

Union, Bible Class, Laymen's Auxiliary, Vacation Bible School, After School Study and Tutoring programs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownie Troops, Hospitality, First-Aid and New Members Training Committees, Puppet Ministry, Mission and Elderly Care Ministries, Kitchen Ministry, and the Pastor's Aide Committee, while increasing the congregation's participation in the National Congress of Christian Education, the National Baptist Convention, and the Fourth District Baptist Association. Under his leadership the church's mortgage was retired in 1985 after only seven years, and the membership grew abundantly and steadily. Brother John H. Brown, Jr., was appointed Chairman of the Board following Deacon Butler's passing, followed briefly by Reverend Donald Hunter and Brother Wash Robinson, who also served briefly under the church's present pastor. Reverend Emmitt Spurlock, Sr., was called home on January 13, 1998.

After fervent prayer, the congregation named the Reverend Keno M.L. Spurlock, Sr., its third pastor in 1998. Under his guidance and care, the congregation has rededicated itself to Christ and to the service of others, striving toward its goal of "the mark of a higher calling" and trusting in Philippians 4.13. His assistants include Reverends Eddie Bradford, James Banks, and Darrell Riley, and Ministers Mark Edwards, Robby Mitchell, and Barry Follins, and under his leadership the physical structure has been remodeled and brought into the age of technology. The late Brother Felton Brown served as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry until his health failed and was named Chairman Emeritus; Brother Charlie Jarrell, Jr., is the present chairman, joined by Brothers Aaron Butler, Larry Bowman, Jesse Taylor, John Robinson, Donald Taylor, and Kevan Hills. Brother Jesse R. Taylor chairs the Trustee Ministry, with present members Brothers Carl Pearson, Aaron Butler, Larry Bowman, Charlie Jarrell, Jr., Donald Taylor, and John Alex, and Sisters Beverly Carter, Gwendolyn Scott, Rosalind Scott, and Juanita Horton. Brother Taylor also chairs the Finance Ministry, with Sisters Carol Joseph and Linda J. Montague serving as secretaries. The late Brother Albert Daigne, Sr., served as church treasurer for many years until 2014, when Brother John E. Robinson, III, was elected treasurer in July 2016. Sister Rosalind Scott serves as the present Sunday School Superintendent, assisted by Brother Larry Bowman, and Brother Charlie Fisher, Jr., serves as musician and music director, with Brother Zedrick Comena on drums, assisted by Brother Courten Bowman and Minister Barry Follins.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greater Beach Grove Missionary Baptist Church for more than a century of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation continued blessings in the years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO DR. CHANDRAMALLIKA
BASAK

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I use to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Dr.

Chandramallika Basak, a neuroscience professor and researcher at University of Texas at Dallas who's on a mission to protect seniors' memories.

Dr. Basak studies how cognitive and physical training, from targeted exercises to meditation, can slow cognitive decline in older adults. She's best known for pioneering the use of video games as brain training for seniors experiencing mild cognitive aging.

Her research sparked a startup, Neuroflight Inc., founded with support from UT Dallas' Big Idea Competition and the Darrell K. Royal Alzheimer's Research Fund. The company's patented brain training game helps boost memory, focus, and cognitive vitality—and is already partnering with local assisted living facilities like Belmont Village.

In 2026, Dr. Basak was named University Innovator of the Year at the Texas Innovation Conference. She is now working on a consumer app to bring Neuroflight's brain training to everyone.

HONORING MAJOR KELSIE D.
HOVENDEN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Major Kelsie D. Hovenden, United States Marine Corps. For the past three years, Major Hovenden has served with honor and distinction as a Congressional Fellow and Appropriations Liaison Officer for the Department of the Navy Appropriations Matters Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), representing the needs of our Marine Corps before the United States Congress.

During her time as a congressional fellow, she gained an immersive, behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process and the critical work of funding our Nation's defense. Her sharp intellect, dedication, and deep understanding of national security and budgetary policy were immediately apparent and proved to be an invaluable asset.

Upon completion of her fellowship, Major Hovenden seamlessly transitioned to one of the most strategically consequential billets for the Marine Corps, serving as an appropriations liaison officer. In this role, she conducted daily engagement with members and staff, ensuring that the Marine Corps' concepts, programs, and requirements were widely understood. Her expert navigation of the congressional appropriations process and her steadfast advocacy ensured vital funding for our Marines across multiple fiscal years. Her work was instrumental in supporting the largest budget in Marine Corps history, securing over \$57 billion in annual resources. This funding was essential to advancing the Marine Corps Force Design initiatives, enhancing operational readiness, and ensuring our Marines have what they need to meet any challenge.

