

Woodrow Wilson, six members of the 3rd Congressional District of Mississippi going back to Congressman Benjamin G. Humphreys, and has witnessed events such as the roaring 20's, the space race, the civil rights movement, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the rise of modern technology. Mr. McDonald shares a birth year with famous singer Frank Sinatra and fellow Mississippian Muddy Waters.

Mr. McDonald has lived a wholesome life with family and his community, working hard and investing in a career with The Kroger Company. In the 1980's, after a stint in Ohio, Mr. McDonald moved back to Louisville to live in his home community.

Mr. McDonald was recognized as the oldest living man in America following the passing of Edwin "Ed" George Martin of Lehigh Acres, Florida, on July 24, 2026, at the age of 111 years and 159 days. On November 1, 2026, Mr. McDonald will celebrate his 111th birthday. He will be turning 111 on November 1st. I am honored to recognize Mr. McDonald for his long life and amazing legacy.

I wish Mr. McDonald the best and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

CELEBRATING CLAY HIGH
SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Clay High School as they mark their Centennial Anniversary. Part of the Oregon City School District, Clay High School opened its doors to its first class of freshmen on September 13, 1926.

Public education is a partnership between students, educators, families, and the communities they call home. The students in the classroom today are the leaders who will change the world tomorrow. For a century, Clay High School has helped prepare generations of young people to meet that responsibility, with nearly 23,000 graduates receiving their diplomas since the school first opened its doors.

Named for Jeremiah Clay, on whose farm the school was built, Clay High School has grown from a small school serving its first freshman class into a thriving, comprehensive high school. The school seeks to develop and care for the whole student, offering a range of technical programs, honors courses, Advanced Placement courses, and a College Credit Plus Program. Its 27 varsity sports teams and numerous extracurricular activities give its students a place to connect, grow, and learn outside of the classroom. Through its commitment to rigorous and relevant education, strong relationships, and a culture of excellence and growth, Clay continues to prepare students to become engaged, adaptable citizens.

Please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to the teachers, staff, and community members who have invested in the success of Clay High School, its many students, and the entire City of Oregon. This milestone reflects a century of dedication and commitment by

countless individuals. As Clay High School celebrates 100 years of tradition and achievement, I am so proud of the work being done to expand educational opportunities for young people in Oregon, and across Lucas County and look forward to the many accomplishments still to come.

Go Eagles. Onward.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO GRADY EMERSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Fort Worth Christian's Grady Emerson, who was the second overall pick in the 2026 MLB Draft, selected by the Tampa Bay Rays. During an impressive senior season, he was named Gatorade National Player of the Year and Baseball America's High School Player of the Year, leading Fort Worth Christian to the TAPPS Division II state championship game. He became the fourth Dallas-Fort Worth area high school player selected in the top 10 of the MLB Draft this century. Additionally, he became the second high school player in the history of USA Baseball's Golden Spikes Award to be named a semifinalist, joining MLB superstar Bobby Witt, Jr.

Grady Emerson also made history as the first player to compete on multiple USA Baseball 15U and 18U National Teams, earning three gold medals. Recognized for his exceptional hitting, athleticism, and overall skill, he is regarded as one of the top high school prospects in recent years.

I congratulate Grady. North Texas is cheering him on in his next chapter.

HONORING GREATER NEW GUIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable congregation in my District, Greater New Guide Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it celebrates more than a century of worship, education, and service to our community.

The New Guide Baptist Church was organized by a small group from the Scotlandville area under the leadership of Reverend Ike Kelly. This group eventually moved to North 19th Street in 1914.

After the death of Reverend Kelly in 1915, Reverend L.C. Crier led the flock until 1921. Reverend Thomas A. Levy was called to pastor the church in 1922 and concentrated on building a new facility. In 1930 the new facility was erected, and the church was called the Greater New Guide Baptist Church. Reverend Levy led the congregation until his death in 1946. Reverend Joseph H. Freeman was elected as pastor in July 1946, and under his leadership many new committees and ministries were formed.

As the membership flourished, Reverend Freeman envisioned a larger house for wor-

ship. As plans were being drawn for a new facility, news of an available building was received. The Relocation Investigation Committee was formed and subsequently toured the Fairfield Baptist Church. The majority returned with a favorable report, and the Greater New Guide Baptist Church moved to the new location in 1974.

