

formed The Voices of Tabernacle and served as minister of music for churches across southwest Georgia, gathering and guiding people in worship.

In 1991 Bishop Williams answered a divine call to preach the gospel. He pursued nonprofit and leadership training at Clark Atlanta University and, in 1992, launched Gethsemane Worship Center International in Albany from a small building on Baldwin Street leased by then-Mayor Paul Keenan. With only nine members, that congregation grew into a thriving interdenominational ministry impacting lives locally and globally. He also served as Pastor of New Zion Hill Baptist Church and later organized Divine Covenant International Fellowship, providing apostolic covering and mentoring more than 100 ministers, preachers, and leaders—many in Liberia—under his apostolic anointing.

Bishop Williams was united in holy matrimony on May 7, 1988, to Felicia Jones, and together they raised a loving family: Victoria, Vanessa, Frederick, Jr., Fredesha, Lawanna, Natasha, and Nazarelle—children who were a constant source of joy and pride.

A lifelong learner, Bishop Williams was a proud graduate of Dougherty Comprehensive High School (Class of 1980) and Albany Technical College. His studies continued at Georgetown College, Regents Park College at the University of Oxford, The Interdenominational Theological Center of Morehouse College, and culminated with a Doctorate in Theology from North Carolina University Wilmington, where he was recognized as a distinguished member of the President's Club.

Before full-time ministry, Bishop Williams worked at McGregor Golf for eleven years and later served the community as a bus driver for the Dougherty County School System and as a dispatcher with the Albany-Dougherty 911 Communication Center. An entrepreneur, he owned The Gentlemen Shop, G & W His & Hers Accessories, and the Albany Christian Book & Gift Store.

His ministry and mission were global in scope—Bishop Williams traveled extensively to Haiti, Africa, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Belize, Jamaica, Honduras, Mexico, and beyond, and he established two ministries in Liberia. He served as Bishop Ordinary for the Diocese of St. James the Just in Florida, was consecrated to the office of the bishopric in 2016, served as State Bishop of Georgia, and in 2025 joined Lifted Reformation as State Bishop of Georgia.

Bishop Williams' public service and civic leadership were exemplary. He founded and led Stop the Violence initiatives, co-chaired Albany-Dougherty Community-Oriented Policing, served on the Easter Seals Southern District Board, and led civic and ministerial coalitions that bridged faith, law enforcement, education, and the legal community in pursuit of collective healing and progress. At the time of his passing, he faithfully served as Chairman of the Board of the Albany-Dougherty County Board of Elections.

His life of service earned numerous honors: the NAACP Religious Award; Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award presented by then-Secretary of State Cathy Cox; Excellence in Community Award from the NAACP; the Trailblazer Award from 100 Black Men of Albany; Citizen of the Year from Omega Psi Phi—Eta Omicron Chapter; the Liberty Bell Award from the Dougherty County Bar Association; a Certifi-

cate of Special Congressional Record from yours truly for his leadership in Stop the Violence initiatives; eight Mayoral Proclamations; Albany's STRIDE Award; and many additional commendations recognizing his humanitarian and civic contributions.

Bishop Williams was also an author and creative minister—writing Order in the House and The Church Under Siege, producing the gospel recording Zion Is Calling, and hosting the podcast Plug In With Bishop—platforms through which he taught, encouraged, and lifted up his community during seasons of trial and renewal.

In 2009, following the tragic loss of his sister, Bishop Williams convened leaders at Albany State University and asked, "What can we do?" Out of that conversation grew a sustained, collaborative response to violence and community pain—an enduring testament to his capacity to turn grief into constructive action.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Dr. Frederick Williams, Sr., was a man who married conviction with compassion, preaching comfort while organizing for justice. He answered calls to both prayer and practice, building institutions, mentoring leaders, and offering pastoral care to countless families. He bore witness to a faith that moved beyond sanctuary walls into streets, schools, and global mission fields.

I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring Bishop Dr. Frederick Williams, Sr.—a pastor, a prophet, a builder, and a beloved servant whose life of faith, intellect, and action made our communities stronger and kinder. We mourn his passing, we celebrate his harvest, and we pledge to carry forward his work of healing, justice, and spiritual formation.

May his memory be for a blessing. May his family find comfort in the countless lives he touched. And may his legacy continue to light the way for leaders who follow in the Holy work of service.

RECOGNIZING PHILLIP BARRIER

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phillip Barrier for his 27 years of dedicated public service to Avery County, North Carolina, as County Manager.