Furthermore, Major Hovenden played a central role in preparing Marine Corps senior leaders for congressional testimony, official visits, responded to hundreds of congressional inquiries, and coordinated and led congressional and staff delegations. These visits al-

lowed my colleagues and me to see Marine Corps capabilities firsthand and gain a deeper appreciation for the resource requirements of the force.

Mr. Speaker, Major Hovenden's performance has been characterized by the upmost professionalism, strategic insight, and steadfast commitment to her duty. She has personally strengthened the Marine Corps' credibility on Capitol Hill and ensured the corps' priorities were clearly communicated. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and commending Major Hovenden for her service to our country and wish her and her family the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ASHLEY BECK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Ashley 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 Ashley, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Ashley'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 Ashley Beck on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient congregation in my district, Fairview Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it marks more than ninety years of faith, perseverance, and rebuilding in the face of adversity.

Fairview Baptist Church was organized in 1934 under the leadership of the late Reverend R.H. Hall. The first meeting was held at the home of Sister Ida Edwards, and after organizing, church services were held at New Bethel Baptist Church on Matilda Street until the congregation could locate a building of its own. That same year, the congregation purchased property on the corner of South 13th and Louise Streets, where its forty-four members, a group of hardworking, dedicated, and determined people, built a wood-frame building. The church began to increase its membership and moved steadily forward.

On December 18, 1947, the Lord called Reverend R.H. Hall to his eternal rest, and Reverend M.J. Hubbard was elected as the new pastor on February 20, 1948. Under Reverend Hubbard's leadership, membership continued to grow, and the congregation worked to raise money for a better building. In 1951,

the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board asked to purchase the church's property for the extension of McKinley Senior High School. The congregation agreed to the sale and located new property on Braddock Street, where, with dedicated and determined people and their pastor, they erected a new building and moved from "Fairview on the Hill" to 1636 Braddock Street. The new edifice was dedicated April 17 through 20, 1952.

Once again God's angel of death paid a visit to Fairview, and Reverend M.J. Hubbard was called to his eternal rest on April 12, 1953. The late Reverend Q.T. Ellis, who had been serving the congregation at Reverend Hubbard's request during his illness, was elected pastor on June 11, 1953. Under Reverend Ellis's guidance the church grew immensely, and the congregation purchased the lot adjacent to the building.

After many years under Reverend Ellis's leadership, the church undertook a major renovation. The first phase consisted of painting and replacing the roof, the second phase was a complete upgrade of the interior, with new pews, windows, pulpit furniture, and carpet giving the church a new look. On Sunday, October 27, 1985, the congregation rededicated Fairview to God and its founders, and members continued to work and contribute financially to the project's success. The mortgage financing the renovation was paid off in seven years, and with much determination and sacrifice, God blessed Reverend Ellis and his congregation to burn the mortgage on October 11, 1987.

On February 7, 1988, the congregation suffered the loss of its church building to a five-alarm fire that totally destroyed the structure, as many members stood and watched on that cold Sunday afternoon. Reverend Ellis advised the members to assemble the following Sunday at New Ark Baptist Church on Terrace Street, only a few blocks away, and the members of New Ark opened their doors and their hearts to give the congregation a place to worship. In May 1988, the church broke ground to begin construction of its new edifice, and many members purchased symbolic shovels of dirt as the new foundation was prepared. On Sunday, January 29, 1989, the congregation, led by the late Reverend Q.T. Ellis, marched from New Ark Baptist Church to its new home, a glorious day attended by members of the East Baton Rouge Ministers Conference along with family and friends who gathered to dedicate the new church to God.

In 1995, additional property adjacent to the church was purchased, and it was paid off by 1996, another example of the Lord's blessing upon Fairview in a short period of time. In the history of the church, Fairview had at that point had the service of only four pastors. As Reverend Ellis advanced in age, the deacons of the church sought the services of Reverend Bennie Veal, Jr., as assistant pastor, and God also blessed Fairview to receive the calling of Minister Johnnie R. Griffin, who served as a pulpit associate.