Soon after settling in, the Guided Learning Center was established in 1974. After many years of growth and development, the center was renamed The Greater New Guide Learning Academy.

Financing the operational budget was always made possible through pledges and fundraisers. In the early 1980s, however, the church resolved to become a tithing church. Blessings were abundant, and in 1981, seven years after moving to the new location, the church's mortgage was retired.

Reverend Freeman died on June 10, 1985. Reverend Isaiah J. Webster, a former member of Greater New Guide, was elected as pastor in October and installed on February 16, 1986. This was another banner day for the Greater New Guide family. Again, the congregation was blessed with a leader who shows an interest in people, especially the flock over which he had been placed, a forceful teacher, and a staunch administrator.

The membership increased from five hundred members in 1985 to over twelve hundred members. With the growing attendance, the need for an additional service was realized, and on Sunday, November 4, 1990, the eight o'clock morning worship service was instituted.

In 1989, the church acquired property on North Acadian Thruway, formerly the old National Food Store. The property was formerly called the Greater New Guide Plaza and housed the Learning Academy and the Clothes Closet. Today, this property is referred to as the Greater New Guide Christian Education and Family Life Center. The mission of the Center is, Empowering people, advancing families. In addition to housing the Clothes Closet and Library, this facility is used for Sunday school classes, financial training, new members classes, and other classes that promote Christian discipline and growth.

The church supports weekly adult and youth Bible classes, averaging two hundred fifty persons weekly. The Sunday School averages two hundred ninety in weekly attendance, and classes are available for all age groups. The church is also very involved in the life of the youth congregation and supports youth retreats and many other activities.

Greater New Guide experienced tremendous spiritual and numerical growth through the teaching of Reverend Webster. He retired as leader of this flock on December 30, 2022. Reverend Mark C. Thomas was elected as Acting Pastor effective January 2023, and he has continued the spiritual teaching and leadership set forth by the past leaders of Greater New Guide. His emphasis is on the love of Christ and the holistic needs of church members as well as the citizens of the community.

The congregation welcomes those who join it, and two programs were instituted that make for an easy transition. The adult New Members class was established August 3, 1986. The class meets for five sessions where Christian-based doctrines are emphasized. The classes assist the members in understanding God's will for their lives while equipping and encouraging members to use their spiritual gifts.

Greater New Guide is active in the life of the community. It serves as a polling site. The Mission Ministry operates a Clothes Closet that provides clothing for the needy, and a social worker reviews applications for financial assistance. The Evangelistic Ministry leads the church into the community to present the Gospel to all who are willing to listen. Its mission is, Our Mission for the Master, People.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greater New Guide Baptist Church for more than a century of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation many more years of blessing and growth.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PAUL R. HOLLINGER

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Paul R. Hollinger of West Lampeter Township, who passed away on August 29, 2026, at the age of 91.

Paul was a pioneer in the Christian radio industry. A graduate of Moody Bible Institute and trained in broadcast sales, Paul began his career at a station in Chicago and then in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania until radio evangelist Percy Crawford hired him as general manager of WDAC in southern Lancaster County in 1961.

Paul took on the role of general manager at the first FM station in the Lancaster area at a time when there were only a hundred Christian broadcasting stations in the country. He oversaw the transformation of WDAC into one of the largest stations in the region and one of the largest Christian radio stations in the country. From 1981 to 2014, he was co-owner of WDAC and retired as chief operating officer at the end of 2006, having spent a total of 53 years in Christian radio.

Paul's legacy extends beyond his contributions to radio. He had an enormous impact on the churches he attended, particularly Calvary Church in Manheim Township, where he served as a teacher, elder, member of the choir for 40 years, and church historian. He served as a director on many organizational boards, including the National Religious Broadcasters and Willow Valley Retirement Communities. Most importantly, he was a husband to Sylvia, a father to Kerin and Timothy, a grandfather to six, and great-grandfather to nine.

Paul R. Hollinger leaves behind an enormous legacy that has reached all parts of the community. As we recognize and celebrate his life, we offer our prayers of comfort to his family during this time.

RECOGNIZING PHIL "UNCLE PHIL" SALAMONE OF THE ROCHESTER RED WINGS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phil "Uncle Phil" Salamone as he

celebrates an extraordinary milestone: 40 years of dedicated service to the Rochester Red Wings and to our greater Rochester community.

