

the first calls for help. Public safety professionals carry responsibilities that are both physically demanding and emotionally profound.

As we honor their bravery, we must also recognize the burdens they bear. Our responsibility is not only to thank those who serve, but to support their health, wellness, resilience, and long-term well-being.

On this solemn anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Arlington County Fire Department and all firefighters, paramedics, emergency communications personnel, police officers, and public safety professionals who protect our communities. We honor those who answered the call on September 11, those who continue to carry its legacy, and those who serve every day with courage and compassion.

May we never forget the lives lost on September 11, the bravery of those who responded, and the continuing service of the men and women who are always there for us in our moments of greatest need.

HONORING MAYOR ANDRE D.
PIERRE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the former mayor of the City of North Miami, Andre D. Pierre, for his leadership, his vision and contributions to the economic growth of the city and to education. North Miami is the fourth largest city in Miami-Dade County and home to more than 60,000 residents.

Since Mayor Pierre's election in 2009, the city has received four national awards: The All-America City Award, Playful City 2012, Playful City 2013, and the National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

The mayor's support of local businesses and recruitment of new restaurants, a major drug store, a large-chain grocery store and a museum, have contributed greatly to the economic health of the City of North Miami.

Mayor Pierre's focus on education has resulted in hundreds of scholarships being awarded to hardworking and deserving students seeking to further their education and young adults pursuing a career in law enforcement. Without these scholarships, many students and young adults in the city might not otherwise have the means or opportunity to further their education and pursue careers.

To fund these scholarships, Mayor Pierre established the North Miami Education Foundation, Incorporated, the North Miami Adult Education Center, the Florida International University First Generation Scholarship and the North Miami Memorial Scholarship.

Mayor Pierre is also a celebrated Haitian American, who has been recognized for his work with Haitian immigrants and his advocacy for immigration reform.

Please join me in honoring former mayor Andre D. Pierre for his commitment, dedication, and service to his constituents and the City of North Miami.

HONORING DR. IRWIN ARIAS ON
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish my constituent, Dr. Irwin Arias—Win, as he is known to his friends—a very happy 100th birthday. And what a century it has been. Dr. Arias is one of the world's leading experts on the human liver. He has had a dazzling career as one of the world's most accomplished medical researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Arias is also a beloved mentor, teacher, friend, husband, father and grandfather. I am proud to recognize his extraordinary life during this centennial milestone and express my gratitude for the lifesaving contributions that he has made to medicine.

Dr. Arias was born in Rockville, New York in 1926. His first scientific research experience was a high school fellowship tied to the 1939 World's Fair, when he designed experiments to study light transmission in plastics. This fellowship ignited Dr. Arias's passion for science and exposed him to brilliant peers who would go on to their own impressive scientific careers. In college, Dr. Arias enlisted in the Navy as part of the Nation's mobilization to defeat fascism during World War II. He managed to complete his service while taking classes at Harvard College. He graduated from Harvard in 1946 and, urged on by his academic advisors and mentors, applied to medical school. After graduating medical school at the State University of New York, Dr. Arias spent six years as an intern and resident at Boston City Hospital.

In Boston, Dr. Arias began treating patients suffering from a variety of liver conditions and spent two years researching liver pathology. His work attracted the notice of Dr. Irving London, the founding Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who invited Dr. Arias to become one of the first assistant professors for the new medical school. At Albert Einstein, Dr. Arias went on to lead interdisciplinary treatment teams of doctors and scientists who worked together to provide innovative care to their patients. He formalized this approach within the Marion Bessin Liver Research Center, which he founded in 1974, and which became the first liver research institution to be supported by NIH. To this day, the Center supports interdisciplinary teams and mentors new generations of brilliant researchers dedicated to liver treatment.

Dr. Arias built on this experience as he helped establish the Department of Physiology within the Tufts University School of Medicine. At Tufts, Dr. Arias continued to mentor generations of medical students and researchers and urged them to see the overall human and social context of their studies. He set up courses that taught physiology students to think of their patients first before their medical problems. Wherever he could, Dr. Arias emphasized experiential learning with multidisciplinary teams and set up new courses for medical students and researchers to collaborate on real problems. Dr. Arias's pedagogy attracted national attention, and he brought this novel approach to NIH by setting up the Demystifying Medicine program with his colleague, Dr. Ruth Kirschstein. To this day, the

Demystifying Medicine series pushes the boundaries of translational research—bridging important gaps between scientific research and medical practice—and has become a global model for the international scientific community.

