

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

threatened the financial security of other retirees.

Tom Rose was the fiercest and most effective ally I have worked with in my decades-long fight to restore the pensions of the Delphi Salaried Retirees. This is an issue that hit close to home for both of us. I understood how the loss of these benefits impacted families because my father lost his healthcare during the GM bankruptcy after working for General Motors for over 40 years.

Tom has stood at my side throughout this challenging fight, beginning with the initial Congressional investigations following the GM bankruptcy, through the ensuing court battles, through the House passage of the bipartisan Susan Muffley Act, and through this year's introduction of a legislative amendment, backed by the White House, funding the restoration of the pensions for the Delphi Salaried Retirees, which could finally bring closure to this difficult chapter in our history.

It saddens me greatly to know that Tom did not live to see the final outcome of this long and often frustrating battle. One of the great privileges of my life was to be able to work with him, to get to know him, and to become his friend. I can think of no better way to pay tribute to Tom's memory than by carrying on this noble fight and seeing it through to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Speaker, all of us who knew Tom Rose will not easily forget him, and his influence will certainly be missed. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this courageous and compassionate man, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to his friends and family.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO ALIZA THARANI

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Aliza Tharani. Aliza is a Euless native who combines academic excellence with a strong interest in science. After graduating at the top of her class from Colleyville Heritage High School, she began her undergraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University, where she is pursuing a degree in Neuroscience.

Aliza has served as an Undergraduate Research Assistant in both the Mysore Lab, studying brain pathways, and the Jantzie Lab in Neurosurgery. She has also shadowed in transplant nephrology at UT Southwestern, gaining valuable exposure to patient-centered care.

In addition to her academic work, Aliza has given back to the community by volunteering with A Place to Talk (suicide-prevention peer support), serving as a First Aid Attendant with the Jubilee Monument Corp., and participating as a National Alzheimer's Buddies volunteer.

Recognized for her achievements, Aliza is an ISEF Finalist, a National Honor Society Scholarship Semifinalist, and the recipient of multiple awards. Through her scholarship and service, she reflects the values of Euless and serves as a positive example for our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE BURDELL BURKART

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bruce Burdell Burkart of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, who passed away on August 27, 2026, at the age of 94.

Born and raised in Doylestown, Bruce dedicated his life to his family, his community, and his country. A graduate of North Wales High School, he was a talented multi-sport athlete and remained connected to his alma mater throughout his life. He later served in the United States Army during the Korean War before building a nearly 27-year career with Georgia-Pacific.

Bruce's commitment to public service was extraordinary. He served as New Britain Borough's first building inspector, tax collector for 24 years, a member of Borough Council, Judge of Elections, and Borough Historian. His service extended well beyond elected and appointed positions, as he helped preserve local landmarks, supported community projects, volunteered at the Mercer Museum, a longtime Red Cross blood donor, and Meals on Wheels advocate. Following his beloved wife's passing, he continued his service in her honor.

Bruce's wit, generosity, and willingness to lend a hand left a lasting impression on those around him. In recognition of his family's contributions to the community, New Britain Borough Council renamed Borough Hall as Burkart Hall in 2013.

Above all, Bruce cherished his family. On behalf of the United States Congress, I extend my deepest condolences to the Burkart family and join them in honoring a life distinguished by military service, civic leadership, generosity, and devotion to family. Bruce's contributions to his community will endure, and his memory will remain a cherished part of the lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING T.J. MENDEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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

T.J. 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 T.J., develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to T.J.'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 T.J. Mendez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

HON. ROBERT P. BRESNAHAN, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring the 40th Anniversary of Steamtown National Historic Site:

Whereas, established by Congress on October 30, 1986, Steamtown National Historic Site occupies a portion of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad yard, connecting the site directly to the railroad history that helped build Scranton and shape the industrial heritage of Northeastern Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Steamtown preserves an extraordinary collection of historic locomotives, passenger cars, freight equipment, archives, and railroad artifacts, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to experience the craftsmanship and human stories behind an era that transformed American industry, commerce, transportation, and communities; and

Whereas, Steamtown's mission is to further public understanding and appreciation of the role steam railroading played in the development of the United States, and as the only site within the National Park System where the story of steam railroading and the people who made it possible is told, Steamtown serves as an important center for preservation, education, and appreciation of America's industrial heritage; and

Whereas, the anniversary provides an opportunity to honor the generations of railroad workers whose skill and dedication powered America's growth, as well as the preservationists, National Park Service employees, volunteers, and community members who have worked to ensure that their stories continue to be shared with future generations;

Now therefore, I, Rob Bresnahan, Jr., Member of Congress, do hereby recognize and congratulate Steamtown National Historic Site on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary, honoring four decades of preserving America's railroad heritage, educating visitors, and celebrating the enduring legacy of railroading and the people who helped build our Nation.

HONORING DONALDSON CHAPEL 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 Donaldson Chapel, a historic and steadfast institution of faith whose beginnings trace back to the early years of the twentieth century in the community now known as Easy Town.

In the early 1900s, a group of believers conceived the idea of establishing a church that would serve as a spiritual home for generations to come. The congregation's first pioneer and organizer, Reverend Blackman K. Donaldson, formally established the church on July 21, 1912, naming the new temple Donaldson