation, and they deserve our sincere gratitude.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN JOSHUA PAUL NAUMAN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognizing Captain Joshua Paul Nauman for his 27 years of outstanding active-duty Navy service, including this past year serving as the Director for Policy and Legislation in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Executive Assistant for the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, the Commanding Officer of Region Legal Service Office Southwest, and Special Counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations.

A native of Nebraska who was commissioned through the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) Student Program, Captain Nauman began his active service in 2000 at Naval Legal Service Office Southwest in San Diego—a unit he would later command. His distinguished career includes assignments as a Trial Counsel in San Diego and as the Staff Judge Advocate in Keflavik, Iceland, before serving as the Deputy Fleet Judge Advocate for the U.S. Second Fleet. In 2008, he was assigned to the Pentagon, from where he deployed to Iraq with the II Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His subsequent assignments include a deployment with Commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN to the 5th, 6th, and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility; service as Executive Officer of Region Legal Service Office Japan; Special Assistant for Legal and Legislative Matters for the Secretary of the Navy; and Senior Legal Counsel for the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Captain Joshua Paul Nauman for his exemplary dedication to our Nation as he retires from the United States Navy. Throughout his 27 years of military service, Captain Nauman has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the defense of our Nation. His profound patriotism, stellar leadership, and tireless work ethic leave an enduring legacy that has strengthened our National Defense.

HONORING BAILA VENEZUELA'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN CARACAS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the countless Minnesotans who have dedicated their time and resources to helping those impacted by severe earthquakes in Venezuela, which took place in June 2026, and Baila Venezuela, a dance organization based in Richfield, Minnesota, which quickly acted and made a call for donations to support Venezuelans. According to initial estimates by the International Organization for Migration, up to 6.76 million Venezuelans may be affected by

this natural disaster and the need for humanitarian aid is immediate.

As many Minnesotans have family and friends in Venezuela who have been out of reach, organizations like Baila Venezuela are working tirelessly to collect and transport humanitarian aid supplies. While typically a dance group, Baila Venezuela shifted gears temporarily to help those in need, even from more than 3,000 miles away. What was initially intended to be an organizational initiative became a larger community response. Baila Venezuela collected over 220 boxes of non-perishable supplies such as medicine, diapers, baby supplements, and much more, to be delivered to Miami and then Caracas, Venezuela. In the words of Baila Venezuela's leader, Roiny Rojas, "We don't just show up to celebrate Venezuela's wins, we also show solidarity during difficult times."

As the death toll continued to rise and the dancers wait to hear from their loved ones, their commitment to aiding extended beyond their initial estimates and the donations received exceeded their space, leading them to sleep outside in the parking lot to ensure that these resources remained secure as they awaited shipment to Miami.

This demonstrates to the world who we are and what we value as Minnesotans: generosity, community, and unwavering commitment to help those in need. We realize that no matter if you help your neighbor across the street or someone several thousand miles away, we share a common humanity that calls us to action. It is my great honor to pay tribute to Baila Venezuela and the many individuals dedicating their time and resources to support Venezuelans facing the brunt of climate change abroad. Minnesotans have shown us that there is no limit to compassion and willingness to help those who are in need. Our community responds to these issues, not because they are easy, but because it is the right thing to do. I am deeply proud to represent a community that values supporting those in need.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTDOOR LAB FOUNDATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Outdoor Lab Foundation on the 50th anniversary of their Windy Peaks Campus.

For over 60 years, the Outdoor Lab has touched the lives of young people in Jefferson County by providing a week-long camp experience that helps middle and high school students build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Beyond this, the Outdoor Lab has helped generations of Jefferson County students develop a lasting appreciation for Colorado's natural spaces.

At both their Mount Blue Sky campus in Evergreen and Windy Peak campus in Bailey, the Outdoor Lab Foundation welcomes over 5,000 students each year. As a proud Outdoor Lab alumna and former high school student leader myself, I can personally attest to the importance of their work. I thank them for investing in our children and in access to the

outdoor spaces that are such an important part of our Colorado way of life.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Outdoor Lab Foundation on 50 years of outdoors education at their Windy Peak campus and wish them continued success in the future.

COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 4795, PROTECT ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM ACT OF 2026

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 4795, Protect Economic and Academic Freedom Act of 2026, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which was not made available to the Committee on Education and Workforce at the time of the filing of the legislative report.

H.R. 4795, PROTECT ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM ACT OF 2026 AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE ON AUGUST 27, 2026

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2026	2026–2031	2026–2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	**

* = between zero and \$500,000
** = not estimated.

Increases net direct spending in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 4795 would require, as a condition of program participation agreements between institutions of higher education and the Department of Education, that the institutions not engage in "nonexpressive commercial boycotts" of Israel and entities organized, licensed, or regulated under Israeli law. A nonexpressive commercial boycott would include the refusal to deal or the termination of business activities intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, unless supported by a valid business reason. Institutions that violate their program participation agreements could lose eligibility to participate in federal student aid programs, including Pell grants and student loans.

The bill also would require institutions that receive funding from or plan to apply for funding from certain international education and foreign language programs at the Department of Education to certify annually that they will allow their students and faculty to participate in academic programs in Israel on the same terms as programs in other foreign countries. Additionally, insti-

tutions would have to allow students and faculty from Israeli institutions to participate in their academic programs as they would participants from any other foreign institution. Institutions that fail to make this certification would lose eligibility for those international education and foreign language programs.

CBO expects that institutions would comply with the new requirements; thus, enacting the bill would not affect institutional eligibility for funding from the Department of Education. Finally, based on the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost the Department of Education less than \$500,000 over the 2026–2031 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Garrett Quenneville. The estimate was reviewed by Chad Chirico, Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

CELEBRATING TERESA STRANIERI SCICCHITANO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Teresa Stranieri Scicchitano as she celebrates her 100th birthday this year. It is my pleasure to join her friends and family in marking this incredible milestone and honoring the wonderful life she has led.

On August 29, 1926, Teresa Stranieri was born to Elizabeth and Rocco Stranieri. Teresa was one of three children, growing up alongside her sister, Catherine and brother, Thomas.

On November 10, 1946, Teresa married her beloved husband, Salvatore Scicchitano at St. Rocco Church in Girifalco, Italy. The pair had their first son, Frank Scicchitano, in 1947. The couple then had their second child, Vincent Scicchitano, in 1956. Since 1949, Teresa has lived in Long Branch, New Jersey. For over seventy years, the Scicchitano family has been a beloved part of the Long Branch community.

In addition to raising a beautiful family, Teresa worked as a seamstress for decades. Following her retirement in the 1980s, Teresa continues this practice as a passion. Today, Teresa is highly regarded for making her own clothing and being a prolific cook.

Teresa is the grandmother of two beloved grandchildren, Stephanie Scicchitano Pizzo and Lauren Scicchitano Mounayer. She's also celebrating this occasion with her two great-grandchildren, Christian James Pizzo, II and Vincenzo Salvatore Pizzo.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in wishing Teresa Stranieri Scicchitano another year of good health and happiness as she celebrates the milestone of her 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING JEFF STREETER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Executive Director Jeff Streeter of the

Jefferson County Communications Center Authority (Jeffcom 911) for his service to Jefferson County, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Jeff has honorably served the Jefferson County community for 9 years, culminating in an exemplary law enforcement career of over 31 years. Jeff began his dedicated career in public service with the Broomfield Police Department, then continued on to serve as Lakewood Police Department Commander, and as Chief of Police for Lone Tree, before joining Jeffcom 911. Under Jeff's leadership, Jeffcom 911 grew from its early stages of development into a dispatch communications center recognized nationally for its stability, innovation, and success. As Executive Director, Jeff oversaw the operations and strategic direction of the center, establishing key initiatives including Advisory Planning Teams, a Peer Assistance Team, Training and Quality Assurance Teams, an Information Technology Division, and their Support Services Division.

I join the communities Jeff has served throughout his career in gratitude for his leadership and commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe with efficient emergency response efforts. Although Jeff's outstanding leadership will be greatly missed, his efforts to build Jeffcom 911 have created a lasting service for all future generations who depend on the critical services they provide.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Jeff Streeter on his well-earned retirement from a distinguished career of service to Jefferson County.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BISHOP DAVID COOPER

HON. MELANIE A. STANSBURY

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 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.