

HONORING DENNIS IOTT ON HIS
INDUCTION INTO THE MICHIGAN
FARMERS HALL OF FAME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Iott of Kalkaska County on his induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame and to honor his more than four decades of dedication to Michigan agriculture.

For 45 years, Dennis has worked to build Iott Seed Farms into one of Michigan's premier agricultural operations. Under his leadership, the farm has nearly tripled its seed potato production and now grows approximately 27 million pounds of seed potatoes each year, making Iott Seed Farms the largest supplier of seed potatoes in Michigan. His commitment to excellence has earned him recognition as the 2026 Frito-Lay Seed Supplier of the Year, the 2025 Kalkaska Business of the Year, and the 2024 Michigan Association of Conservation Districts Conservation Farm of the Year.

Dennis's impact extends well beyond his own farm. As President of Potato Growers of Michigan and Chairman of the Kalkaska Conservation District Board of Directors, he has been a steadfast advocate for Michigan farmers and for responsible stewardship of our natural resources. He has worked with Michigan State University researchers, welcomed students and policymakers to his farm, and participated in field trials that advance agricultural practices strengthening both productivity and conservation. He has also been a consistent voice in discussions surrounding Michigan's water resources, advocating for sound science, responsible management, and continued access to water for farmers.

Perhaps most importantly, Dennis has invested in the people who will carry Michigan agriculture forward. Through mentorship, agricultural education, and years of service to farming organizations and his community, he has generously shared his knowledge with fellow farmers, students, researchers, and the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dennis on this well-deserved honor, thank him for his decades of service, and wish him and his family continued success for many growing seasons to come.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA PILSON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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

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

HONORING LOVE ALIVE CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a great church in my district, Love Alive Church, located at 4517 Lassen Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Founded in 2013 by Pastor Ronaldo Hardy, Love Alive Church was envisioned as a vibrant, progressive, and multi-ethnic congregation where the next generation could grow in their faith. Pastor Hardy and his team dreamed of electrifying worship, a dynamic presentation, and a church family that would reflect the diversity of Baton Rouge. They felt the calling to plant this church because their generation needed a fresh and engaging spiritual home.

After a year of preparation filled with both challenges and excitement, the initial launch planned for September 2014 was postponed, as they waited for God's timing. On January 11, 2015, Love Alive Church officially opened its doors at the AMC Theater near the Mall of Louisiana. For 14 months, the congregation worshipped there, witnessing God's presence and guidance in every season.

Soon after, God opened the door for the church to move into a building on Jones Creek, where Love Alive began to grow rapidly. The congregation doubled in size for four consecutive years, expanding from one to four services. In 2019, the Lord blessed Love Alive Church with its permanent home on Lassen Drive, where it remains today.

Since settling in its new home, Love Alive Church has continued to flourish as a place of passionate worship, prophetic teaching, and committed discipleship. At the heart of every ministry and outreach is the mission to help people find family, discover purpose, and change the world. Each person who joins Love Alive contributes to this ongoing story, helping carry forward a legacy of faith and community for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Love Alive Church for over a decade of trustworthy service, and in wishing Pastor Ronaldo Hardy and the congregation continued blessings as they pursue their mission and impact lives for years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO LINDA CUSTARD

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Linda Custard. She demonstrated generosity and support for our North Texas community, and her alma mater, Southern Methodist University (SMU). Her life reflected a deep commitment to the arts, education, and civic engagement. She sadly passed away earlier this year, on January 22, 2026. Custard began at SMU as

a speech arts student before earning her undergraduate degree from Mills College and later returning to SMU to complete her MBA at the Cox School of Business. She assumed several leadership roles, including serving on the SMU Board of Trustees. She also played a key role in advancing the Meadows School of the Arts and the Meadows Museum, contributing meaningfully to the university and the wider community.

Custard was committed to helping initiatives that advanced the arts and education. She received awards recognizing her leadership and philanthropy at SMU, including the Cox School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award, the SMU Students' Association's Outstanding Trustee Award, the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Mustang Award. She was known for her dedication, influence, and passion for giving back.

