

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First United Methodist Church, a venerable institution whose roots reach back to 1834, making it one of Baton Rouge's oldest and most cherished congregations. Currently led by Reverend Brady Whitton, this historic church has served as a beacon of faith and community for nearly two centuries.

Its enduring red brick sanctuary on North Blvd stands as a testament to the spirit and resilience of generations who have gathered within its walls, weathering the trials of the Civil War era and blossoming into a thriving Sunday School of 500 members by 1912 and moved into its present downtown sanctuary, in 1926. Perhaps most significant, the church chose to remain downtown as other congregations moved toward newer areas of the city, preserving its place as a longstanding downtown institution.

Throughout its long history, First United Methodist Church has continually responded to the evolving needs of Baton Rouge, pioneering radio and television ministry, establishing robust youth programs, and creating centers for adults and early childhood education. The church's commitment to inclusivity and outreach has led to the creation of vibrant children's ministries and innovative neighborhood service programs.

Today, the church's legacy is renewed through heartfelt outreach initiatives such as Revive225 home repairs, the Love Your Neighbor van providing aid to unhoused residents, community meals, and a host of ministries that nurture and uplift the surrounding neighborhood. For nearly 200 years, First United Methodist Church has been more than a place of worship, it has been a steadfast ally, a gathering place, and a wellspring of hope for all who enter its doors.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Whitton and the dedicated congregation of First United Methodist Church for their extraordinary commitment to faith, service, education, and the enduring spirit of community. May this historic church continue to inspire, serve, and bless Baton Rouge for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING JAKE CANTER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake Canter, born in Evergreen,

Colorado, for representing the United States in the Men's Snowboard Slopestyle at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan, Italy and congratulate him on his winning of the bronze medal.

In 2016, Jake experienced a traumatic brain injury that caused him to go into a six-day coma with a 20 percent survival rate. Jake had to relearn how to walk and talk and ultimately returned to snowboarding in 2017. With hard work and community support, he ended up earning the Junior Jam title at the 2018 U.S. Open and at just 15 years old Jake competed in the inaugural 2019 Knuckle Huck at X Games Aspen, earning a silver medal. Jake went on to win a bronze medal at the 2022 Laax Open and represented the USA at the 2023 FIS Snowboard World Championships in Bakuriani, Georgia. And in 2026, Jake made his Olympic debut in Milan and won bronze.

Jake Canter's story is one of resilience in the face of challenges. Not only did he overcome the obstacles but found growth and is now inspiring other Coloradans to do the same.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Jake Canter for winning the bronze medal and representing Colorado as part of the 2026 Winter U.S. Olympic Team at the Milan Olympics.

HONORING MARJORIE P. MCCRAW

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marjorie P. McGraw as she celebrates her 95th birthday.

Born on September 7, 1931, Marjorie has devoted her life to philanthropy, compassion, and community service. Alongside her late husband, John McGraw, Marjorie has demonstrated extraordinary generosity and civic leadership through the Elizabeth B. McGraw Foundation, supporting organizations that strengthen the health, welfare, and future of the Cape Cod community.

Marjorie first met John, the love of her life, in 1951. They married in December later that year in Jacksonville, Florida. Together, they raised their six children, John, Lee, Mark, Scott, Lynne, and Brian in New Jersey, while also spending significant time in Osterville, Massachusetts; Gulf Stream, Florida; and New York City. As avid antique collectors, Marjorie and John welcomed many tours of their Osterville home over the years.

Through her ongoing philanthropy, Marjorie has served as a transformational benefactor to the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, helping to provide safe spaces, mentorship, and educational opportunities for generations of young people. Her extraordinary support for Cape

Cod Healthcare has improved access to quality care and the well-being of countless community members across the region. As an animal activist, Marjorie has rescued and raised many Bichons Frise, and with her daughter Lynne, their volunteer work and enduring commitment to the MSPCA Cape Cod reflect a deep passion for animal welfare.

On September 7, 2026, Marjorie will celebrate her 95th birthday surrounded by family and loved ones. Through her compassion, generosity, and unwavering commitment to helping others, Marjorie has established a legacy of kindness and service that will enhance the lives of families throughout the Cape Cod community for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Marjorie McGraw, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this momentous occasion and wishing Marjorie many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. James Episcopal Church, founded in 1844 and presently led by Reverend Christopher Duncan. This venerable house of worship stands as a striking example of Gothic Revival architecture, with its graceful spire and stained-glass windows enduring as a cherished landmark in Baton Rouge for more than 180 years.

St. James Episcopal Church's remarkable history is marked by resilience, having survived devastating tornadoes, outbreaks of yellow fever, the Battle of Baton Rouge, Civil War occupation, and years of Reconstruction. Through each challenge, the church not only preserved its structure but deepened its role as a haven of faith and hope for countless families.

For generations, St. James Episcopal Church has fostered unity, compassion, and spiritual guidance, offering a sanctuary for worship and community service. Its outreach efforts and steadfast ministry have uplifted parishioners and neighbors alike, providing comfort in times of crisis and celebration during moments of joy.

The church's enduring presence is a testament to the unwavering spirit of its congregation and the rich heritage it represents within Baton Rouge and beyond. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to honor Reverend Duncan and the faithful members of St. James Episcopal Church for their extraordinary commitment and lasting contributions. May this historic church continue to inspire, serve, and bless all who enter its doors for generations to come.

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RECOGNIZING CANNONBALL
CREEK BREWING COMPANY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cannonball Creek Brewing Company of Golden, Colorado, for receiving both gold and silver medals at the Beer World Cup, designating their Project Alpha 81 and Mindbender brews as world-class.

