

University of North Texas at Dallas, in partnership with the North Texas Food Bank for their annual Thanksgiving distribution. This past year, they brought vital support to our community. Thanks to dedicated student volunteers, nearly 1,000 North Texas families received food to help them prepare for the holiday. Each family was provided a turkey, approximately 60 pounds of groceries, and thermal clothing for the colder months ahead.

We are very grateful for the volunteers who serve our neighbors with compassion. North Texans continue to show up for one another, and events like this highlight the generosity of our community year after year.

HONORING MR. SCOTT K. BRADLEY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the service of Mr. Scott K. Bradley upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement after 41 years of cumulative service to our Nation in the U.S. Navy and federal government.

As a child, Mr. Bradley had dreamed of serving on submarines ever since he witnessed two Canadian Oberon Class Diesel Submarines surface while on a family vacation. At 18, he joined the United States Navy. He thought himself to be a Northerner, so that February, he attended boot camp in NTC Great Lakes for 14 weeks, laughing at "his cold self" until he graduated.

After graduating boot camp, the detailing team at Great Lakes tried mightily to get Bradley to accept a rate that called for a six-year enlistment, though his intent was to serve for four years and get a college degree with the GI Bill. The team offered him a choice between becoming a cook or a Torpedoman; he chose Torpedoman's Mate, marking the beginning of his decorated Naval career.

After several school commands, TMSN Bradley was detailed to the USS *George Washington Carver* (SSBN-656) underway out of Holy Loch, Scotland. The only Sailor in a house full of Marines made for more than one wrestling match to get to the Thanksgiving table, but somehow, he managed to do that while earning his brothers' respect after he was promoted halfway through his third enlistment to Chief Petty Officer in just under nine years, and earned commission as an Underseas Ordnance Limited Duty Officer one year later, commissioned as an Underseas Ordnance Limited Duty Officer (LDO). Submarines were in his blood, and he crewed on several throughout his career. Later, as a Squadron Combat Systems Officer, he trained 18 weapons officers before ending his 24-year Naval career as a Special Projects Officer at Electric Boat Shipyard with the Strategic Systems Programs.

After culminating his Naval career, Mr. Bradley began his second career with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in 2013, at which he's an essential part of the acquisition process from pre-award to sustainment. While postings at the Department of Energy and the Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific took him away at times, the importance of his work and the people with whom he served brought him back into the fold. Now,

after 37 years of service to our Nation, Mr. Bradley is retiring to spend time with his wife and search for new challenges and adventures.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and congratulate Mr. Scott K. Bradley on his retirement after more than four decades of service to our Nation. His tireless service, outstanding performance, and dedication to the United States of America set the standard by which we all should be judged.

HONORING MS. JOHNNIE BROOKS
BOOKER ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable daughter of the State of Georgia, Ms. Johnnie Brooks Booker of Atlanta, on the occasion of her 85th birthday. A celebration of her birthday was held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Whitley Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, Johnnie Brooks was born on July 31, 1941, in Forsyth, Georgia, to Willie Floyd Brooks and Lillian Goodwyne Brooks Graves. I would ask this House to sit with that date for a moment. Nineteen forty-one. In Georgia. A Black girl, born in a small middle Georgia town, into a state that had already written her ceiling before she drew her first breath—a state where she could not have been served at a lunch counter in her own hometown, could not have used the front door of most buildings on Main Street, and could not have expected the country of her birth to make room for her. Nobody asked that child what she intended to do about it. She told them anyway.

She went to Hampton Institute in Virginia and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences and sociology. She went on to the Atlanta University School of Social Work—now Clark Atlanta University—and earned her Master of Social Work in community organization. And then, Mr. Speaker, she went to work, and she did not stop for sixty years.

She began with the New York Department of Welfare. She taught in the Manpower Development and Training Program in Washington, D.C. and joined the D.C. Department of Rehabilitation in 1964. She served with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. She worked with the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, then the Western Regional Office of the National Urban League, and then the Urban League's Washington Bureau.