As Reverend Ellis's health began to fail, Fairview moved to elevate him to Pastor Emeritus, and a celebration in his honor was held on Sunday, July 5, 2003, when he retired after fifty years of loyal and dedicated service. The church then searched for a new full-time pastor, and on December 14, 2003, Reverend Keith B. Coward was installed as the new pastor of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church.

Under Pastor Coward, the church continued to grow, with many new members among its young people, and he brought a new leadership style through religious institutes and revivals.

Fairview Baptist Church has always stood on a solid foundation as a spirit-filled congregation, able through the years to bounce back from any adversity that has come its way. Looking back to the founders who made the ultimate sacrifice to build this church, the congregation reviews its goals and achievements, its battles fought and won, with thankful hearts for all of God's blessings. The gospel has been proclaimed within these hallowed walls, and many souls have come to Christ through them, many members have passed on to their reward, their earthly hardships forever gone, and the congregation remains mindful of the saints of years past as it looks toward its ultimate destination in Heaven.

Reverend Keith B. Coward resigned as pastor on January 18, 2009, following Holy Communion, and Minister Johnnie R. Griffin was elected Interim Pastor, giving loyal service to the church until a search committee could be formed. After the search committee screened a number of applicants, Reverend Gus Charles Spurlock, Sr., was elected the new pastor of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church during a called business meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, standing on the promises of God on a solid and firm foundation. Pastor Spurlock was installed during a ceremony led by the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association on Sunday, January 24, 2010, becoming the sixth pastor of Fairview Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Spurlock came to the congregation with great vision and proved to be a teaching leader, holding various training workshops, each backed by Scripture, for church leaders and members interested in developing their respective ministries. Pastor Spurlock has also proven himself a mentor to young people, who have embraced him as both pastor and mentor as they pursue their development as Christians preparing for future generations.

Under Pastor Spurlock's leadership, "The View" continues to work toward the mark of a higher calling in Christ Jesus, with a vision that includes building a Multipurpose Q.T. Ellis Christian Education Center to provide senior citizen enhancement programs, tutoring for children, and developmental programs for the disadvantaged, among other services. Fairview Baptist Church was founded on a firm foundation by Christian men and women who were determined as they struggled through hard times to establish the solid legacy and wonderful memories that endure today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fairview Baptist Church for more than ninety years of faithful service, and in wishing its pastor and congregation continued blessings in the years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO KELLER HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM

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, the Kel-

ler Indians baseball team as the Texas High School State Champions for the first time in program history.

On June 6, they secured the Class 6A Division 1 title with a 2-1 victory over Austin Lake Travis. Led by Championship MVP Cole Koeninger, a Tennessee signee and MLB draft prospect, Keller completed an incredible season with a 40-4-2 overall record.

The title concludes Head Coach Rob Stramp's remarkable 28-year career and serves as a testament to the dedication and leadership he brought to Keller Baseball. Congratulations to the Keller High School Indians on this historic achievement, which reflects the talent, hard work, and commitment of the entire program.

CELEBRATING IAPMO'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

In 1926, 39 plumbing inspectors founded IAPMO in Los Angeles with a mission of mitigating public health concerns caused by the city's plumbing practices and improving health safety by setting uniform plumbing regulations. In 1945, these efforts led to the development of the Uniform Plumbing Code, which has served Californians by promoting safe plumbing systems. Today, this framework serves as the foundation for plumbing regulations implemented across four continents and is viewed as one of the world's leading model plumbing codes.

Today, IAPMO proudly calls the Inland Empire home, with its headquarters in the heart of my district: Ontario, California. Having grown from a local association of plumbing inspectors to a global nonprofit organization, it maintains a deep commitment to serving California's communities, industries, and labor force. They continuously advance environmental and public safety through plumbing, mechanical codes, product certification, and workforce development—helping to ensure people have access to safe drinking water and reliable sanitation.

The organization partners with local governments, industry, and building professionals to strengthen the safety and resilience of communities throughout our great state. Its presence in the Inland Empire has supported high-quality technical and professional jobs while reinforcing Southern California's leadership in building safety, product innovation, and public health. Through its codes, standards, and other innovations, IAPMO has advanced California's goals for drought resiliency, water conservation, and more affordable housing through efficient plumbing systems. One example is IAPMO's Water Demand Calculator, a modern, statistically based method for estimating water demand and properly sizing plumbing systems. The tool helps conserve water and energy, protect water quality, and reduce residential construction costs.

IAPMO's work has been instrumental to California's leadership in public health, water