For four decades, Uncle Phil has been a familiar and beloved presence for generations of Red Wings fans. From his post in the VIP parking lot, with his unmistakable smile, open arms, and signature phrase, "Uncle Phil loves you!" he has made countless visitors feel like part of the Rochester family.

A graduate of Edison Career and Technology High School and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Uncle Phil has built a life defined by service to others. His journey with the Red Wings began when he started bringing his four sons to games and was offered a part-time job with the organization. What began as a job in the parking lot became a remarkable four-decade relationship with the team, its fans, and our community.

Over the years, Uncle Phil has become a Rochester institution. His warmth and generosity have extended far beyond the ballpark to the many festivals, conventions, and community events he has worked throughout our region. Whether offering a hug striking up a conversation with a stranger, or simply making sure someone leaves a little happier than when they arrived, Uncle Phil has demonstrated the profound difference that everyday acts of kindness can make.

Phil Salamone's greatest legacy can be found in the countless friendships he has formed, the memories he has helped create, and the generations of Rochesterians who know that a trip to the ballpark just would not be the same without seeing Uncle Phil.

Forty years of service is an extraordinary accomplishment, and reaching this milestone while bringing such enthusiasm, compassion, and joy to others makes it all the more remarkable.

It is my great privilege to congratulate Phil "Uncle Phil" Salamone on 40 years with the Rochester Red Wings and thank him for his enduring service to our community. Rochester is a kinder, friendlier, and more welcoming place because Uncle Phil has spent so many years reminding us of something simple but important: there is always room to show a little more love to one another.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO DR. NEAL ODLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Dr. Neal Odle, as for more than 50 years, he has built a legacy of education, leadership, and service in North Texas. He was recently honored with Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District's Walk of Honor, recognizing individuals whose lasting contributions have shaped the community.

After graduating from the University of North Texas, where he earned his bachelor's, master's, and later a Doctor of Education degree, Dr. Odle began his career in 1971 as a fifth-grade teacher at Colleyville Elementary School before later serving as the school's principal. In 1986, he opened O.C. Taylor Elementary

School, where he served until his retirement, helping lead Grapevine-Colleyville ISD to its first Elementary National Blue Ribbon School designation awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Throughout his career, Dr. Odle was named Teacher of the Year and received numerous honors, including the National Association of Elementary Principals Award for excellence in education and the Jim Thompson Award for exemplary achievement in education.

Even in retirement, Dr. Odle has remained committed to serving his community. Through the Grapevine Volunteers in Police Service program, he has dedicated more than 499 hours, earning the President's Volunteer Silver Service Award. He also serves as an elder and community group leader at Compass Christian Church and enjoys building sets for musicals and for mission outreach programs, both locally and in Mexico.

Through decades of leadership, service, and dedication to students, Dr. Odle has made an impact on the Grapevine and Colleyville communities. I congratulate Dr. Odle on the GCISD Walk of Honor.

HONORING GLORYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a thriving congregation in my district, Gloryland Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it marks more than seventy years of worship and community outreach.

On June 29, 1951, in the Byrd Station Subdivision, a community of 187 homes, Gloryland Baptist Church was born. The Fourth District Association, with the late Dr. E.D. Billoups as moderator, organized the church with eighteen persons in attendance, and the group elected Reverend Edward W. Brown as pastor. The name Gloryland was suggested by Frances Ambeau and adopted by the group.

Services were held in a tent at the present site, and on February 9, 1958, with a membership of eighty-eight, the church was dedicated. The congregation owes a debt of gratitude to founding members Billie Corbin, Abner Armstrong, Bertel Winder, Louis Ginn, Osborne Johnson, Jake Thomas, Henry Spooner, Nathan Johnson, Willie Lafayette, Jr., and Edward W. Brown for their work and fortitude.

After the departure of Reverend Brown, Reverend John Henry Scott pastored for a short time. On September 10, 1959, Gloryland ordained and installed Reverend John David Lands as pastor. Reverend Lands, affectionately known as "The Shepherd," provided spiritual leadership for the church, and more than thirty ministers were called to the ministry under his teaching. The congregation experienced rapid growth, and construction of the present sanctuary began on September 21, 1976. In 1980, a north wing was added to increase seating capacity, and the church purchased four acres of land on Michelli Drive, which today houses a pavilion, outdoor kitchen, picnic tables, playground, and basketball court used for church functions and community events.