She entered the federal service at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board as Director of Consumer Affairs and Civil Rights. In 1989 she was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1991, she joined the Resolution Trust Corporation as Vice President of the Division of Minority and Women's Programs. When that agency closed its doors, she moved to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, where she served until her retirement in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I want my colleagues to notice something about that list. Consumer Affairs

and Civil Rights. Minority and women's programs. Equal Opportunity. Community Organization. Look at every title she ever held. That woman spent her entire working life standing in doorways and holding them open for people who were never supposed to get through.

Mr. Speaker, the late Shirley Chisholm sat in this very House, and she left behind a line that the women who came after her have carried like a lantern: "if they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

Johnnie Brooks Booker heard that. But she was never once satisfied to bring a single chair for herself. She brought them by the truckload. She set them up around the table. She called in people whose names were nowhere on the invitation—and then she taught them how to sit there like they belonged, because they did. She was not finished.

In 2001 she came home to Georgia and became the Global Director of Supplier Diversity at The Coca-Cola Company, where she served for a decade. In that role she built a mentoring program for minority- and women-owned business enterprises because she understood that a contract without capacity is a courtesy, and she was never interested in courtesies. She wanted those firms to be able to bid the next job, and the one after that, without her. Mr. Speaker, in 2007, came the moment I want this House to remember.

When The World of Coca-Cola Museum was built in Atlanta—that great glass house where one of the most famous American companies on earth tells the story of itself—Johnnie Brooks Booker made certain that minority developers and minority contractors were in the room, on the plans, and on that job site.

Think about what that means. A little girl born in Forsyth, Georgia, in 1941, who as a child that could not walk into a drugstore in her own town and sit down and order a Coca-Cola—that same woman, 66 years later, helped decide who would build the house that Coca-Cola tells its story in.

Mr. Speaker, that is not irony. That is what a life of purpose looks like from the far end of it.

She retired from Coca-Cola in 2012, at an age when most people are owed their rest, and promptly founded The Johnnie Booker Group, where she serves as President and Chief Executive Officer to this day.

Her service has extended to the American Society for Public Administration, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, The Links, Incorporated, the National Council of Negro Women, the NAACP, the National Urban League, the Hampton University Alumni Association, the Utopian Literary Club, and Circle-Let's of Atlanta. She has served on the boards of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, Women in Housing and Finance, Women of Washington, the Delta Research and Educational Foundation—the philanthropic arm of her beloved sorority—and the Fort Valley State University Foundation—an institution in the district I am privileged to represent, and one more place where she invested herself in young people she would never meet.

She has been recognized with two Congressional Resolutions of this House, named Hampton University Alumna of the Year in 2009, and honored with the Community Service Award of the Black Law Students Association at Quinnipiac University in 2022. In 2023,

she sat for an oral history with The History Makers—so that her voice will still be telling this story long after all of us in this Chamber have finished ours.

Mr. Speaker, she is the mother of S. Courtney Booker, III and the grandmother of Dalyn and Aiden. I would say this to those two grandchildren: the world will tell them a great many things about what they can and cannot become. Their grandmother has already proven every one of them wrong. They come from somebody.

Mr. Speaker, on the 31st of July, Ms. Johnnie Brooks Booker turned 85 years old. She has lived long enough to see a great deal of what she fought for, and she is still at her desk. Georgia gave her to the Nation, and she has spent 85 years giving back more than she ever received.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in wishing a happy 85th birthday to Ms. Johnnie Brooks Booker of Atlanta, Georgia, in thanking her for a lifetime of extraordinary service to this country, and in wishing her continued health, joy, and many more years among the people who love her.

RECOGNIZING ALD THERMAL TREATMENT, INC. ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor ALD Thermal Treatment, Inc. of Port Huron, Michigan, as it celebrates 20 years of excellence in manufacturing and heat treatment services.