We thank Linda Pitts Custard for her service to our North Texas community and the lasting impression she leaves behind.

HONORING NANCY DOW MOODY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Dow Moody and her decades of extraordinary public service as a non-profit leader as she retires from Lifehouse.

Nancy's distinguished career spans more than 40 years in service to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nancy joined Lifehouse as Director of Services in 1992, bringing with her years of experience in managing programs that support the disability services community. In 2005, she was promoted to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and in 2008, she assumed the role of President and CEO.

Over the course of her tenure, Nancy guided Lifehouse through transformational growth and inclusion. She expanded services, modernized systems, and developed pioneering programs that improved quality of life for thousands of individuals and families. Nancy championed affordable housing solutions for Lifehouse clients, collaborated on the development of innovative senior living programs, and helped launch the first Supported Living Program in the State of California. Under her leadership, Lifehouse also spearheaded the Marin Autism Collaborative, a key resource linking families, local agencies, and service providers.

Nancy is admired for her steady leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and genuine commitment to Lifehouse's mission, always drawing upon her extensive background and academic achievements to inform her leadership. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Boston State College and a Master of Arts in Non-Profit Organizational Management from the University of San Francisco, where she graduated cum laude as a Merit Scholar. In 2019, she completed the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management Program at Harvard Business School, bringing nationally recognized best practices back to Lifehouse.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my honor and privilege to work with Nancy. I can personally

attest to how her leadership has transformed and enriched the lives of innumerable families throughout the Bay Area including mine. Please join me in expressing our profound gratitude for her remarkable contributions and in extending our warmest wishes for a richly deserved and fulfilling retirement.

RECOGNIZING TRE NOBLE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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

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

HONORING PROMISED LAND BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Promised Land Baptist Church, a congregation whose history began on Saturday, October 2, 1976, under the inspired guidance of the late Reverend Frank Herbert, serving then as Assistant Pastor. The church's earliest meetings and services were spirit-filled and held at the home of Brother Wallace and Sister Gloria Moore on Lewis Street. The founding Deacons included Brothers William Blacher, Essix Bradley, Robert Carter, Cary Harrison, Johnnie Herbert, Eddie Lee, and Wallace Moore. Brother Essix Bradley and Brother Wallace Moore were elected Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. Sister Helen Grant served as Financial Secretary, and Sister Sarah Times as Recording Secretary.

The first Holy Communion Service was observed on the second Sunday, October 10, 1976, at the home of Reverend Frank and Sister Rosa Herbert on Avenue C. Following this blessed observance, preparations were made for services to be held at the Masonic Hall on Rosenwald Road. Though the membership was small, love and unity flourished, and the church developed and progressed rapidly.

On October 17, 1976, the church charter was recorded, and Promised Land Baptist Church was formally constituted.

Soon thereafter, the church building located at 519 Crane Street was acquired and declared its home. On the first Sunday in November 1976, the initial service commenced. One week later, on November 14, 1976, the

Lord's Supper was commemorated under the guidance of Reverend Eddie Sulcer, Jr. Shortly after, he was elected as the first Pastor of the church. During his tenure, the church site was renovated, land was purchased, the building was paid for, and—most importantly—many souls were saved.

In 1987, Reverend Perry Wrights, Jr. was elected and continues to serve faithfully as Pastor. Under his leadership, a new energy revitalized Promised Land, and a renewed commitment by the congregation allowed the church to look toward the future with hope, growth, and spiritual renewal. The membership matured tremendously, and the church prospered.

While located at 519 Crane Street, the church celebrated numerous goals and milestones, including purchasing additional land, refurbishing the sanctuary, and renovating the parking lot. Victories in stewardship—spiritual and financial—were abundant, and for this, the congregation gives thanks to God.

