

Under his leadership, New Hope experienced significant spiritual and numerical growth, and as a consequence of spirit-led sermons and worship experiences the North 46th Street sanctuary could no longer accommodate the increasing numbers. Pastor Cyrus and a Relocation Committee explored several sites before the majority selected a site on Greenwell Springs Road, where construction began in 1985 with relocation and dedication services held in 1988. The church later expanded its facilities with the Hope Center and continued its involvement in education, youth development, and community service.

In 2025, Reverend Samuel Calvin Lofton, Jr., was elected as the third pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, succeeding Dr. Cyrus, who became Pastor Emeritus after nearly forty-nine years of service, and today the membership continues to strive to keep the vision of the church and its longstanding mission of worship, fellowship, ministry, evangelism, discipleship, and service to the Baton Rouge community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending New Hope Baptist Church for nearly eighty years of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation continued blessings in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF CORNELIUS ALLEN BOTTOMLEY, JR. AND JOHN WILLIAM HUGHAN

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Cornelius Allen Bottomley, Jr., known to everyone who loved him as Allen, and his nephew, John William Hughan. It is fitting that we remember them here together, because that is how their family holds them in their hearts.

Allen Bottomley, of Hanover, Massachusetts, passed away on September 13, 2024, at the age of 54, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 18, 1969, in Boston to the late Dorothy Warnock Bottomley and Cornelius Allen Bottomley, Sr. He graduated from Plymouth-Carver High School in 1988, earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from Bucknell University in 1993, and completed his Master of Business Administration at the F.W. Olin School of Business at Babson College in 2000.

Allen's strong work ethic showed up in everything he did, at home and on the job. After Bucknell, he spent six years working alongside his father, Neil, as Director of Operations for their company, Evaluation Associates, in Plymouth, Massachusetts. After earning his MBA, Allen served for a short time as a financial analyst at Send.com in Waltham before beginning a twelve-year run at Fidelity Investments' Boston Coach, where he held many positions and rose to Senior Vice President of Strategic Operations Analysis. Beginning in 2015, he brought that same steadiness to Granite Telecommunications in Quincy, where he served as Vice President of Treasury and Financial Operations.

Mr. Speaker, the résumé tells you what Allen did. It does not tell you who he was.

Allen was known for his quick wit, his boisterous laugh, his kind heart, his brilliant mind, and a fierce loyalty to family and friends. He chose to surround himself with genuine, trustworthy, and intelligent people. He loved boating on Cape Cod, skiing in Vermont, and sitting contentedly at home with his family in front of a beautiful fire.

Allen cooked and carved the turkey on Thanksgiving. He chose and cut down the family Christmas tree each December. He offered sage advice to family and friends, and he managed to fix anything and everything that broke around the house. Those are small things, and they are the things families hold onto.

Allen is survived by Jane (Connolly) Bottomley, his wife of 26 years, and their two children, Cornelius Haraden Bottomley, III, known as Haraden, and McKenzie Jane Bottomley. He was immensely proud of all three, and he loved watching his son and daughter grow into the amazing young adults they are today. Jane is quick to admit that the first thing that drew the two of them to one another was their ability to make each other laugh, and that laughter grew into a deep love, a deep respect, and an uncomplicated happiness rooted in simply being together. His family has said that Allen's ultimate goal was their happiness, and that they intend to keep trying to succeed and make him proud. Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of a better tribute to a husband and a father than that.

Allen also leaves behind his sister, Allison Bottomley Hughan, his brother-in-law, Peter, and his niece, Emmeline, of Norwell, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his nephew, John.

John William Hughan was taken from his family far too soon. He was born in Boston and lived in South Boston until he was five years old. He moved to Norwell, where he attended the William Gould Vinal Elementary School and took up new sports, the trumpet, and Cub Scout Pack 66. He went on to Norwell Middle School, where he worked hard to excel academically.

John had a natural talent for music. He worked at the trumpet for years, and he was selected for the Massachusetts Music Education Association Southeastern District Honor Band and the Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association Honor Band in both seventh and eighth grade, along with the Bridgewater State Middle School Honor Band in those same two years. He was a member of the United Church of Christ Norwell, where he had taken part in the music program since he was five years old, starting in Cherub Chimes, moving on to the bells in Rockin' Ringers, and eventually performing trumpet solos. He had just completed his confirmation, and over the years he took part in numerous service events. John loved every genre of music, and his family often caught him singing or humming along to a song.

