

the needs of Baton Rouge families. Its prison outreach program extends hope and support to those incarcerated, while dedicated nursing-home ministries bring comfort to elders throughout the community. In 2004, the church launched the Clothes Closet, providing essential clothing to neighbors in need and strengthening its tradition of practical service.

Today Reverend Conway Knighton helps carry on the mission of promoting positive change and advocating for justice by collaborating with local organizations, such as Together Baton Rouge, to address issues affecting the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and fellow citizens to recognize St. Mary Baptist Church, Reverend Knighton, and the congregation for nearly a century of hope, compassion, and service. Its enduring legacy reflects a steadfast commitment to uplifting families and neighborhoods across Baton Rouge, making a lasting impact that will inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING ALDIN MEDNOLUCANIN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aldin Mednolucanin for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Aldin has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Aldin, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Aldin's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Aldin Mednolucanin on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR LARRY L. LENTZNER

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sergeant Major Larry L. Lentzner, a United States Marine whose extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty during the Vietnam War exemplify the highest ideals of the United States Marine Corps.

While serving with Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines near the Que Son Mountains in the Republic of Vietnam, then Staff Sergeant Lentzner and his fellow Marines were ambushed by a North Vietnamese Army force that significantly outnumbered their unit. Staff Sergeant Lentzner was struck by enemy fire and suffered devastating wounds to both legs.

Despite his injuries, he continued returning fire and directing his Marines, even as he peri-

odically lost consciousness. Staff Sergeant Lentzner underwent multiple surgeries and extensive reconstruction of both legs. Determined to return to duty, he defied his medical prognosis and taught himself to walk again. Sergeant Major Lentzner would go on to honorably serve our Nation and the Marine Corps for another 25 years.

It is my privilege to recognize Sergeant Major Lentzner for his distinguished service to the United States. I extend my deepest gratitude to him, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his extraordinary service and sacrifice.

HONORING BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST 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 a great church in my District, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, located on South Blvd in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Established in 1867 by free Black men during the Reconstruction era, Bethel AME Church stands as one of the oldest pillars of faith and community in South Baton Rouge.

The church's founding in the aftermath of emancipation marked a powerful milestone in the history of African American civic leadership. Throughout the turbulent years of Jim Crow and the civil rights movement, Bethel AME Church served as a sanctuary for hope, resilience, and justice, providing a forum for community advocacy and spiritual upliftment.

Bethel's significance within the AME denomination is longstanding, including hosting the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service Black Heritage stamp in 2016 to honor AME founder Richard Allen and serving as a proud site for the Louisiana AME Annual Conference. These moments underscore the church's vital role in preserving and celebrating the heritage of the AME tradition.

Today, Bethel AME Church continues its legacy of service through ongoing outreach, including food distribution programs that support families in need across Baton Rouge. Its commitment to compassion and community remains unwavering, reflecting the enduring spirit of those who founded it more than 150 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and fellow citizens to recognize Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for its historic leadership, dedication to faith, and steadfast service to South Baton Rouge. May its legacy of worship, resilience, and outreach inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS LYNN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chris Lynn for his years of service at Seniors Resource Center and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Chris Lynn has dedicated his career to treating older adults with dignity, respect, and

the support they deserve, making a lasting difference across Colorado. As President and CEO of Seniors Resource Center, he has been a compassionate and thoughtful leader, guiding one of the Jefferson County community's most impactful senior services organizations.

Since 1978, the organization has built a legacy of being a comprehensive, community-based provider delivering in-home care, adult day programming, care management, and other essential services to thousands of seniors and their families. Chris's leadership reflects a deeply personal investment in ensuring older adults are supported with independence, stability, and access to the resources they need to thrive.

Chris has been a strong voice in Colorado on issues such as unstable funding, service accessibility, and the growing demand for aging services, consistently emphasizing the real human impact behind policy decisions. He serves our community in many capacities, including on regional advisory bodies like the Jefferson County Commission on Aging and the Denver Regional Council on Governments. He also supports mission-driven organizations such as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Courageous Faces Foundation. Through advocacy and action, Chris has never lost sight of the challenges faced by seniors, especially those on fixed incomes, while helping expand essential services such as food distribution and coordinated care.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Chris Lynn and thank him for his service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed yesterday's vote due to a lower back injury. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 295.

HONORING THE GREATER NEW GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Greater New Galilee Baptist Church, a cornerstone of faith and service in the Scotlandville community of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Founded in the 1960s, and currently led by Pastor Dr. Mark A. Litt, Sr., this remarkable church has continually uplifted generations of families.

Greater New Galilee Baptist Church has been a pillar of the Scotlandville community for generations, with its roots on Wilbur Street going back to the 1960s. Since 1967, when the congregation secured property and financed the construction of its church and educational building, the church has served as a beacon of hope, providing a lasting center for

worship, education, and community life. Its commitment to spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach has shaped the identity of Scotlandville, making the church a trusted haven for those seeking guidance, support, and a sense of belonging.

Through the establishment of the C.N. Burrell, Sr. Christian Academy, GNGBC expanded its impact by offering early education and childcare. This faith-based institution continues to nurture children and families, providing an environment where young minds can learn, grow, and flourish. Thereby strengthening the bonds of community and ensuring a legacy of faith-driven education in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Greater New Galilee

Baptist Church for its unwavering dedication to service, education, and spiritual guidance. May Pastor Litt and the congregation continue to inspire, nurture, and empower families, sustaining the church's treasured traditions and vital role in community life for generations yet to come.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL ROSALES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 4, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Rosales for earning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Daniel has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Daniel, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Daniel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Daniel Rosales on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.