In addition to his great talent and passion for translational research and collaboration, Dr. Arias is a formidable researcher in his own right. During his research career, he and his collaborators have discovered mechanisms of inheritable jaundice, learned how ABC transporters mediate bile transport, and identified the proteins that regulate hepatocyte polarization, mitochondrial fusion, ATP production and bile transporters. Dr. Arias has also mentored generations of young researchers and medical students at NIH, including Dr. Anthony Fauci. A lifelong teacher and scientist, Dr. Arias continues to coordinate the Demystifying Medicine program and operate a lab at NIH.

Dr. Arias is the loving husband of Dr. Lyuba Varticovski, beloved brother of Joan Gordon, loving father of Jonathan, Linda, Wendy, Nancy and Diana and the devoted grandfather of Daniel, Rick, Alex, Beau, Madeline, Sarah, Noah, Henry and Sofia. He is an avid traveler and fitness enthusiast. I am proud to salute my constituent Dr. Arias for his outstanding contributions to science and society and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on August 31, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 284, and YEA on Roll Call No. 285.

HONORING BISHOP WALTER
HARRIS RICHARDSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of South Florida's most respected and heralded religious leaders, Bishop Walter Harris Richardson, as he celebrates his 47th pastoral anniversary at the Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) in Miami, Florida.

Bishop Richardson was ordained and installed as the first Bishop of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) in 1996. He was ordained a minister on November 30, 1946. Bishop Richardson was named Pastor of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) in 1965 and has, since that time, served as pastor and overseer. He was elevated to the position of Elder in 1967.

As head of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness), Bishop Richardson has expanded the church's service to the residents of the greater Miami-Dade County community through its non-profit organization BUTIFNOT, Incorporated. Under his leadership, The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) also now has congregations in Belle Glade, Florida and Valdosta, Georgia.

Bishop Richardson has been a resident of Miami, Florida for 67 years. He was born in North Carolina on January 5, 1923, to Frank and Ollie Richardson. He is the husband of Missionary Betty Forbes Richardson; the father of Dr. Walter T. Richardson and Pastor Alfred J. Richardson, and stepfather of Clifford J. Forbes and Dobrie Forbes.

Please join me in honoring Bishop Walter Harris Richardson of The Church of God Tabernacle (True Holiness) for unwavering faith and commitment to his congregation and to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, August 31, 2026, I missed votes for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 284, and YEA on Roll Call No. 285.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on August 31, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 284 and YEA on Roll Call No. 285.

HONORING DOCTORS GEORGE AND DAZELLE SIMPSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to pay tribute to Doctors George and Dazelle Simpson for their contributions to the health and welfare of the people of South Florida.

The husband-and-wife team of doctors are pioneers and trailblazers who achieved many firsts in the field of medicine, community service and education. Dr. George Simpson and his wife Dr. Dazelle Simpson were the first African Americans to become board certified to practice Surgery and Pediatrics in the State of Florida.

Beyond the examination room, the Simpsons were instrumental in community development projects designed to provide affordable housing for low to middle income families, the elderly and the homeless. They also devoted countless hours to teaching and training future doctors at local colleges and universities.

Dr. George Simpson practiced General Surgery in Miami for 54 years. He was the first African American to perform major surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital and other major hospitals in Miami-Dade County. Dr. George Simpson was also the first African American on the teaching staff at Jackson Memorial

Hospital. He founded the first physician's union in Miami-Dade County, Jackson Memorial SEIU, and held the titles of Medical Director and Chairman of the Board at several different medical facilities and hospitals, in Miami-Dade County.

Dr. Dazelle Simpson practiced Pediatrics in Miami for 42 years. She was the first woman and first African American member of the University of Miami School of Medicine Admissions Committee. Dr. Dazelle Simpson was also the first African American President of the Greater Miami Pediatric Society, President of the Florida Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Miami Children's Hospital. In addition, Dr. Simpson sat on numerous medical boards and foundations.

