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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I was indisposed during this vote due to a vehicle accident. Had I been present, I would have voted present on Roll Call No. 1.

#### HONORING TRACEY ANN TIPPETT

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Ms. Tracey Ann Tippet on being named Michigan Marine of the Year and on her induction into the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes. This well-deserved honor reflects her steadfast dedication to Veterans, our Nation, and the communities throughout Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Ms. Tippet served honorably as a heavy equipment mechanic in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant. Throughout her distinguished military career, she was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, as well as a Letter of Appreciation and Certificate of Appreciation. Her unwavering commitment to her fellow Marines and Veterans has not wavered since returning from her service.

Since being honorably discharged in October of 1992, Ms. Tippet has devoted her time and energy to serving Veterans and strengthening her community. While it would be difficult to fully capture the scope of her service, her leadership and dedication are evident across Michigan. Recently, she was elected as Commandant of the Michigan Marine Corps League, an organization that supports and unites Marines from both the past and present. Notably, Ms. Tippet is only the second woman to hold this position, serving as a powerful inspiration to young women who aspire to serve our Nation.

In addition to her work with Veterans, Ms. Tippet has been a constant presence in her community, supporting programs like Toys for Tots, the Marquette and Ishpeming Christmas parades, Negaunee Pioneer Days, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Her actions within her community have been recognized on multiple occasions, including being named 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year and 2021 State of Michigan Veteran of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in congratulating Ms. Tracey Ann Tippet on earning the distinguished honor of being named Michigan Marine of the Year and on her induction into the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes. I thank her for her enduring commitment to Veterans, her community, and our great country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MRS. JEAN BREWER OF MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA

### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a remarkable leader, devoted patriot, and tireless advocate for conservative values in the great State of Alabama, Mrs. Jean Brewer of Marshall County.

Jean Brewer's life has been one defined by service to our Nation, her community, and her beloved state. Upon graduating from DAR High School in Grant, Alabama, Jean embarked on her first professional journey with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Maryland, where she served with distinction early in her career.

Jean was married to the late Don Brewer, whose service in the United States Air Force took their family around the world. Jean worked faithfully alongside her husband after he enlisted and earned his commission as an officer; she served as a liaison to other military spouses and providing support, encouragement, and leadership to families navigating the demands of military life. Together, Jean and Don raised three children, Jennifer, Renea, and Roger, instilling in them the same values of faith, service, and love of country that have guided their own lives.

Following Don's retirement from the Air Force, the Brewer family returned home to Grant, Alabama. Never content to rest after years of service, Jean became deeply involved in local civic and political life. Her leadership and dedication were recognized by her community when she was elected and served for several years as President of the Marshall County Republican Party, where she worked tirelessly to strengthen grassroots involvement and uphold conservative principles.

Jean Brewer loves this state, she loves this country, and she has consistently worked to preserve and restore the values that so many Alabamians hold dear. Through her leadership, mentorship, and steadfast commitment to service, she has left a lasting impact on Marshall County and beyond.

As the Member of Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Alabama, it is my privilege to recognize Jean's lifetime of service and to commend her for her devotion to family, community, and country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Jean Brewer and extending our deepest appreciation for her many contributions.

God bless Jean Brewer, and God bless the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to vote on the following. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 335; YEA on Roll Call No. 336; YEA on Roll Call No. 337; YEA on Roll Call No. 338; NAY on Roll Call

No. 339; YEA on Roll Call No. 340; NAY on Roll Call No. 341; YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA on Roll Call No. 343; YEA on Roll Call No. 344; NAY on Roll Call No. 345; NAY on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; NAY on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; NAY on Roll Call No. 350; and YEA on Roll Call No. 351.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF G. WILLIAM "BILL" WARD

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of G. William "Bill" Ward, a widely respected corporate executive, community leader, and U.S. Navy veteran who passed away on December 17 in Blair County.

Bill's career at family-owned Ward Trucking Corp. spanned more than 50 years, beginning in 1956. Bill served as both president and chairman of the board.

