

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

to work, helping candidates at the national, state, and local levels. His influence on Alabama politics extended far beyond any single election or campaign, and many who have served our state benefited from his friendship, advice, and experience.

But politics was only one part of Joey's life. He was deeply involved in his community, serving organizations including the Homewood Library Foundation, City Stages, the Birmingham Irish Cultural Society, the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex Authority, and the Vestavia Hills Civitan Club. During his service on the BJCC board, he was involved in a transformative period for the complex that included its renovation and the development of Protective Stadium and the Coca-Cola Amphitheater.

Those who knew Joey personally will remember much more than his professional accomplishments. He was a storyteller, a historian, a cook, an outdoorsman, and someone who simply enjoyed bringing people together. Some of his happiest times were spent at Sanders Farm in Greenville, surrounded by family and friends, often gathered around a fire with a pot of his homemade camp stew. He was generous with his time, his friendship, and, as many people across Alabama can attest, his homemade pepper sauce and salsa.

Joey never forgot where he came from, and he remained a strong advocate for the outdoors, wildlife conservation, hunters' rights, the Second Amendment, and the conservative principles that guided him throughout his life.

Above all, Joey loved his family. He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Luanne; his children, Holton and Anne Heaton; his granddaughters, Poppy and Honey; his sister, Linda; and a large extended family and countless friends who will miss him greatly.

For me personally, it is difficult to say goodbye to someone who has been a friend for virtually my entire political career. Joey was part of Alabama politics for decades, but his legacy cannot be measured simply by campaigns won, candidates elected, or projects completed. It is found in the friendships he built, the people he helped, the stories he told, and the memories he leaves with all of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Joe "Joey" Columbus Sanders, Jr., and in extending our deepest condolences to Luanne, his children and grandchildren, and the entire Sanders family. I am grateful to have called Joey my friend, and I know his presence will be deeply missed across Alabama.

COMMEMORATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS AND KAZAKHSTAN'S ENDURING CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL SECURITY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the International Day Against Nuclear Tests and recognize Kazakhstan's enduring contribution to world peace and security.

August 29, 2026, marked 35 years since Kazakhstan's historic decision to close the

Semipalatinsk nuclear test site. In tribute to that decision, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously designated August 29 as the International Day Against Nuclear Tests in 2009, drawing global attention to the devastating human and environmental consequences of nuclear testing. Similarly, on September 8, Kazakhstan and its Central Asian neighbors will mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia.

The consequences of nuclear testing are deeply understood in both our countries. More than one thousand U.S. nuclear tests exposed servicemembers, workers, and downwind communities in Nevada and throughout the West to radioactive fallout. At Semipalatinsk, 456 Soviet nuclear tests between 1949 and 1989 exposed approximately 1.5 million people and left a lasting human and environmental toll. The Nevada-Semipalatinsk Movement, which united citizens affected by nuclear testing in Kazakhstan and the United States, helped generate the public momentum necessary to end testing at the site.

After inheriting the world's fourth-largest nuclear arsenal following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Kazakhstan voluntarily relinquished those weapons and chose security through diplomacy, international cooperation, and nonproliferation policy. The United States was a close partner in this historic transformation. Through the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, our countries eliminated weapons and delivery systems, dismantled nuclear infrastructure, sealed test tunnels, and secured dangerous materials in the former Soviet Union. Project Sapphire alone removed nearly 600 kilograms of highly enriched uranium from Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan quickly translated its national commitment into a regional security framework. In 2006, the five Central Asian states signed the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone in Central Asia at Semipalatinsk. The Treaty remains an important pillar of regional stability and the global nonproliferation regime, transforming a former center of nuclear testing into a symbol of arms control cooperation. Kazakhstan has continued to put these principles into practice. It hosted two rounds of P5+1 negotiations with Iran in 2013 which led to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, supported implementation of the 2015 nuclear agreement, and now hosts the IAEA Low Enriched Uranium Bank at the Ulba Metallurgical Plant. Kazakhstan's commitment to denuclearization and stability demonstrates how the credibility earned through disarmament and reinforced by decades of cooperation with the United States can help address one of today's most difficult nuclear challenges.

Mr. Speaker, we should recognize Kazakhstan not only for its historic decisions, but also for the responsibilities it continues to assume. Its example proves that nonproliferation is not an abstract aspiration, but a practical instrument of national security and diplomatic problem-solving.

I urge the Senate to ratify the Protocol to the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty, which the United States signed in 2014. This step would reinforce American nonproliferation objectives and recognize the obligations Kazakhstan and its neighbors have upheld for two decades. I also urge Congress to repeal the Jackson-Vanik amendment and

establish permanent normal trade relations with Kazakhstan. This outdated Cold War-era restriction bears no reasonable relationship to modern trade relations with Kazakhstan, its partnership with the United States, or its extraordinary contribution to global nuclear security.

Kazakhstan has demonstrated that disarmament can strengthen sovereignty and national security. The United States should recognize this unprecedented record not only with words, but through concrete action.

RECOGNIZING TIM MILLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tim Miller, who is retiring from his service to our community as a Drawing, Painting, and Graphic Arts Instructor at Golden High School.

For more than 20 years, Tim has inspired generations of students through his creativity, dedication, and leadership. His positive outlook and ability to encourage and challenge students have left a lasting impact on both the students of Golden High School and the art community in Colorado.

During his time teaching, Tim has consistently gone above and beyond for his students. He has regularly taken them on field trips to assisted living homes, the Children's Hospital, the Denver Indian Center, and the Denver Rescue Mission to inspire them through art in the Metro Denver community. Tim's commitment to his students has been evident in everything he has done—including obtaining a bus driver's license to ensure his students would continue to get these meaningful experiences while cutting down on costs and logistical hurdles for the school. These opportunities have challenged students artistically and taught them compassion, service, and connection.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Tim Miller on his retirement from Golden High School and sincerely thank him for his contributions to our community.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO CHIEF JUSTIN BALL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Chief Justin Ball. Dallas Fire-Rescue has named a new fire chief, Justin Ball, a veteran of the department with nearly three decades of service to North Texas.

Chief Ball began his journey with Dallas Fire-Rescue in 1997, and has worn many hats throughout his time with the department, starting as Firefighter Paramedic, to Executive Assistant Chief of Operations, and most recently serving as the Interim Chief, before being named as Chief permanently. Through dedication, leadership, and commitment to public