Phillip's career reflects a lifetime commitment to serving his community with integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering sense of responsibility. He began his career as Avery County's Tax Administrator, a role he held for 19 years, earning the respect of colleagues and residents alike through his steady leadership and deep knowledge of county operations. In March 2017, Phillip was appointed Avery County Manager, where he continued to demonstrate exceptional dedication to the people he served.

Most notably, Phillip's leadership during and after Hurricane Helene stands as a defining chapter of his tenure. At a time of immense pressure and uncertainty, he played a critical role in coordinating local response efforts and guiding recovery planning. His ability to bring people together, communicate clearly, and keep the public informed helped Avery County navigate hardship with resilience and unity.

Phillip's service has been widely recognized for his leadership and impact. In 2017, he was named Mayland Community College's Distinguished Citizen of the Year for Avery County, and in 2021, he was honored as Businessperson of the Year by the Avery County Chamber of Commerce.

Beyond his professional career, Phillip has devoted countless hours to his community through volunteer service. He has served as Treasurer of the Avery County Education Foundation, Chairman of Avery County Impact, a member of the First Baptist Church Crossnore Youth Team, Chair of the Ingalls Precinct Republican Party, and an active member of the Avery County Schools Improvement Team. These roles reflect his deep commitment to education, civic engagement, faith, and the future of Avery County's youth.

On behalf of the people of North Carolina's 11th Congressional District, I extend my sincere gratitude to Phillip Barrier for his decades of service and leadership. Avery County is stronger because of his dedication, and his legacy will continue to be felt for years to come. I wish Phillip and his family the very best in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING DONNA STAGEMAN
ROBERTS

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation marks the 250th anniversary of American independence, I rise to recognize a remarkable Montanan whose life story reflects both the resilience of this Nation during World War II and the enduring spirit of service that defines the Treasure State.

Today I honor Donna Stageman Roberts, born January 1, 1926, in Randolph, Nebraska, and now a resident of Swan Lake, Montana. On New Year's Day, Donna celebrated her 100th birthday, a milestone befitting a life that spans a century of change and achievement.

Donna's life is interwoven with one of the most extraordinary chapters in American sports history and our home front effort during World War II. In 1946, at the age of 20 and living in Billings, she read about tryouts for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, a professional league created in 1943 to sustain America's pastime while many major league players served overseas during the war.

After submitting her application and being selected from hundreds of hopefuls, Donna earned a contract with the Peoria Redwings, joining their inaugural 1946 season as a shortstop and outfielder. During that era, these teams kept baseball alive in communities across the Midwest, giving Americans a source of normalcy and pride as so many families worried about loved ones on distant battlefields. While her professional career with Peoria was brief, the experience marked a rare and historic contribution to both the sport and the wartime cultural landscape of the United States.

Upon returning to Montana, Donna invested her earnings in her education at Eastern Montana College, later dedicating 35 years as an elementary school teacher in Helena, shaping

generations of young Montanans. She and her late husband raised two children, and she remained an active and cherished member of her community for decades.

Donna's story connects Montana to a pivotal moment in American history, when the home front adapted to global conflict and extraordinary opportunities emerged from national necessity. Her journey from the sandlots of Billings to the professional diamonds of the Midwest and back again exemplifies Montana's contribution to the broader American story.

On this 250th anniversary of our Nation, we honor Donna Roberts for her athletic achievement and longevity and for embodying the character of service and community that has sustained this country through war and peace.

I congratulate Donna Roberts on her 100th birthday and thank her for a life of remarkable dedication and enduring impact on Montana and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following proclamation recognizing Holy Family Catholic Academy:

Whereas, Holy Family Catholic Academy in Niceville, Florida, opened its doors on August 8, 2025, marking the only parochial elementary school to open in the State of Florida that year and one of a small number to open nationwide, bringing renewed hope and vitality to Catholic education in the community;

Whereas, Holy Family Catholic Academy was established to restore the tradition of classical Catholic education by offering the area's first diocesan classical school, uniting rigorous academics with vibrant Catholic faith formation;

Whereas, the school's mission is to "educate children to become scholars and form them to become saints," reflecting a dedication to nurturing both intellectual excellence and spiritual growth in every student;

Whereas, Holy Family Catholic Academy is devoted to forming virtuous young leaders, instilling in its students the values of virtue, courage, and conviction so that they may lead lives of service, character, and integrity;

Whereas, through its rich classical liberal arts curriculum, the school cultivates students to be deep, clear, and independent thinkers by engaging them with the enduring wisdom of Western civilization and challenging them to think critically in pursuit of truth;

Whereas, Holy Family Catholic Academy maintains an unwavering commitment to excellence in academics, rooted in the Catholic tradition and built upon a timeless liberal arts curriculum, thereby uniting faith with reason and providing students a strong foundation for future learning and leadership; and

