

in Birmingham. Under her leadership, Janita led the SBA Mississippi District Office and the Gulfport Branch Office during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the COVID-19 pandemic. Janita has a keen understanding of working with people and building relationships and her passion will be missed. I am proud to have an opportunity to honor Janita's service to the state of Mississippi and our country, and I wish her the best in retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF SALLY WALTERS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent from my district, Mrs. Sally Walters. Born on January 30, 1926, Sally exemplifies a century of steadfast dedication to family, education, and the spirit of wonder. Her 100 years of life stand as a powerful testament to a life lived to its fullest.

Growing up on Long Island at the height of the Great Depression, Sally was fortunate enough to grow up as the daughter of a produce peddler, who taught her the values of clean eating. Sally was ever the diligent student, making the ARISTA List before she graduated from Port Richmond High School in Staten Island, helping to foster her lifelong love of education and learning.

Sally enjoyed the best the New York Metropolitan area had to offer, frequenting Manhattan to see the likes of Frank Sinatra perform at the beginning of his rise to fame in addition to attending USO dances during the Second World War to entertain our troops. It was during the war where she met her first husband, Ed, riding bumper cars while he was stationed with the United States Army Air Force nearby. They were married in 1946 and moved to Philadelphia shortly thereafter.

As a young woman in post-war America, Sally joined the workforce as an executive secretary to the research chemists at Rohm Haas. She balanced her burgeoning professional career with the responsibilities of motherhood, raising 3 children in Bensalem and eventually joining the Bensalem School District as a secretary. It was during this time that her husband Ed unfortunately passed away.

Sally eventually found love again, marrying Bill, a veteran of the Marine Corps who helped reinvigorate her sense of wonder and adventure from her childhood. Together, Sally and Bill traveled across our beautiful country and beyond, exploring the landscape and cultures around the globe. Sally and Bill retired to Hendersonville, North Carolina until his passing, after which she moved to Bristol, Pennsylvania to be closer to her children.

Now, as she approaches age 100, Sally remains an extraordinary force, actively involved with her group of friends at the Bensalem Senior Center. She now spends her days enjoying games and the company of her 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren while maintaining a strict schedule of daily exercises, prayers and chores.

As we celebrate Sally's 100th birthday, we honor her enduring dedication to Bucks Coun-

ty as an educator, traveler, loving mother, and an inspiring woman of remarkable strength and character.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH AND HONORING RETIRED
ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
OSCAR PRIMM, JR.

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise to celebrate Black History Month and its 2026 theme—A Century of Black History Commemorations. This year marks a century of national commemorations of Black history.

I would like to take this time to honor Retired Army Sergeant First Class Oscar Primm, Jr., a 104-year-old veteran from Northwest Indiana whose service is an inspiration to all. Over the course of his heroic military career, Oscar served in three wars—World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. It is because of the sacrifices of veterans just like Oscar that we are able to live in a free, democratic country.

Oscar grew up in Arkansas and moved to Gary, Indiana, to work in the steel mills. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and remembers the church bells ringing in the street when World War II ended. In 1946, Oscar returned home to continue working in the steel mills and remained in the Army Reserve. He went to school to learn how to repair cars and opened his own body shop at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Broadway serving the local community in Gary. When Oscar was called to serve again in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, he put his new skills to work as the head mechanic for a trucking company responsible for repairing vehicles for the battlefield.

In 1967, Oscar retired from the Army as a maintenance sergeant. He and his family briefly relocated to Chicago, where he drove a CTA bus for 14 years. Now, Oscar is a proud member of the Greater Gary AMVETS Squadron Post No. 6. He can frequently be found at the post playing dominoes, bringing veterans of all ages together, and supporting veterans throughout Northwest Indiana as they return home from service. In November, the Greater Gary AMVETS Squadron Post No. 6 recognized Oscar with the Lifetime American Hero Award to honor his achievements and military service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Black History Month and a century of national Black History Commemorations by recognizing the selfless service, bravery, and patriotism of Retired Army Sergeant First Class Oscar Primm, Jr.

REMEMBERING YVONNE
FEDDERSON

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember Yvonne Fedderson, an Arizo-

nan whose compassion and resolve helped build Childhelp, one of the Nation's leading nonprofits dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. She devoted her life to protecting children who too often suffer in silence. Yvonne passed away on January 23, 2026, at the age of 90.