The World Beer Cup, otherwise known as the "Olympics of Beer," evaluates beers from around the world and recognizes the top brewers and their beers, drawing 8,166 entries from 50 countries. Beyond their medal, the Cannonball Creek Brewing Company won in the most competitive category, known as West Coast-style IPA.

Small businesses like Cannonball Creek Brewing Company help drive Golden's local economy and our state's economy. For both natives and members of Golden's thriving tourism industry, Cannonball Creek Brewing Company has provided excellent service and beers for over 20 years, contributing to Colorado's leadership in producing outstanding craft brews.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Cannonball Creek Brewing Company on receiving a gold and silver medal at the World Beer Cup and thank them for their contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARVIN
LEONARD WOODALL

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marvin Leonard Woodall of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, who passed away peacefully at the age of 88.

Marvin Woodall was a distinguished business leader, innovator, philanthropist, and devoted family man whose remarkable career and service to his community left an enduring impact on countless lives.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Marvin began his professional career with Procter & Gamble before joining Johnson & Johnson in 1963. During his 37-year career with the company, he excelled in 19 positions and ultimately served as President of Johnson & Johnson Interventional Systems. In that role, he was a driving force behind the development of the first coronary stent, a groundbreaking advancement that transformed the field of cardiology and improved the lives of millions of people around the world.

Following his retirement, Marvin continued his leadership in the medical community. His vision and generosity helped establish the Woodall Center for Heart and Vascular Care at Doylestown Hospital. He served as CEO of the Cardiovascular Research Foundation, president of the Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic, and on the boards of numerous medical device companies.

Marvin was equally devoted to his community. After settling in Doylestown in 1985, he

and his beloved wife, Dee Ann, became active members of Doylestown Presbyterian Church, where Marvin served as an elder. He generously gave his time and leadership to organizations throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, including the Heritage Conservancy, Bucks County Playhouse Artists, Bucks County Herald Foundation, Bucks County Symphony Orchestra, Bucks County Choral Society, Village Improvement Association, Network of Victim Assistance, Americans for Native Americans, and the Mercer and Michener Museums.

Marvin will be remembered for his warmth, curiosity, and zest for life. An avid golfer, he enjoyed playing at Doylestown Country Club and courses around the world. He loved jazz, theater, and cheering on the Oklahoma Sooners. Above all, he cherished his family and the life he built with Dee Ann, his beloved wife of 65 years.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I extend my deepest condolences to the Woodall family and join them in celebrating the life of a man whose leadership, innovation, generosity, and devotion to his community touched lives far beyond his own. May Marvin Woodall's memory continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

HONORING ELEVATE CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elevate Church, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Founded in 2013 and currently led by Apostle Keith Richard, Elevate Church is a non-denominational ministry dedicated to building the body of Christ by connecting individuals with their faith and helping them grow in their relationship with Christ.

Apostle Richard answered the call to pastor in 2010, and together with Lady Tanesha Richard, brought their vision for Elevate Church to life in 2012. Since its inception, the church has focused on equipping its members to serve through their God-given gifts, talents, and skills. Elevate Church's mission is evident in its commitment to ministry, outreach, and missions, encouraging its congregation to become servant leaders within the community.

Elevate Church continues to pursue its vision of welcoming the community and training people to live out God's purpose. The church provides opportunities for members to share the love of Christ, both locally and around the world, making a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals in East Baton Rouge Parish and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me as we celebrate Elevate Church, the pastor, and the dedicated congregation for over a decade of outstanding service to the Baton Rouge area. Their legacy of faith, service, and leadership continues to inspire and uplift families throughout East Baton Rouge Parish, making a lasting difference in the community.

RECOGNIZING BABY DOE'S
CLOTHING

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Baby Doe's Clothing from Golden, Colorado, for winning the 2026 Golden Rotary Club's Ethics in Business Award for a for-profit organization.

For over two and a half decades, Baby Doe's Clothing has supported the Golden community through volunteer efforts, donated goods, and by fundraising for local organizations. Named after Colorado infamous historical figure Elizabeth "Baby Doe" Tabor, their organization sells a variety of women's clothing and accessories in downtown Golden. Baby Doe's Clothing stands as a model business promoting the best interest of Golden—recycling their waste, prioritizing transparency with customers, and donating excess inventory to local non-profits supporting low-income and previously incarcerated women.

Baby Doe's Clothing owner, Lynn Conrad and original founder Nancy Mason, have also gone above and beyond for our community by volunteering their time with the Golden Chamber of Commerce and for cherished community events like the Golden Fine Arts Festival. They also contribute as community sponsors for the organizations GoFarm and the Golden Civic Foundation. In the words of her award nominee, Lynn is "all about Golden" and "has lived in, worked in, and contributed to Golden for over two decades."

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Baby Doe's Clothing for all they do for our community.

PROTECT ECONOMIC AND
ACADEMIC FREEDOM ACT OF 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4795, the Protect Economic and Academic Freedom Act of 2025. This bill would condition federal funding based on a university's choices regarding investments, procurement, partnerships, and other institutional activities in Israel and the West Bank.

Peaceful dissent and the protesting of injustice are the right of all Americans guaranteed by the Constitution. It is called freedom of speech. H.R. 4795 would infringe on that right to free speech. In a political environment where the President of the United States is canceling federal grants for academic institutions that do not align with his views or his policies, H.R. 4795 would give President Trump one more tool to infringe on that right to free speech and retaliate against our colleges and universities where he sees fit.

My Republican colleagues are advancing this bill to punish academic institutions that divest from Israeli companies or end partnerships with Israeli universities. But this bill will