

Whereas, the freedom to live out one's faith openly and without fear remains essential to the character of our Nation and the vitality of our democratic institutions; and

Whereas, faith communities play a vital role in fostering compassion, service, and responsibility, strengthening families and supporting those who serve in positions of public trust; and

Whereas, elected officials, members of the judiciary, law enforcement, military personnel, and civic leaders bear significant responsibility in serving their communities with integrity, wisdom, and humility; and

Whereas, the Governmental Prayer Breakfast serves as an opportunity to pause from the demands of public life to seek guidance, express gratitude, and reaffirm a shared commitment to the common good;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that the 50th Annual Governmental Prayer Breakfast in Pensacola, Florida, is hereby recognized and commended for its enduring contribution to the spiritual and civic life of the community; and

Be it further proclaimed, that this occasion stands as a reminder of the importance of faith, prayer, and moral conviction in public service, and the value of unity, humility, and service to others; and

Be it further proclaimed, that all participants are encouraged to continue praying for our Nation, our State, our community, and all those entrusted with the responsibilities of leadership, that they may serve with wisdom, courage, and compassion.

In witness whereof, this proclamation is issued in recognition of the 50th Annual Governmental Prayer Breakfast and the enduring role of faith in strengthening our community and our country.

HONORING MRS. ANN CAGGINS ON  
HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Mrs. Ann Caggins on the occasion of her 80th birthday and to include in the RECORD a tribute to a life of faith, family, and extraordinary service to community and country. A celebration to mark this singular occasion will be held on January 31, 2026, at the Page-Doleman Complex in Columbus, Georgia.

Ann Caggins's life is a testament to the values that strengthen families and communities across our Nation. Mrs. Caggins learned early that people, not places, create the memories and relationships that shape us. That insight guided a lifetime devoted to building community, developing young leaders, and serving others with humility and steadfast faith.

Mrs. Caggins is a graduate of the George Washington Carver High School in Columbus, Georgia. She is also a graduate of Pepperdine University with one of the Nation's early degrees in Human Resources Management. Mrs. Caggins built a distinguished career as a human resources professional. She served as Corporate Human Resources Officer for the Eastern Operations Headquarters of the American National Red Cross—overseeing a vast jurisdiction that included twenty states, key resource chapters, military installations, and the Caribbean—and she was named National Staffing Officer during the demanding Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm mobilization.

Her public service also included leadership as Human Resources Director for municipal government and as President and Chair of the Board of her local Society for Human Resource Management chapter. In addition to her professional achievements, Mrs. Caggins holds two professional HR certifications and serves as an instructor for certification testing, passing on knowledge to the next generation of leaders.

Equally notable is Mrs. Caggins's tireless volunteer leadership with Jack and Jill of America, Inc., where she devoted countless hours to developing young people and strengthening families. Over many years, she served as Chapter Program Chair, Teen Advisor (two terms), Vice President, Chapter President (two terms), Regional Teen Conference Chair, National Teen Task Force Chair, and National Tellers Committee Chair. She was honored as a Distinguished Mother and recognized for her role in fostering servant leadership in the Eastern Region. Under her guidance and in partnership with leaders like National President Nellie Thornton, the Eastern Region cultivated confident, service-minded youth—leaders such as John Applewhite, Lisa Bryant, Joseph Hurd, and Jennifer (Williams) West among many others.

Mrs. Caggins has been a champion of education and scholarships. She and her husband, Colonel (Ret.) Myles B. Caggins, Jr., have long supported the UNCF Columbus Campaign, raising record-breaking funds and serving as Co-Chairs; their philanthropic leadership garnered them MASKED (Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams) recognition and helped provide scholarships to first-generation college students and high school seniors.

Her community honors are numerous and well-earned: recipient of the Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award (2017), Gracious Lady of Georgia, Heads and Shoulders Above the Rest honoree, 50th Year Jack and Jill Northern Virginia Chapter Presidents honoree, and George Washington Carver High Honors Program speaker, The Whitney M. Young National Service Award Presented by the Chattahoochee Council of Boy Scouts of America, and the Legacy of Leadership Award from the Black History Observance Committee. She has served as Ledger-Enquirer Page One judge, held leadership roles in homeowners' associations, and has been praised as a mentor, professional, and servant-leader. She also serves as Chair Emerita of the Black History Observance Breakfast Committee.