Yvonne first found success as an actress in film and television in the 1950s and 1960s. Her acting career included appearances in widely recognized films and television series. But she ultimately chose a life of service. Rather than continuing to pursue acting, Yvonne and her close friend and fellow actress Sara O'Meara turned their fame into a mission to protect vulnerable children in need. In 1959, the two actresses created International Orphans, Inc., to support orphans in post-typhoon Japan. International Orphans later evolved into Childhelp, a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect and supporting children and families in need.

Friends and colleagues knew Yvonne as a steady and determined leader who understood that protecting at-risk children is hard work that requires persistence and dedication. That commitment helped Yvonne shape Childhelp into a practical, action-driven organization with real reach and impact. As President and Vice Chair of Childhelp, she helped build a national network of chapters and volunteers and expand programs like the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline and the Speak Up Be Safe prevention curriculum. Childhelp has supported more than 14 million children and families across the United States since its founding.

Yvonne's impact in Arizona is even more meaningful because it was her home. The Scottsdale-based Childhelp continues to advance the vision Yvonne and Sara first set out to realize more than six decades ago: to keep children safe and to help communities respond to children in need quickly and with compassion. Childhelp has impacted communities across Arizona through prevention programs and direct services, including residential treatment programs that have helped young survivors heal and rebuild their lives.

I extend my condolences to Yvonne's loved ones and to the entire Childhelp community, who will carry her mission forward and continue building on the legacy she created.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Yvonne Fedderson. Our country is better off because of Yvonne. Arizona is better off because of Yvonne. I thank Yvonne for a lifetime of service to children and families in need.

HONORING THE CAREER AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF DR.
STEVEN G. SCOTT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and tireless service of Dr. Steven G. Scott, who has dedicated 35 years of distinguished service to the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service in support of our Nation's service members and Veterans. Dr. Scott began his career with

the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1990, and over the course of more than three decades, he has served in numerous leadership and clinical roles with unwavering professionalism and purpose. Throughout his tenure, he has been a pivotal figure in the development and advancement of innovative healthcare programs and rehabilitation initiatives, helping to transform the delivery of care for both active-duty Servicemembers and Veterans. His exceptional contributions have earned him numerous awards and accolades, reflecting not only his clinical expertise, but also his deep commitment to improving outcomes and quality of life for those who have worn our Nation's uniform. Dr. Scott is widely respected for his visionary leadership in program development, his compassionate, patient-centered approach to care, and his steadfast dedication to advancing the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Equally important, Dr. Scott has been a trusted mentor and educator, investing in the next generation of healthcare professionals and ensuring that excellence, innovation, and compassion remain hallmarks of Veterans' healthcare for years to come. Through his commitment, leadership, and service, Dr. Scott has made a lasting and meaningful impact on the health, dignity, and well-being of countless military members and Veterans. His career stands as a testament to the highest ideals of public service, and I am honored to consider him a friend.

HONORING MR. ANDERSON "ANDY"
HARDWICK, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary Mississippian, Mr. Anderson "Andy" Hardwick, Jr., whose life as a musician, cultural ambassador, and public servant has left an indelible mark on Mississippi's musical heritage and civic fabric.

Born on June 10, 1935, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Andy grew up in a home filled with music and faith. He was raised on Crawford Street by his parents, Anderson, Sr. and Lillian Hardwick, and began performing professionally at just 12 years old. By the age of 17, he had become the youngest original member of the famed Red Tops, a rhythm and blues band that became a staple across Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Andy is a graduate of Alcorn State College, where he majored in Business Education and played in the college band. In 1957, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Paris, France. While there, he directed and coordinated USO entertainment for American troops stationed across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. It was during this period that he shared stages with jazz legends such as Art Blakey, Dexter Gordon, Sarah Vaughan, and other greats, earning him admiration both as a musical talent and a cultural envoy.

Following his service, Andy returned to Mississippi and formed Sounds Unlimited, a group that carried his signature jazz and soul style into clubs, colleges, and concert halls across

the South. He also led the house band at Jackson's iconic Poets nightclub for more than 15 years. During this time, he shared stages with icons like James Brown, Ray Charles, Otis Redding, B.B. King, Fats Domino, and more, bringing world-class performances to Mississippi and mentoring younger musicians along the way.