In 1996, Sister Helen Grant retired due to health concerns, and Sister Belinda Hamilton succeeded her as Financial Secretary. Sister Rose Palmer Morris was appointed Recording Secretary. During elections, Sister Hamilton was reaffirmed as Financial Secretary, Sister Morris as Recording Secretary, Brother William Blacher, Sr. as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, and Brother Robert Carter as Treasurer.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the congregation left the former location. Under the direction of Pastor Wrights, the church was blessed with a new sanctuary at 7234 Plank Road, where it has worshiped since November 1999. With more space and continued dedication, the church has grown tremendously. The congregation gives all honor and praise to God, recognizing His goodness is beyond measure.

On February 20, 2004, Brother William Blacher, Sr. went home to be with the Lord. Brother Abraham Barnes was appointed as Spokesman for the Deacon Ministry. God also called home beloved Recording Secretary Sister Rose Palmer Morris. On April 8, 2008, Brother Robert Carter was called from labor to reward, and Brother Kenny Leatherman was appointed Treasurer. These pioneers faithfully worked without hesitation and with pure determination for God's Kingdom, loving both their church and Pastor deeply.

Promised Land continues to look forward to the future, recognizing there is much work to accomplish. Every new member is encouraged to join in the mission of reaching and teaching all whom the Lord sends. God has charted a bold course for Promised Land, and the congregation prays His blessings continue to pour out.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Promised Land Baptist Church. It continues to succeed—'Because He Lives'—and because the gifts of the church family, while not equal, are united in faith and purpose.

REMEMBERING TOM ROSE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Tom Rose, from Springboro,

Ohio, who passed away on August 15, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Tom was a leader in the Delphi Salaried Retirees Association (DSRA), who spent the last 17 years of his life advocating for the restoration of pension benefits for these salaried retirees.

Tom was one of more than 20,000 non-union Delphi salaried workers, including 5,000 in the state of Ohio, who saw their pensions unfairly slashed by as much as 70 percent in the aftermath of the federal government's bailout of General Motors in 2009—while the pensions of their hourly, union-represented co-workers were protected and made whole with taxpayer dollars.

In addition to losing a significant portion of his pension, Tom also saw his healthcare costs triple after losing his company medical coverage, both of which were earned and promised as part of his employment. He spent the rest of his life fighting for justice—not just for himself, but for other non-union Delphi salaried workers whose pensions and healthcare benefits were taken away through no fault of their own.

Thomas Stetson Rose was born in Oakland, California on July 31, 1946. He grew up in Nashville, Tennessee and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Tech. He honorably served his country as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and spent a year in Vietnam during the war.

On September 13, 1975, Tom married the love of his life, Jaci, who was from Dayton, Ohio. Together, they shared 50 years of marriage and produced a wonderful family that includes three children and six grandchildren.

Tom spent 30 years working at General Motors plants in Dayton, Ohio and an additional nine years at Delphi Corporation, which GM spun off in 1999. His working career began as a young engineer at the local GM plant on Wisconsin Boulevard in Dayton and included many different management jobs, including Plant Manager at the Kettering Boulevard Plant.

Tom led a team of talented salaried and union employees who delivered quality automotive parts to its customers on time, and whose hard work contributed greatly to the local economy. These men and women often worked more than the expected 40 hours per week, with the expectation of retiring with a full pension, health care and other benefits.

Following the bankruptcy of Delphi, and the Obama Administration's taxpayer-funded bailout of General Motors, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation unjustly terminated the earned pension plans of more than 20,000 Delphi Salaried Retirees. This decision caused devastating financial losses to these families who depended upon their pensions, earned through decades of faithful service, to support themselves during retirement.

There was no one at the table representing the Delphi Salaried Retirees when they saw their pensions severely slashed—but Tom stepped forward, and he used his powerful voice to speak out on behalf of those whose voices were not heard.

Tom took on a leadership role in the DSRA and became a tireless and relentless advocate on behalf of Delphi's Salaried Retirees, whom he felt deserved the same opportunity to enjoy a comfortable retirement as other GM retirees. He traveled to Washington and testified before Congress on multiple occasions, detailing how the pension cuts impacted his retirement and