

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO OFFICER MONIQUE HALL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Officer Monique Hall. She has dedicated over 25 years to protecting, supporting, and uplifting the Bedford community. She currently works for the Bedford Police Department's Behavioral Intervention Unit, serving as an advocate for victims of domestic violence while helping connect them with the resources they need. Her advocacy work is part of broader efforts in Northeast Tarrant County to prevent domestic violence and reduce repeat offenses through proactive intervention programs.

Since joining the Bedford Police Department in 1999, Officer Hall has served as a Public Service Officer, Patrol Officer, and School Resource Officer. She is also a member of the department's Hostage Negotiations Team and Crisis/Peer Support Team.

Through her compassion, dedication, and commitment to helping others, Officer Hall has made a lasting impact on their lives. I congratulate Monique on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING UNITED CHRISTIAN
FAITH MINISTRIES

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a thriving ministry in my district, United Christian Faith Ministries in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it observes twenty-five years of worship, outreach, and service to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish.

After relocating from Atlanta to Baton Rouge, Mark A. Ellis, Pastor and Founder, received the vision for United Christian Faith Ministries in June 2001. God instructed Pastor Ellis to reach out to the community, preach the Gospel, and teach the Word of God with simplicity and understanding. In August 2001, the ministry was formed with only seven members. United Christian Faith Ministries held its first worship service at the Ramada Inn, previously located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Over the years, God has blessed United Christian Faith Ministries tremendously and has allowed the ministry to touch many lives within this community. With over twenty-five ministries established, its focus continues to be on outreach, worship, fellowship, ministry, and service. Its membership continues to grow expediently. The ministry has grown from the seven members in 2001 to currently over two thousand members, and many souls have been added to the body of Christ. To God be the glory.

The congregation yet remains dependent upon God and His infinite wisdom as it continues to build the kingdom of God and celebrate Jesus. The Lord is continually sharing His presence with United Christian Faith Ministries and, by His sovereign leadership, adding to this ministry daily. Great is God's faithfulness.

In August of 2017, United Christian Faith Ministries cut the ribbon on the state-of-the-art United Center. This facility was built to house the many discipleship opportunities the ministry offers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating United Christian Faith Ministries on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, and in wishing its pastor and congregation God's continued favor in the years ahead.

HONORING THE SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sandhills Community College men's golf team for capturing their sixth consecutive NJCAA Division III National Championship.

On June 5, 2026, at Chataqua Golf Club, the Sandhills Flyers secured another championship on the national stage, beating the runner up by 42 strokes.

This tremendous achievement is a testament to the team's unity, discipline, and outstanding work ethic. I would like to especially congratulate Sebastian Haug, Kip Melen, Borden Beaver, and Trace Wallace for all finishing inside the top 13, individually earning NJCAA All-American honors.

I know I speak for our whole community in offering my most heartfelt congratulations to the entire championship team. They have all made our community proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today honoring the Sandhills Flyers.

CONGRATULATING WEST
LAMPETER TOWNSHIP POLICE
CHIEF BRIAN WICZKOWSKI ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Brian Wiczowski on his retirement as Police Chief for West Lampeter Township after 36 years in law enforcement.

After graduating from Millersville University with a degree in secondary education, Brian Wiczowski joined the Lancaster City Police Department in 1990. In his time with Lancaster City, he served in the Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, and was an original member of the Community Policing Program, and he led those efforts when the city established its own Community Policing Department in 1999. He also worked closely with the county's Behavioral Health/Disabilities Service to assign a Crisis Intervention employee to the department.

After advancing through the ranks, Brian was promoted to Captain of the Patrol Division in 2008 before accepting the position of Chief of Police in West Lampeter in 2014. As chief, he led the West Lampeter Township Police Department to become fully accredited

through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program helped implement the School Resource Officer position in Lampeter-Strasburg School District, and established a co-responder program to assist those suffering from drug addiction and mental health issues.

After 36 years in law enforcement, Chief Wiczowski ends a storied career of positive impact and service to the local community. I thank Chief Wiczowski for his service and wish him the best in retirement.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HEROES CECILIA NIPP, ANGEL
CHINUNTDET, AND PHOEBE BUTLER
OF URSULINE ACADEMY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heroes, Cecilia Nipp, Angel Chinuntdet, and Phoebe Butler, three educators from Dallas who are representing North Texas on one of the world's biggest stages. Cecilia Nipp, Angel Chinuntdet, and Phoebe Butler of Ursuline Academy were selected as FIFA World Cup 2026 Host City Ambassadors after a highly competitive process that drew more than 33,000 applicants for just over 5,000 volunteer positions.

Stationed at the FIFA Fan Festival at Fair Park, they are helping create a welcoming experience for visitors from around the world. For them, the event is about more than volunteering, it is a chance to share their love for the community and showcase the hospitality that defines North Texas. Their dedication to service extends beyond their professional roles as they inspire others through leadership, cultural connection, and community pride.

I thank Cecilia, Angel, and Phoebe, for representing North Texas through their service, leadership, and warm welcome to fans from around the world.

HONORING INTERDENOMINATIONAL FAITH ASSEMBLY

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a steadfast congregation in my district, Interdenominational Faith Assembly in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to recognize its many years of prayer, perseverance, and service to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish.

The journey of Interdenominational Faith Assembly began with a few faithful and determined saints known as the Prayer Band. Founded by Pastor Jim and Edith Howard, the Prayer Band held services in Brother and Sister Howard's home on Maplewood Drive. The Prayer Band continued services in the homes of many others within the membership.

As the Prayer Band grew, houses could no longer accommodate the multitude of hungry souls searching for the Word. The journey

continued to Rhodes United Funeral Home, located on Scenic Highway, and then to Alpine Chapel on Chestnut Street. The need for a larger edifice arose. Later God directed their steps, as they were inspired by divine wisdom to seek an even larger edifice, and Interdenominational Faith Assembly at 3006 Fuqua came to fruition.