The Simpsons are graduates of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, which is one of the Nation's oldest and largest historically black academic health science centers, dedicated to educating physicians, dentists, researchers and health policy experts.

Please join me in honoring Doctors George and Dazelle Simpson for their contributions and unwavering commitment to our community.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 26, 2026, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 26 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

John D. Abram, David R. Allen, Jr., G. Wayne Apgar, Martin E. Arnold, Randall P. Arnold, Robert P. Ballard, Harold J. Benedict, Edward J. Brunner, John T. Bryla, Raymond R. Buckhanan, Randall R. Canene, Ronald A. Carlson, Larry R. Carr, Bertram N. Clarbour, Gary J. Cloonen, John M. Corcoran, Glee E. Cox, Paul G. Cravens, Sr., Robert A. Cravens, Butch R. Decker, David E. Dial, Steven M. Engelking, Dennis W. Erickson, Darryl L. Faye, Alfred C. Feagins, Gregory A. Fisher, Alden R. Gagna, John G. Gay, Charles H. Goebel, Richard T. Gooding, William L. Gould, William R. Gran, Eugene

Gruszka, Gregory G. Gumuls, James B. Hamilton, Bruce C. Hedlund, Dennis M. Howard, Wayne G. Howard, William P. Hunter, Brian R. Johnson, Ronald Kachnowski, William R. Kalata, Donald L. Kennedy, Lovell Kennedy, Beverly M. Klee, Kenneth M. Knowles, Dennis J. Kochan, Joseph A. Krincuis, Raymond F. Kubiak, Robert S. Kurpius, Allan V. Larson, Ronald Lata, Larry A. Leriger, Ivan D. Lundin, Jr., Daniel P. Lynch, Juan M. Magana, John S. Malacina, Michael K. Manderfield, John A. Mangiaguerra, Leon N. Marquardt, Robert A. Marusin, Archie Mason, Jr., Eusapien J. McDuffie, Jr., Daniel P. McCarthy, Clifford S. McChesney, Duane E. McNichol, Kenneth J. Milausnic, Larry M. Miles, Jerrold T. Miller, Terry T. Minick, Barry D. Mishler, Anthony Moreno, Michael B. Morris, James M. Morsovillo, Salvatore Napolitano, John R. Noll, Dennis W. Nush, Richard W. Nystrom, James E. Olin, Donald R. Olsen, Walter S. Parus, Dale E. Pfeiffer, William M. Poole, Richard T. Provot, John J. Puccinelli, Ben Rizzi, George Rizzo, Jon T. Robbins, George M. Rozovics, David R. Ruiz, Dennis B. Samoska, Joseph A. Sendejas, Charles J. Sitzman, Robert C. Spang, Melvin E. Spears, James W. Squires, Ronald A. Squok, Laverne Gene Stadt, Walter A. Suyko, John Szczepanski, Edward R. Taylor, Charles J. Tittelbach, Rigoberto G. Trevino, Fernando A. Vargas, Scott A. Vliek, Theodore J. Walczak, Robert C. Webster, Edward T. Weingartner, Gerald M. Williams, Thomas J. Witkowski, Glenn K. Yamamoto, John F. Zehner, Edgar J. Zellers, and Michael R. Zientara.

RECOGNIZING STATELINE SPEEDWAY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stateline Speedway in Chautauqua County on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. For generations, Stateline has been a fixture of the community, bringing the excitement of motorsports to Western New York and providing fans with a place to gather and enjoy a night at the track.

Over the years, Stateline Speedway has become a place where drivers pursue their passion, families make memories, and friends come together week after week. The dedication of its owners, staff, officials, competitors, and fans has helped make Stateline an enduring part of life in Chautauqua County.

This milestone is an opportunity to recognize everyone who has contributed to Stateline Speedway and helped make it a destination for racing fans throughout the region. From the drivers competing on the track to the fans filling the stands, each has played a part in creating the atmosphere that makes a night at Stateline special.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Stateline Speedway on its 70th anniversary and in celebrating its place as a cherished fixture of Chautauqua County.