For two decades, ALD Thermal Treatment has been an important part of Port Huron's manufacturing community. Since opening its doors, its Port Huron facility has processed more than 500 million parts, with not a single one returned from the field—a remarkable record and a testament to its quality and precision.

Its standard of excellence has earned the General Motors Supplier Quality Excellence Award in 11 of the past 12 years, including becoming the first heat treatment services company to receive the award in 2014.

ALD Thermal Treatment also invests in the next generation of Michigan manufacturers by hosting Manufacturing Day events for high school students and offering internships to students studying materials science and metallurgy. Several employees have been with the company since it opened 20 years ago, reflecting the strong workplace culture that has helped make the company successful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating ALD Thermal Treatment, Inc. on its 20th anniversary. I am proud to recognize its commitment to quality, safety, and Michigan manufacturing, and I wish them continued success for many years to come.

HONORING ELM GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a cherished congregation in my district, Elm Grove Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as it celebrates a century of worship, Christian education, and service to the Eden Park community.

Elm Grove Baptist Church was founded around June 1925 in the home of George and Carrie Walks on North 38th Street, then known as Orange Street, in the Eden Park community of Baton Rouge. Since its founding, the church has been committed to worship, Christian education, community service, and outreach.

The church experienced significant growth under the leadership of Reverend J.R. Williams, who served as pastor from 1952 to 2000. During his tenure, Elm Grove established membership training programs, stewardship revivals, mission schools, interdenominational and interracial services, a child development center, and missions work in Liberia, West Africa. The congregation also relocated to its present site and constructed a new sanctuary and education building.

Following Reverend Williams's retirement and passing in 2000, Reverend Errol K. Domingue became the church's seventh pastor. Today, Elm Grove Baptist Church continues its longstanding commitment to worship, Bible study, Christian education, ministry, and service to the Eden Park and Baton Rouge communities.

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

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO BARRETT KNETSCH

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Barrett Knetsch, a Euless native, who has been giving back to our North Texas community since the age of four, when he first shaved his head to raise money for pediatric cancer charities. Now at sixteen, he has continued this tradition for twelve consecutive years and has raised more than \$100,000 to support children battling cancer.

Currently a student at St. Mark's School of Texas, Barrett participates in student council, choir, and varsity sports. Yet, he still finds time to rally his friends, family, and local businesses around this important cause. He also extends his commitment to service by volunteering at the Euless Community Center, helping at local Habitat for Humanity construction projects, and assisting at local food distribution centers.

Barrett is setting a wonderful example for all of North Texas. His commitment shows how

one person's determination can uplift an entire community.

RECOGNIZING DELYLAH HAWK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delylah Hawk for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for youth Award.

Delylah 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 Delylah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Delylah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr/Sr High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Delylah Hawk on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE HONORABLE TIMMY L. JAMISON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alderman Timmy L. Jamison of Marks, Mississippi, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and longtime public servant whose life of hard work and compassion has lifted his community.

Timmy Jamison was born to James and Annie Jamison of Marks, Mississippi. From the age of six, he learned the value of work alongside his father—plowing gardens, driving tractors, and helping neighbors keep their plots and farms productive. Those early years shaped a lifelong ethic of service, responsibility, and care for others.

Timmy graduated from Quitman County High School in 1990. He married Sandra Jamison, and together they raised five children and now cherish seven grandchildren. A small-business owner, Timmy, has been the owner and operator of his trucking company since 2015, providing steady work and dependable service throughout the region.

For decades Timmy has stepped forward to serve his neighbors in elected office. He has served as alderman at-large since 1997—apart from one term—and continues in this role today. Whether handling routine municipal matters or helping a neighbor in crisis, Timmy has always put people first.

Timmy's life is defined by compassion in action. He is known across Marks for listening, for rolling up his sleeves, and for treating everyone with dignity. Neighbors turn to him for practical help, wise counsel, and the steady presence of a servant-leader who believes public service is about improving the lives of others.