John was an athlete, too. He played club lacrosse with the Laxachusetts program beginning in third grade and was looking forward to joining his Laxachusetts 2028 team and the Norwell High School team. His love of soccer grew in seventh grade, and he had just started tryouts at Norwell High School, excited to play alongside his classmates. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 38 in Hanover, Massachusetts, where he had recently achieved his Life Rank and was working toward becoming an

Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, he wanted to build an outdoor classroom at Norwell Middle School.

John spent his summers on Cape Cod, and he spent most of those days on the water. He raced Optis for many summers and made friends at yacht clubs across the Cape. He had started sailing 420s and was looking forward to racing more the next summer with his friends at Chatham Yacht Club. He spent many hours on the golf course, and his game improved to the point that his goal was to beat his dad. Weekends were often family days on the powerboat, heading over to Hyannis, to Nantucket, or just putting around Bass River. He almost always had a smile.

Mr. Speaker, John was a conversationalist. He could talk with anyone and would talk with anyone, and from an early age he believed everyone wanted to talk with him. He was curious and full of questions. He was the kind of friend who would try to make you laugh, make you feel heard, and make you feel important. His friends and classmates describe him as kind, always with a smile.

John was a wonderful big brother. He was proud of his sister Emmeline's accomplishments, watched her sporting events, cheered her on from the sailing racecourse, and beamed when she succeeded. He was forever trying to improve her lacrosse game, talk through sailing strategy, and battle it out with her in the front yard playing soccer. They had a special bond and a real reliance on each other. He was a remarkable son, too. His mother hugged him every day, sometimes having to chase him out the door to be sure she got her hug.

Mr. Speaker, Allen Bottomley's greatest accomplishments were being a father, a husband, a son, a brother, an uncle, a brother-in-law, and a friend, and his happiest moments were the ones he spent with his family. John Hughan will be remembered for how hard he worked at everything he tried, for the kindness that came through in everything he did, and for his compassion toward his friends and family. Both of them will be missed beyond words.

On the two-year anniversary of their passing, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives and legacies of Cornelius Allen Bottomley, Jr., and John William Hughan, and in keeping the Bottomley and Hughan families in our thoughts. May God continue to bless and watch over their souls.

HONORING COACH MICKEY LINDSEY

HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true Northwest Florida legend, Coach Mickey Lindsey, as Pace High School will dedicate its football field in his honor on Friday, September 4, 2026.

For generations of students and families in Pace, Coach Lindsey has represented far more than football and his impact reached far beyond the scoreboard.

Coach Lindsey understood that the lessons learned through athletics, hard work, and commitment could shape young people for the rest

of their lives. For the many young men who had the privilege of playing for him, he was not simply a coach. He was a mentor, a role model, and someone who believed in them.

That is why it is so fitting that Pace High School will permanently attach Coach Lindsey's name to the field where so many of those lessons were taught. Every Friday night, when students take the field and families gather in the stands, his name will serve as a reminder of the standard he set and the legacy he leaves behind.

Northwest Florida is blessed with communities that take pride in their schools, their traditions, and the people who invest in the next generation. Coach Mickey Lindsey is one of those people.

I am proud to recognize Coach Lindsey for his years of service to Pace High School, his dedication to his players and students, and the lasting mark he has made on the Pace community.

Coach Lindsey's name will now be part of Pace football history, but his greatest legacy will continue to live in the lives of the young people he helped shape.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Mickey Lindsey and congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

RECOGNIZING DR. KALEN
RASMUSSEN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kalen Rasmussen, from Lakewood, Colorado, for his participation in the Department of Energy's National Laboratory Research SLAM in D.C. as the representative for the National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR). Dr. Rasmussen received the Energy Security award for his presentation, "From Microbes to Metals: Powering Energy Security."

Every year, Americans discard hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable metal-containing batteries. Dr. Rasmussen's work at NLR advances biologically enabled methods for recovering critical metals from battery waste, using microorganisms and bio-based systems to help break down and process complex materials. Through his research, he has advanced the United States' capability to utilize its domestic waste, recover critical metals, and strengthen energy security and independence.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Dr. Kalen Rasmussen on winning the Energy Security award and representing Colorado in the 2026 DOE National Laboratory Research SLAM.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF
KEVIN PALMER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Assist-

ant Police Chief Kevin Palmer. Kevin lived a life of service, an Air Force veteran, dedicated public servant, and a respected leader in the North Richland Hills community.