Bill was a driving force in the trucking industry who was gifted with the ability to relate to people from across the broad spectrum of society.

Tributes to Bill have included recognition of his philanthropic spirit, integrity, community service, and mentorship.

As one long-time friend noted so perfectly, "Trying to capture the life of Bill Ward in a few words is a daunting task, as this was a man who was truly larger than life."

As we remember Bill, his legacy will live on through his family and their commitment to transportation.

Please join me in remembering the life of G. William Ward.

#### RECOGNIZING LISA JANICKI

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Lisa Janicki's service as a County Commissioner for Skagit County, Washington.

Commissioner Janicki was first elected to the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners in November 2014, following a career of more than thirty years as the Chief Financial Officer for Janicki family businesses.

During her eleven years in office, Commissioner Janicki has been a tireless leader in fighting the opioid epidemic across our communities and Washington state, advocating for policy solutions, programs and investments to end this scourge and repair the incredible damage it has caused. She has worked collaboratively with the county's partner jurisdictions to increase services available for community members in need of urgent crisis support. She was a founding member of North Star, a partnership between the county commissioners and government, the mayors of the four largest cities in Skagit County, and service organizations to end homelessness and enhance effective delivery of crisis response,

recovery and support services countywide. Commissioner Janicki also oversaw the development of the STAR Center providing acute behavioral health care services to Skagit County, in addition to the county's first permanent supportive housing development, Martha's Place, and the Skagit First Steps Shelter.

Commissioner Janicki's heartfelt leadership, strategic foresight, and compassion are an inspiration to leaders and community members in Skagit County and across northwest Washington. She has been a transformational advocate for the people of Skagit County.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to commend Commissioner Janicki for her outstanding leadership and vision, dedication to serving her community, and the enduring legacy she has helped to cultivate. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for her service.

#### REMEMBERING "ELDER STATESMAN OF SOUL," DON BRYANT

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Don Bryant, Memphis' "elder statesman of soul," the acclaimed singer and songwriter who passed last month at the age of 83.

Probably best known for co-writing the top-40 hit "I Can't Stand the Rain," with his wife Ann Peebles and Bernard Miller in 1973, Bryant was a staff songwriter at Willie Mitchell's Hi Records label in the 1960s and 1970s with 154 songs to his credit. He later wrote and sang for Fat Possum Records.

Mr. Bryant and Ms. Peebles, a noted singer, married in 1974 and were both inducted into the Memphis Music Hall of Fame (she in 2014 and he in 2019, the same year Steve Cropper and Tina Turner were inducted). According to his obituary in *The New York Times*, the song's title came from an offhand remark made by Ms. Peebles as they prepared to go to a concert in a sudden cloudburst. The Beatles' John Lennon said "I Can't Stand the Rain" was "the best song ever" after hearing Peebles sing it at The Troubadour in Los Angeles. Tina Turner later covered the song in on her album "Private Dancer" in 1984. Donald Maurice Bryant was born in Memphis in April 1942, the son of a gospel choir leader and, by 10, was singing in church choirs. In the 1960s, he was Hi Records leading singer with The Four Kings, performing on the local WLOK radio station, and released his first solo album, "Precious Soul," in 1969. For decades, he sang mainly in church settings but returned to the studio in 2016 and produced "Don't Give Up on Love" with the Bo-Keys for Fat Possum, his first secular album in 48 years. In 2020, they produced "You Make Me Feel," which was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best Traditional Blues category. Mr. Bryant and Ms. Peebles toured the world, with Bryant largely working behind the scenes to advance his wife's work on stage until his late career comeback. Ms. Peebles, who stopped singing after a stroke in 2012, survives him.

I extend my profound condolences to his family, friends, collaborators and his many fans and admirers. The elder statesman of

soul sent his unique Memphis sound around the world and will be long remembered.