Beyond the stage, Andy contributed to community health and education. He served as business manager for the Tufts-Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, helping launch the region's first federally funded community health center. Later, he became Vice President of Fiscal Affairs at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. After returning to Mississippi, he continued to perform at venues like the Hilton in Jackson, all while mentoring a new generation of jazz artists.

Andy was married to the late Mrs. Velma Sims Hardwick for 54 years, a union rooted in love, faith, and shared purpose. Together, they built a beautiful family, raising three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, many of whom continue to carry forward his passion for music and service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Anderson Hardwick, Jr., a master musician, mentor, veteran, and cultural torchbearer. His legacy is not only written in music notes but in the hearts of the communities he has uplifted and inspired for over seven decades.

HONORING CHARLES RUSSELL
ABELL

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy and selfless service of Charles "Charlie" Russell Abell, a man who dedicated his life to his community.

Charlie is a son of Whitefish, Montana. He was born there on July 10, 1939, graduated from Whitefish High School in 1958, and went on to earn a degree from the University of Montana in 1963. Like so many Montanans, Charlie came back, rolled up his sleeves, and went to work in his hometown. In June 1965, Charlie was hired by the Whitefish Credit Union where he would spend more than four decades building something that all of Montana is proud of.

When Charlie began, the credit union held \$780,000 in assets. When he retired in 2009, it had grown to more than \$1 billion, becoming the largest credit union in Montana. Even with this extraordinary success, Charlie always stuck to his mantra "not to be the biggest, but the best," and this philosophy was certainly the catalyst for achieving both.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie's story goes well beyond professional success. For 62 years he has been a devoted husband to his wife Susan, and together they raised two sons who carry their values into the world.

Charlie's professional success is matched only by his extraordinary commitment to public service. Charles worked with State Senator Bob Brown to pass the Lakeshore Preservation Act through the Montana Legislature helping to preserve the pristine body of water known as Whitefish Lake. He also played a

key role in the creation of the Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau (WCVB) enabling the state lodging tax to benefit Whitefish tourism.

Over the years, he devoted his time and leadership to the County Tax Appeal Board, the County Soil District, the North Valley Hospital Board, including two years as chairman, and the Whitefish School Board. He was also deeply involved in civic organizations such as Jaycees, Rotary, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, and the Winter Carnival Ambassadors. Charlie's leadership of the Winter Carnival Parade, involvement with the Doug Betters Winter Classic for Children, and dedication to Whitefish Lake through the Boat Club and numerous regattas has left a lasting mark on the community. Charlie was also named one of the five most influential citizens during the Whitefish Centennial Celebration.

Charlie also answered the call to serve his county through the Army Reserve and continued that commitment through his involvement with the American Legion Post 108. The same sense of duty that called him to serve his community and his country runs through every chapter of his life.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Abell has shown us that success is best measured not only by professional accomplishments, but by service to others. He has a simple saying: "work first, play second." That philosophy embodies his lifelong commitment to family, community, and Montana values.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Charlie and congratulating him on his life and legacy. Whitefish, Montana, and our Nation are stronger and better because of his lifetime of service.

RECOGNIZING REMARKS OF RABBI
DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

I found refuge every morning hiding
Under my grandpa's inviting, embracing
Tallit

Of black and white woven of the tapestry
Of a survivor's spared life,
A wondrous cloth, never abandoned nor
lost,

He managed to safeguard on the run
Twice from Poland, in Siberian exile and
Kazakhstan,

Stained by flowing tears,
The beauty marks of refugees,
An added layer of essential warmth
Which sustained a ravaged body and tested
soul,

Wrapping me, his other saved possession,
In a magical garb whose sacred fringes I
playfully unraveled,

Ever since attempting together tie what
Torn away is forever gone.

The youngest member at the Shoah (Holocaust) survivors'

Minyan (quorum) in Germany's Wetzlar
Displaced Persons Camp,

I hear louder and louder in the dark
With elapsed some eighty years,
The adults' heartfelt davening (praying)
with painful groaning