Whereas, inspired by its Christ-centered educational philosophy, the school nurtures in each child a lifelong love of learning and a profound desire to seek truth, beauty, and goodness in all things, thus helping to form well-rounded individuals guided by wisdom and virtue;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Holy Family Catholic Academy is applauded for its role in strengthening the Niceville community and advancing educational opportunity through the formation of virtuous, thoughtful, and service-oriented young leaders; and

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Holy Family Catholic Academy as an expression of admiration, encouragement, and best wishes for continued success in its mission to educate and inspire future generations.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE JUSTICE
FOR SHIREEN ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to reintroduce the Justice for Shireen Act today. I thank my House Colleagues who joined me in calling for a report to Congress from the FBI and State Department, in consultation with the Attorney General, Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence, on the death of American-Palestinian Journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh. I send my deep condolences to the Abu Akleh family for this terrible killing and continue to stand with them to demand justice and accountability.

Shireen Abu Akleh, an American-Palestinian Journalist, was killed on May 11, 2022. She was killed while wearing a clearly marked press vest on assignment, reporting on a military raid that took place in the Israeli occupied city of Jenin. Shortly after her death, I led a letter, signed by 58 Members of Congress, to the FBI and State Department calling for an independent and open investigation led by her home country, the United States, and 24 Senators have echoed this request. More than three years later, and we still do not have answers. It is imperative that Congress receives the information needed to conduct the necessary oversight. We must ensure no taxpayer dollars contribute to human rights violations or anyone's death—most especially an American abroad.

As an American, Ms. Abu Akleh was entitled to the full protections afforded to U.S. citizens living abroad. As Members of Congress, we need to uphold the values that our nation was founded on, including human rights, equality for all, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press. As Members of Congress, we have a duty to protect Americans reporting abroad. An Israeli investigation was concluded, finding that it was indeed an Israel Solider who shot Ms. Abu Akleh in her line of duty. It is the responsibility of the U.S. to learn all the unanswered questions leading up to, during and after the fatal shot that killed Ms. Abu Akleh. Additionally, this bill requires an identification of any United States defense materials or services that were implicated in the death of Ms. Abu Akleh. No U.S. weapons or military services by the U.S. should be used to kill Americans on foreign soil. American taxpayers should not be paying for any violation of human rights abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in calling for justice and accountability for Shireen Abu Akleh.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ADRIAN EARL
JENKINS, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy but grateful heart to honor the life of Mr. Adrian Earl Jenkins, Sr.—a gentle giant of faith, family, and fearless service, whose quiet strength lifted a community for more than 9 decades. A funeral service celebrating his remarkable life was held on January 29, 2026, at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia.

Adrian Earl Jenkins, Sr. was born May 7, 1928, in LaGrange, Georgia, to Julia Byrd and was primarily raised by his aunt and uncle, William and Jesse Pattilo. His hands told his story: strong from teaching generations of students, callused from building a home and other community structures with his own labor and tender from holding grandchildren and comforting neighbors in times of need. Grounded in faith, he lived out many callings—student, soldier, husband, father, teacher, farmer, deacon, activist, and friend—with humility and devotion.

After graduating from East Depot High School in LaGrange, he enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama, but his studies were interrupted when he was drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Jenkins returned from the War, determined to finish his education, which he did at Albany State College. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education and dedicated his life to teaching. For more than 34 years he shaped minds and modeled dignity, discipline, and love in the Thomas County and Dougherty County School Systems. His students remember lessons far beyond academics on how to live with honor and purpose.

In 1958 he and Mary Frances Royal joined hearts in marriage, a steadfast partnership of 56 years. Family was his pride—his son Adrian Jenkins, Jr., his late daughter Sharon Jenkins Hicks, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry his laughter, his stories, and his legacy forward.

For over 60 years Mr. Jenkins served Mount Zion Baptist Church as a deacon, offering his time, prayer, wisdom and treasure. As a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for 70 years, he embodied the fraternity's ideals of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind and was honored by the Gamma Omicron Lambda Chapter as "Brother of the Year." He helped build and sustain institutions that mattered, including the Albany Civil Rights Museum as a founding board member, overseer of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority house in Albany and numerous other community meeting places. He labored untiringly without seeking the spotlight.

Mr. Jenkins was also a quiet but steady force in the struggle for civil rights, supporting carpools during the bus boycott, aiding desegregation of the lunchroom at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and practicing ordinary acts of courage that yielded extraordinary change.

He loved the land—raising chickens and hogs and living the words of Psalm 128:2, eating the fruit of his labor, and blessing those at his table. Though accomplished, he sought no title. He simply wanted to make a difference,