#### HONORING DR. ROSE MARIE BRYANT JONES

#### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my constituent, Dr. Rose Marie Bryant Jones, a dedicated leader in her community and a long-time member of the Republican Party of Arkansas, who recently passed away on Friday, December 26, 2025, at the age of 83.

Dr. Jones was born on January 7, 1942, in East Pulaski County, and was a true trailblazer throughout her life, known for breaking down educational barriers. She graduated from Philander Smith College in 1963 and subsequently from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Jones was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a founding member of the African American Coalition of Arkansas.

She was a schoolteacher in Lonoke County for over 30 years, before and after integration, and established tutoring programs across two counties in Arkansas. Dr. Jones took great pride in educating and influencing the next generation of students in her community.

Her public service did not stop in the classroom. She served on the Lonoke Public School Board and the Lonoke City Council as a pioneer of civil rights, with the heart of representing all Lonoke citizens through redistricting efforts. In 1998, she ran for the office of Arkansas Secretary of State. She was even the President of the Pea Ridge Cemetery Board. In 2024, Dr. Jones stepped up again for her community and was elected Justice of the Peace in Lonoke County, where she continued her storied career in public service.

She made a lasting impact on all of those who knew her and an incredible impression on the 1st Congressional District of Arkansas. May her legacy of perseverance and hard work continue to encourage us all. Dr. Rose Marie Bryant Jones led a life worth honoring and celebrating for her service to her community. I send my prayers and sincere condolences to the friends and family of Dr. Jones as they grieve her passing.

#### HONORING POLICE CHIEF RAYMOND SHORES' RETIREMENT

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a public servant who embodies the spirit of community partnership and gratitude.

In Richmond Hill, Georgia, Police Chief Raymond Shores took a moment this week to publicly thank the citizens of Richmond Hill and Bryan County for their overwhelming support during his tenure and as he prepares to retire.

Chief Shores' last day is scheduled for January 16, 2026, and in an open letter to his

community, he expressed deep appreciation for the trust and cooperation he received, especially in challenging times. His message reminds us that effective policing is not just about enforcement; it is about partnership, collaboration, and mutual respect between law enforcement and the citizens they serve. That partnership reinforces public safety, strengthens neighborhoods, and builds lasting relationships founded on trust.

Today, we thank Chief Shores for his service and acknowledge the citizens of Richmond Hill for standing with their law enforcement leaders. Their mutual support is a model for communities across our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING LORENA PACHIARDI

#### HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorena Pachiardi, an extraordinary 11th-grade student from Cupeyville School in San Juan, Puerto Rico, who has been selected as the winner of the 2025 Congressional App Challenge for Puerto Rico's At-Large Congressional District.

Lorena developed GoldenCarePR, a thoughtful and innovative bilingual mobile application designed to support elderly individuals and their caregivers throughout Puerto Rico. Her app centralizes essential information on services, benefits, legal rights, digital safety, and health guidance, while also providing practical caregiving tools such as a task manager and a health tracker for vital signs and medications.

Her project addresses one of the most pressing demographic challenges of our time. According to the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics, the population aged 65 and older is now double the population under 15 years old. This dramatic shift in our demographic structure reflects not only a global trend of population aging, but also a profound societal challenge in Puerto Rico—one marked by limited resources, insufficient services, and a lack of comprehensive programs to support our older adults.

It is within this context that GoldenCarePR becomes more than an app; it becomes a powerful tool of compassion and public purpose. By identifying real gaps in information, services, and support for seniors and their families, Lorena created a platform that has the potential to meaningfully improve the quality of life of thousands across Puerto Rico.

Mr. Speaker, Lorena's achievement embodies the very mission of the Congressional App Challenge: empowering young people to harness the power of technology to solve real problems and uplift their communities. Her innovation stands as an inspiring example of how the next generation is already stepping forward to address Puerto Rico's most urgent needs, with knowledge and love.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lorena Pachiardi, the 2025 Congressional App Challenge winner for my district. Her talent, leadership, and compassion give us great hope for the future of Puerto Rico.