His journey of service began in the Air Force before he joined the North Richland Hills Police Department in 2004. Over the next two decades he rose through the ranks to become Assistant Police Chief in 2023, overseeing patrol, traffic, SWAT, and criminal investigations. Throughout his career in public service, he received more than 40 police service awards, graduated from the FBI National Academy's 283rd session, and graduate of the PERF—Senior Management Institute of Police.

His absence is felt throughout the community today, Kevin's legacy lives on through the many men and women he mentored, and the community he served with dedication and heart.

Assistant Chief Kevin Palmer served with honor and led with an unwavering commitment. We are thankful for his sacrifice and we will never forget the legacy he leaves behind. May his memory continue to inspire us all.

HONORING GREATER MOUNT
OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a congregation whose beginning dates back to January 21, 1996, at the Baptist Student Center on the campus of Southern University. Under the leadership of Pastor S.C. Dixon, 134 members assembled with the adopted motto, "The Church Where Peace Abides." On May 6, 1996, the church was incorporated with the State of Louisiana. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Pastor Dixon led the congregation only one year later, on May 1, 1997, to purchase its current church home on Victoria Drive. Through boundless faith and steadfast vision, Pastor Dixon moved forward with confidence, overseeing a facility consisting of three buildings—the sanctuary, office spaces, classrooms, a family center with gymnasium, kitchen, cafeteria, and an educational building.

With Spirit-filled guidance, Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church has long been a trailblazer in carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. The church is not limited to Sunday morning worship; its ministries actively meet the needs of disciples, the community, and people abroad. In August 1997, Pastor Dixon further recognized a need for academic support within the community and opened Greater Mount Olive Day Care with just one student. Continued growth led to the renaming of the school as Greater Mount Olive Christian Academy in 2001. By May 2005, the academy was approved as a Non-Public Private School in East Baton Rouge Parish, serving Pre-K through second grade. Greater Mount Olive remains affiliated with numerous Baptist organizations statewide and nationally, including the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc.

Over the years, Greater Mount Olive has continued to enhance its facilities, including a

2000 renovation of the sanctuary. During this period, New Hope Baptist Church under Reverend Dr. Leo D. Cyrus graciously allowed the congregation to worship in its sanctuary at no cost. Additional improvements included acquiring a church steeple, installing an electronic sign, upgrading the sound system, replacing the roof, remodeling the parking lot, installing electrical gates, and replacing air-conditioning units. On January 23, 2000, the church laid its cornerstone, placing behind it a time capsule to be opened in the year 2050. The church expanded further by acquiring nearly ten acres across the street and another four acres south of the main campus. Following Hurricane Katrina, the church allowed FEMA to house displaced families in 118 trailers on its property—Mount Olive Gardens.

Mr. Speaker, Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church endured the 2016 flood that destroyed its campus but never missed a Sunday service, holding 21 months of worship at True Light Baptist Church. Supported by Baptist groups nationwide, the church demonstrated unity and resilience by providing FEMA housing units during recovery. After returning to its Victoria Drive home in May 2018, Pastor Dixon led a Strategic Planning Summit in January 2019 to guide future ministry. I urge my colleagues to honor Greater Mount Olive for its faith, perseverance, service, and dedication to rebuilding its mission.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE
"JOEY" COLUMBUS SANDERS, JR.

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life and memory of my longtime friend, Joe "Joey" Columbus Sanders, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama, who passed away on August 30, 2026, at the age of 65.

I had the privilege of knowing Joey from the very beginning of my political career, and throughout the years, I was proud to consider him a friend. Anyone who spent time in Alabama political circles over the past several decades knew Joey, or at least knew of his work. He had a remarkable understanding of people and politics, a natural instinct for campaigns, and, most importantly, a genuine love for Alabama and its people.

Joey was raised in Greenville, Alabama, and graduated from Fort Dale Academy in 1979. He went on to earn a degree in Broadcast Journalism from The University of Alabama in 1983. While at Alabama, he served as president of the College Republicans, beginning what would become a lifetime of involvement in Republican politics and the conservative movement.

His service eventually took him to the national stage as president of the National Young Republicans and as a member of the site selection committee for the 1988 Republican National Convention. He also served on the staff of Senator Jeremiah Denton, both in Washington and as his State Field Director.

Joey possessed a true gift for political campaigns. Over the years, countless candidates and public officials sought his counsel, creativity, and expertise. He eventually founded Master Image, Inc., where he put those talents