God did not stop there. Hundreds of people packed the little red brick church on the corner of Fuqua, and the need for an even larger edifice existed. Through a divine Word of Wisdom to the church, God said, "It's still not big enough, I'm going to increase it. I am in the midst of my people and I am going to bless them. I will take them higher." The manifestation was fulfilled in October 1989. The body of Interdenominational Faith Assembly moved to the new sanctuary at 5050 Greenwell Street, where the congregation now worships God in spirit and in truth.

Interdenominational Faith Assembly is led today by Pastor Guevara Johnson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Interdenominational Faith Assembly for its years of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation every blessing in the years to come.

HONORING CALEIGH CONLIN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Caleigh Conlin for winning the American Heroes Student Art Contest.

Caleigh represented North Carolina as the high school division winner for her piece "Carrollton's Ride." Her artwork honors the Founding Father, Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Caleigh chose to depict Charles Carroll to celebrate America 250 because of the religious connection she shares with Carroll, who was the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

This tremendous achievement is not her first competition win. She has entered various local competitions, trained under local artists, and two years ago won the Cambell House Youth Art Contest. I am excited to see how she will continue to succeed in the future.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt congratulations to Caleigh Conlin. She is an exceptional artist and has made our community proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today celebrating Caleigh Conlin.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO DR. WILLIAM "BILL" ACREE, JR.

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

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Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Dr. William "Bill" Acree, Jr. for his longstanding dedication to mentoring student researchers. Dr. Acree has been named the 2026 Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Goldwater Scholars Faculty Mentor Award recipient.

A professor of chemistry at the University of North Texas (UNT) and a UNT faculty member since 1988, Dr. Acree has combined decades of research with an unwavering commitment to student mentorship and fostering scientific excellence. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and previously served as co-editor of the Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics. He has mentored more than 250 undergraduate and high school students, helping them earn prestigious honors, including the Goldwater Scholarship, and inspiring them to pursue impactful careers in STEM and beyond.

Dr. Acree's dedication to student success and advancing undergraduate research reflects the lasting impact of a true mentor. I congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

HONORING OASIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a thriving congregation in my district, Oasis Christian Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it marks more than sixty years of worship, outreach, and service to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Sweet Home Baptist Church, now known as Oasis Christian Church, was founded by Reverend H.P. Greene in 1962. It had fourteen members who met at a home. The congregation later moved to a building on North 43rd Street and later relocated to a building on North 32nd Street. That building was destroyed by fire, and a new church was built in the same location, at 1608 North 32nd Street. At the time Reverend Wallace was asked to bring the message at Sweet Home, Reverend Greene was unable to fulfill his duties as pastor due to illness. Reverend Wallace continued to bring the message every Sunday from that point.

On January 14, 1990, Reverend Charles E. Wallace was installed as Pastor of Sweet Home Baptist Church. The church had approximately sixteen active members. Pastor Wallace taught and preached the Word of God while working diligently with the congregation to bring about change. With much teaching and prayer, the members began to tithe and offer. Consequently, the congregation's faith grew, finances increased, and the seventeen-thousand-dollar mortgage on the building was paid in full four years early.

In 1993, Reverend Wallace, now known as Bishop Wallace, was reminded by the Holy Spirit that God had given him a name for a church before he became a pastor. Bishop Wallace told the members of Sweet Home Baptist Church that God revealed to him that he would pastor a church called Oasis Christian Center, now known as Oasis Christian Church.

Church growth was at an all-time high, and it became necessary to hold three worship services each Sunday due to the size of the building. Oasis Christian Center had reached a membership of two hundred members. It was time to purchase a larger facility. In 1998, Oasis Christian Center purchased a facility at

4524 East Brookstown Drive. Worship services were held every Sunday at nine o'clock in the morning, and Bible Study on Wednesdays at seven o'clock in the evening.

In 2001, the Oasis changed its name from Oasis Christian Center to Oasis Christian Church. God also gave the vision and provisions to begin a television outreach ministry, and Oasis Christian Church began to be viewed on cable and local television stations four times per week.

In 2003, Oasis Christian Church began having two Sunday morning worship services, at eight o'clock and ten thirty. In that same year the Debt Free in 2003, Do More in 2004 pledge campaign began. Its mission was to pay off all church debt in 2003 and prepare to build a new multi-purpose building in 2004. Members and visitors made pledges and fulfilled almost all pledges during that year. In June of the following year, Oasis Christian Church purchased two pieces of property adjacent to the church for its expansion.

Also in 2004, Oasis Christian Church purchased a third piece of property adjacent to the church property. The mortgage was paid in full in June 2004, six years early, and a Note Burning Service was held July 11, 2004. Groundbreaking for the new multi-purpose facility was held in August of that same year. Oasis Christian Church has approximately seven hundred members. Its foundation scripture is, For we walk by faith, not by sight, Second Corinthians 5:7.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Oasis Christian Church for more than sixty years of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation God's continued favor in the years ahead.

HONORING THE TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Thursday, September 3, 2026

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Terry Sanford High School Golf Team on winning the 2026 Professional Golf Association (PGA) National High School Golf Invitational in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Terry Sanford High School competed against every No. 1 ranked team from all 50 states and territories to accomplish this tremendous feat. After combining for a team score of 22 shots under par through two rounds, Terry Sanford prevailed victorious 12 strokes ahead of the second-place team. This is the first North Carolina team in tournament history to be crowned national champions.

This tremendous achievement is a testament to the team's unity, discipline, and outstanding work ethic. I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt congratulations to the entire team. They have all made our community proud.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in celebrating the Terry Sanford High School Golf Team.