Mrs. Caggins's life is grounded in faith and family. She and Colonel (Ret.) Myles B. Caggins, Jr., met while she was a student at Spelman College; they married a year after becoming engaged and have been married for almost six decades. They are members of The Church of Christ, where Mrs. Caggins continues to teach ladies' Bible class and live by five guiding commitments: to God, family and team, task, service, and personal development. Her devotion to family is reflected in her children—Angela M. (Caggins) Trammel (Ernest) and LTC (P) Myles B. Caggins, III—and grandchildren Eric M. Trammel and Ariana M. Trammel, who continue the legacy of service and leadership she helped cultivate.

Those who know Mrs. Caggins describe her as a woman of deep faith who "goes where God leads," a gracious leader whose work has enriched countless lives. Whether bal-

ancing the demands of a prominent HR career during wartime mobilization or spending late nights planning programs and mentoring teens, she has always centered service to others. She reminds us that community service is the hallmark of servant leadership and that a mother's involvement in her children's lives yields confident young people prepared to serve.

Mr. Speaker, on this milestone birthday, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District as we give thanks for Ann Caggins's life, for the countless hours she has given to young people and her community, and for the example of commitment, faith, and quiet leadership she embodies. We join her family, friends, and community in celebrating her 80th birthday and in offering gratitude for her many contributions. May God bless Mrs. Ann Caggins with continued health, joy, and the comfort of loved ones as she continues to bloom where she is planted.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce my resolution condemning the ethnic violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Dr. King famously said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The United States, credible human rights organizations, and civil society have documented and published reports and findings that implicate the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda in aiding and collaborating with armed groups and militias, including several that are designated for United Nations sanctions due to human rights violations.

Militias engage in illicit mining activities to finance and sustain themselves, often exploiting child labor and engaging in environmental degradation practices that undermine the DRC's economic interests and international treaty obligations.

My resolution condemns all acts of violence perpetrated against ethnic minorities throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It reaffirms that the United States has held and continues to hold the governments of the DRC and Rwanda responsible for upholding the rights of all citizens, regardless of ethnicity, in accordance with international obligations.

My timely resolution also holds accountable all state security forces that perpetrate atrocities against the civilian population by conducting transparent investigations and prosecutions and taking all additional necessary measures to prevent further atrocities continue progress toward the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, reparation, and resettlement of armed groups in coordination with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as outlined in United Nations Security Council Resolution 2666 (2022). Last, it calls on President Donald Trump to appoint a Special

Envoy to the Great Lakes region of Africa, which will be vital to addressing the enduring regional security crisis emanating from eastern DRC.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in condemning the ethnic violence in the DRC.

REMEMBERING IRMADINE CARSON

**HON. VINCE FONG**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Irmadine “Irma” Carson of Bakersfield, California, who passed away on January 9, 2026, after a lifetime of service to our community in the Central Valley.

Born on June 24, 1935, to Booker T. Jenkins, Sr., and Benny Mae Jenkins, Ms. Carson moved with her family from St. Louis, Missouri, to Bakersfield in 1953. In 1955, she married Earnest Carson, and together they raised three daughters: Sharon, Karen (Patty), and Camille. Years later, she also became the grandmother of Chris, Jason, and Leslie, taking great pride in her growing family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ms. Carson dedicated her life to being a public servant and made a distinguished career as a trailblazer who supported her community. In 1959, Ms. Carson became the first Black woman employed at Bakersfield City Hall. She later joined the Bakersfield Police Department as its first Black female officer and went on to become the department’s first Black female detective and a patrol sergeant until her retirement in 1989.

While working, Ms. Carson earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from California State University, Bakersfield, in 1978. The next year, she was elected to the Bakersfield City School District Board of Education, where she served for 15 years and focused on strengthening educational outcomes for local students.

In 1994, Ms. Carson was elected to the Bakersfield City Council, becoming the first Black woman to serve in that role. For 16 years, she represented Ward 1 in southeast Bakersfield, concentrating on housing, neighborhood development, youth services, and economic stability.

After retiring from law enforcement, Ms. Carson continued her work as Executive Director of the Ebony Counseling Center, expanding programs addressing addiction recovery, public health education, and family support throughout Kern County.

