

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PARKER SWANWICK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Parker has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Parker, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Parker'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 Parker Swanwick on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING REDWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Redwood Baptist Church of Zachary, Louisiana, a congregation whose origins date back to 1857 when the late Reverend Kerchgo Hills founded the church on a Noble Tract, with the first services held in a tent. Early officers included Brothers Hoarse Richardson, Norse Evening, King Hills, and Ben Rowe, along with Sisters Elizabeth Beach, Nancy Rowe, and Emma Hughes. The first building served not only as a place of worship but also as one of the area's earliest schoolhouses. Many years later, the church was rebuilt on Highway 37 at Redwood Creek. Reverend Hills served faithfully until his passing, and Redwood was blessed with numerous remarkable pastors in the years that followed.

In 1959, God showed His favor on Redwood Baptist Church when the property on Highway 37 was sold to the Louisiana Highway Department, prompting the need for a new church site. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the pastor and deacons contacted Brother and Sister Jett of Zachary, faithful Christians and supporters of God's work. In 1962, the Jetts agreed to sell a parcel of land on which Redwood constructed its present church home. Redwood remained resilient through trials and blessings, receiving a significant renovation in 2001 as the congregation continued to grow spiritually, financially, and physically.

In 2014, Reverend Dashawn Harris served as interim pastor until Reverend Dale W. Flowers was elected on December 16, 2015, and installed on January 3, 2016. Pastor Flowers has since faithfully fulfilled the mission of

Jesus Christ by preaching, teaching, and equipping the saints. In 2016, he published the New Member's Orientation and Study Class to teach foundational Christian principles and help new members discern God's purpose for their service. Under Pastor Flowers' leadership, Redwood continued to prosper, undertaking a full sanctuary renovation in 2022 and constructing a beautiful fellowship hall in 2024 without requiring a bank loan—a testament to both faith and unity within the congregation.

Mr. Speaker, Redwood Baptist Church continues its legacy of service and faith under Pastor Flowers and the deacons, who together established a Community Prayer Ministry. Once a month, members go into the community to pray and share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Additional ministries have expanded the church's outreach, including Women's Ministry, Hospitality, Health and Wellness, Pastor Aide, and Faith Inspired Youth in Action (F.I.Y.A.). Built upon the solid rock of Jesus Christ, Redwood Baptist Church has weathered many storms and stands today as a testament to steadfast faith, spiritual growth, and God's unending blessings.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Redwood Baptist Church for its enduring impact and continued devotion to God's Kingdom.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO OFFICER TONARD WARMSLEY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Officer Tonard "Tee" Warmlesley, a dedicated school resource officer at Coppell ISD. After serving in the U.S. Army, Officer Warmlesley joined the City of Coppell Police Department in 2007, and has served in roles ranging from patrol officer to detective, and now as a School Resource Officer. In 2017, he was named Texas School Resource Officer of the Year by the Texas Association of School Resource Officers and continues to serve as a regional co-director, supporting officers across North Texas.

His impact is best seen through his mentorship of students, like Coppell High School graduate Modjet Brown Jr., whom he has guided since middle school. From stepping in on Senior Night to standing beside him as he took his oath to join the U.S. Army, Officer Warmlesley has consistently shown what it means to show up for North Texans. His commitment reflects a deep belief that mentorship can change lives and that every student deserves someone who believes in them.

I thank Officer Tonard "Tee" Warmlesley for his dedication and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of students and families across North Texas.

RECOGNIZING KAYDENCE SCHISLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Kaydence has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Kaydence, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kaydence'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 Kaydence Schissler on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADDISON P. McDOWELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, on September 3, 2026, I was unable to be present in D.C. for the morning vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 295.

HONORING NEW SUNLIGHT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana—an institution whose history is woven into the fabric of the seventeen hundred block of America Street. Organized in 1909 under the leadership of the late Reverend Samuel Williams, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, the congregation was formed when approximately fifty members of Mt. Moriah relocated to the city and faced transportation challenges returning to their original church. They established Mt. Moriah Number Two, holding services in a hall on Knox Street. In 1912, the congregation purchased a lot for \$450 and constructed a framed building, adopting the name New Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church.

After Reverend Williams passed in 1922, he was succeeded by Reverend Isaac J. Anderson, under whose leadership the membership erected a larger stone structure. Upon Reverend Anderson's passing in 1939, Reverend

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Daniel Smith became pastor and expanded the rear of the church to include a kitchen, dining area, and two choir stands before his death in 1942. Reverend Edward Brown began his service in 1942 and led the purchase of pews, an organ, and songbooks. He initiated interior renovations and established a pastor's salary and a building fund. Reverend Brown resigned in 1958, and Reverend Joseph R. Williams succeeded him, bringing strong leadership that resulted in modernization of the building and significant organizational growth.

Under Reverend J.R. Williams's leadership, numerous auxiliaries and programs were created, including the Lena S. Johnson Scholarship Fund (1969), Male Chorus (1990), Mass Choir (1992), Summer Enrichment Program (1993), After School Tutorial Program (1995), and the Gospel Drill Team (1999). The fellowship hall was enlarged in 1993, and land was purchased to expand parking. After Reverend Williams's passing, Reverend Dale W. Flowers was elected pastor in September 2000. His administration brought sanctuary and office renovations, new furniture and equipment, a church van, and expansion of church property. Pastor Flowers also established a library, a bi-annual health fair, and new ministries such as Married Couples, Singles, Drama, and Youth Ushers Ministries, along with the institution of Hallelujah Night and New Members classes.