Ms. Carson is remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and mentor whose influence continues through the people and institutions she served. She is survived by her sisters, Cecile Chavis and Dolores Chavis, as well as extended family and longtime friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Irmadine Carson and her lasting contributions to Bakersfield and the Central Valley.

CONGRATULATING JOHN W. RAUBER, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AT JOHN DEERE & COMPANY

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize John W. Rauber, Jr., and congratulate him on his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service at John Deere. Joining Deere in 2000, John played an instrumental role in John Deere’s U.S. and International Government Affairs and International Finance Teams, serving most recently as Regional Director & Counsel for Government Relations, and led the global Government Affairs organization.

At John Deere, John helped strengthen business opportunities for dealers globally, develop innovative solutions for Deere customers, and build public affairs operations in Europe, Asia, and South America. John was instrumental in developing sound public policy to support the agriculture community in Illinois, the Midwest, and throughout the United States—advocating for key provisions in the Farm Bill and prioritizing broadband connectivity for precision agriculture.

Throughout his career, John has been known in Washington and around Capitol Hill for his effective advocacy, dedication, and leadership. He’s been a trusted colleague and friend—well respected by Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and his peers in Washington. A consummate professional, John was a reliable resource to those who sought advice or counsel. No matter one’s role, John treated those around him fairly and with respect, providing mentorship and guidance to those in need.

As native of Bethesda, Maryland, John’s roots run deep in the greater Washington, D.C., area. Graduating from Georgetown University and George Washington University Law School, John has committed his life to serving his community and giving back to those who helped him along the way. Above all else, I know what John enjoys most is being a loving husband to his wife Diane, and an incredible father to their four sons, John, David, Michael, and Andrew. In retirement, John will continue to serve his community, enjoy his summers at the beach, and complete his 10th Boston Marathon.

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to John for his distinguished career and significant contributions to John Deere—which will leave an indelible mark on a great American and Illinois manufacturer. I wish John, and his wife Diane, all the best as he enters the next chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF NELDA OLIVO

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Nelda Olivo

for over 30 years of public service to the City of Corpus Christi and the Port of Corpus Christi.

Ms. Olivo has dedicated her life to public service and, in doing so, has facilitated the growth of our Coastal Bend Region. She started her career in public service in the City of Corpus Christi’s Housing and Community Development Department, where she worked tirelessly to improve housing and infrastructure for her community.

In 1993, she began her work in one of the most important ports in Texas, the Port of Corpus Christi. She has served there as a hard-working liaison between the port and several local, state, and federal governments.

Her work goes far beyond Corpus Christi. She currently serves on the American Association of Port Authorities Government Relations Committee, the Texas Port Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, the Gulf Ports Association of the Americas Government Affairs Committee, Port Industries of Corpus Christi, and the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

In these many roles, she has exemplified leadership, and integrity. I am proud to represent constituents like Ms. Olivo every day in Congress, who are pillars in our community and cleared the path for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of South Texas, I wish to honor Ms. Nelda Olivo on her retirement and for her service to the people of South Texas.

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP DR. FREDERICK WILLIAMS, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 30, 2026*

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound sorrow and deep thanksgiving to honor the life and legacy of Bishop Dr. Frederick Williams, Sr.—a faithful servant of God, an apostolic visionary, a devoted husband and father, and a tireless advocate for justice, healing, and transformation. His transition from labor to reward marks the close of a life lived in humble service and bold leadership, and his memory will continue to inspire generations to come. A funeral service to celebrate his remarkable life will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at The Gethsemane Worship Center International in Albany, Georgia.

Bishop Williams was born in Dougherty County, Albany, Georgia, to the late Roosevelt Williams and Evangelist Katie Mae Anderson. The youngest of seven children—Johnny Bell, Patricia, Gloria Jean, Roosevelt, Jr., Larry, and Barbara—he was reared in a home firmly rooted in faith, discipline, and service. Those foundational values shaped a life that bore fruit in ministry, civic engagement, and community building.

At an early age, Bishop Williams accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor R.B. Smith. Under the pastoral leadership of Reverend George Daniels, he exercised his gifts faithfully—serving as church clerk, armor-bearer, organizer of the first Pastor’s Aide Board, leader in the music ministry, and deacon board member—early signs of a servant’s heart and a shepherd’s calling. He