Mr. Speaker, New Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church continues to thrive through its outreach programs, including free Saturday breakfasts for the homeless, dependency counseling, literacy programs, youth and teen rap sessions, and expanded family-centered activities. Renovations to the inner sanctuary and vestibule, installation of a drum stand and shield, and acquisition of additional property demonstrate the church's commitment to growth and service. Operational improvements include deacon member assignments, creation of a church website, computerization of financial and membership records, and the addition of an 8:00 a.m. worship service. Through witnessing, praying, and relying on the Holy Spirit, New Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church continues its mission of winning souls for God's Kingdom.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HEROS MRS. DILLEN, MRS.
HENSLEY, MRS. EIMERS, AND
MRS. LANDOLFA

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Heros, Mrs. Dillen, Mrs. Hensley, Mrs. Eimers, and Mrs. Landolfa at Forest Vista Elementary School in Flower Mound. In their classrooms, they foster a welcoming environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to learn. Through their dedication, they support both academic growth and the confidence of their students.

At Forest Vista Elementary, they go above and beyond to ensure that every child feels seen and supported. Their impact was especially meaningful during Purple Up Day on April 15th, also known as Military Child Day,

when they wore purple to honor military children and presented a student with a special recognition certificate. This heartfelt gesture demonstrated their deep understanding of the sacrifices military families make and their commitment to celebrating the strength and resilience of their students. Their actions reflect the best of what our North Texas schools offer, including creating a classroom community, and encouragement at the foundational stages of a child's education.

I thank Mrs. Dillen, Mrs. Hensley, Mrs. Eimers, and Mrs. Landolfa, for their unwavering dedication to their students and for the meaningful difference they make every single day at Forest Vista Elementary School.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SCOTT C. CUNNINGHAM ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott C. Cunningham, who is retiring from the House of Representatives after 25 years of exemplary service.

Upon graduation from Emory University, Scott relocated to Washington, D.C., to begin his career as a Legislative Assistant for the Honorable Pete Sessions, a Member from his home state of Texas. Scott's hard work, problem-solving skills, and can-do attitude quickly made him a valued member of Congressman Sessions' staff.

In 2007, Scott took his talents to the office of another Texan, the Honorable Kenny Marchant, serving in multiple capacities from Policy Advisor to Deputy Chief of Staff over the next fourteen years. During his last two years with Mr. Marchant, Scott was a Senior Advisor and the designated liaison to the House Ethics Committee. After Mr. Marchant's departure from Congress, Scott continued to serve the House by joining the office of Congressman Scott DesJarlais as a Special Assistant.

In 2021, Scott joined the Office of General Counsel (OGC) as its Director of Administration and Member Services. Scott took on new tasks and responsibilities with aplomb and immediately became an indispensable part of the OGC team. It would be impossible to list all his contributions, but among them, he has taken the lead role relating to all aspects of office management and administration, including the office budget and computer systems, and was very often the first point of contact for a Member office when interfacing with OGC. During his time with OGC, Scott displayed an admirable level of dedication to serving Members, Officers, and employees of the House, proving to be remarkably trustworthy and utterly fearless when faced with novel, sensitive, and difficult matters. Scott's unwavering resolve and commitment to the House as an institution and OGC's particular role within that institution was always evident, as was his ability to find a solution to seemingly any problem.

It is hard to imagine a congressional staffer much finer than Scott, who embodies the true spirit of public service. Scott has been an irreplaceable member of every team on which he has served. He has been a kind and thought-

ful coworker to all, treating everyone from the Members to the maintenance staff with the utmost respect and kindness. As scores of current and former colleagues can attest, Scott is the kind of coworker who makes the workday better for everyone with whom he comes into contact. It is no exaggeration to say that he has become a fixture of the House community over his years on the Hill. Indeed, it is practically impossible for Scott to go anywhere on the Hill and not run into at least one person who wanted to stop and catch up with him. Scott is always eager to share his passion for all things aviation and travel, being a frequent wedding guest, and of course rooting for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams, especially when it comes to the sport of curling. Scott's convivial and welcoming presence on the Hill will be sorely missed by all those who had the pleasure of working with him.

It will be hard to imagine the House without Scott. Every day for the past 25 years, Scott has served the House with dedication and enthusiasm. Regardless of the task assigned, Scott will always find a way to accomplish it—a quality that will continue to serve him well in all future endeavors. On behalf of the Office of General Counsel and the entire House community, I thank Scott for his decades of service and wish him a joyous and relaxing retirement among his many friends, family, and former colleagues whether here in Washington, in Texas, or around the world.

RECOGNIZING CALEB ABDELNOUR

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Caleb 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 Caleb, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Caleb's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

HONORING NEW CREATION
CHRISTIAN CENTER

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge New Creation Christian Center of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a ministry birthed from a divine vision God gave Pastor Cross J. Richard, Sr. in 1999. The instruction was clear: 'Teach My people to fully trust God through His Word.' This mandate became the foundation and guiding direction of the ministry. Pastor Richard, a Vietnam War veteran