

Knox, Kentucky. After graduating, he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where he met his future wife, Amber.

Shortly after deploying to Iraq in October 2007, he and Amber discovered that they were expecting their first child. He returned home for 30 days to make plans for their future and redeployed to Iraq in February 2008.

On June 25, 2008, Specialist Yohn and two other Troopers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment's 1st Squadron were headed back to a combat outpost following a route-protection mission. Their vehicle was the convoy lead that provided security for the rest of the platoon when they struck a roadside bomb that tragically killed all three Cavalrymen.

Specialist Yohn was 25 years-old when terrorists cowardly took his life. He was so excited about becoming a father. He was a devoted husband and family man who had a way of making others smile without even trying. He was an excellent Trooper who took pride in his work and loved the life of spirit of not only being a Soldier but being around other Soldiers. This year, 2026, marks 18 years since Specialist Yohn was killed in action (KIA). He was the first Fallen in the Global War on Terror to hail from Dauphin County, and his memory endures through his loving wife, Amber, and the son who proudly carries his name—James Michael Yohn, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Specialist James Yohn, who not only selflessly and eagerly served our Nation with distinction in the United States Army, but defended those who may never even know him, that they might live free and peacefully because of his sacrifices. His tireless dedication, loyalty, patriotism, professionalism, and devotion are a great credit to himself, our communities, the United States Army, and the United States of America, and set the standard by which all should be judged. May he Rest in God's Peace until we "... meet again on the High Ground."

RECOGNIZING TORIN GONZALEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

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

Torin has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Torin, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Torin'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 Torin Gonzalez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN HERO ANGELO RENDA

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Angelo Renda. He is a three-year letterman and one of the most accomplished quarterbacks in Southlake Carroll history. He guided the Dragons to back-to-back District 4-6A championships and has a remarkable 28-1 record. His junior year he helped lead Southlake Carroll to a 6A Division II UIL Texas State runner-up finish.

Angelo is the all-time passing yards leader in Carroll Dragons history, finishing his high school career with 524 completions for 8,197 yards and 93 touchdowns.

We can't wait to watch his journey continue at the University of Pittsburgh, and to see him succeed with Panthers like he has with the Dragons.

RECOGNIZING SARAH MAJESKIE, GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 WINNER OF WISCONSIN'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2026 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

HON. GLENN GROTHMAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Majeskie, the winner of the ninth through twelfth grade division of my 2026 Student Essay Contest, and to commend this outstanding young person from Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District for her thoughtful reflections on our country and system of government.

Sarah, a tenth-grade student at Berlin High School, was selected as the winner for her essay reflecting on the importance of America's constitutional republic, representative government, individual rights, and the freedoms protected by our Constitution.

I am proud to recognize Sarah for the time, effort, and thought she put into her essay. Her work demonstrates an appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship and the principles that have helped make our nation strong. I congratulate her on this achievement and am pleased to include in the RECORD her winning essay:

SARAH MAJESKIE—BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL, 10TH GRADE

If you ask Americans what type of government we have, many will say we live in a democracy. While it is true our government uses democratic principles such as voting for our leaders, we do not operate under a democracy. Instead, the United States government is a Constitutional Republic, a form of government that I along with many other Americans value and believe is the best way to provide our nation with a strong future.

Before we as American citizens can value our Constitutional Republic and give it the respect it deserves, we must first understand

it. Although people may appreciate something without fully comprehending it, to hold it to a high value they must understand what it is and what it means to them.

A Constitutional Republic is a form of government where citizens elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf, governed by a constitution that sets forth fundamental principles and laws of the state and limits government power. Unlike a monarchy, where leaders inherit power, a dictatorship where citizens live in fear because power is in the hands of a select few, or authoritarianism where freedoms are stripped from people, our constitution protects our individual rights which sets us apart.

For any governing leader to be elected, the Constitutional Republic directs that any eligible citizen has the ability to vote, regardless of race, gender, or financial background. This ensures that the government must follow the Constitution while allowing citizens to choose those who represent them. Our Constitutional Republic differs from pure democratic systems that operate solely on majority rule. Our government gives those in smaller rural communities as strong a voice as those in bigger urban communities.

In our Constitutional Republic nobody agrees 100% with each other. However because of the way our country is run, we can all vote for who we believe will uphold what is right. We can choose who will represent everyone's individual voice. We do not use pure democracy which follows majority rule, rather we follow the constitution which protects our individual rights as voters.

I value the opportunities being a citizen of the United States provides. We have the chance for new beginnings, new opportunities, and a new way of living. As Americans, we can express our opinions, choose who we want to support, and vote for our future. Whether it is voting for the new alderperson in a tiny town of 2,000, or casting a ballot for the Commander in Chief itself, we are given the opportunity to choose who we think best represents the American people in regions across the nation instead of the first born child of a king, or whoever possesses the most brute force.

Another thing I value is that as a woman, I will be able to vote when I am of voting age. There are no hoops for women to jump through and I value that every person no matter what has the right to vote, and our vote really matters. As I vote for one candidate, someone else votes for another, but no matter who is elected, our constitution ensures the power is divided across the country differently so that power remains in the hands of the people.

One thing I value the most under our constitution is our religious liberties. The ability to practice my religion including choosing my way to worship, pray, and share my beliefs is a right I value because I know many others do not have this privilege. It is my hope for our future that no matter who runs our country, our schools, or even our hospitals, that everyone may be free to practice any religion they choose, supported by the constitution.

As America continues to be a melting pot of cultures and backgrounds, I hope that our Constitutional Republic can continue to provide fair representation and equal protection under law to all citizens. Having a diverse country where everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is my ultimate wish for our future.

HONORING MR. W. MILLER
BARBOUR

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize civil- and human-rights leader W. Miller Barbour, and commemorate his legacy and contributions to our Nation.

While born in Philadelphia in 1908, Mr. Barbour was raised in Middletown, Pennsylvania. Very active in his local church, he witnessed barriers to opportunity in his community that shaped his commitment to equality and social work.

Once graduating from Middletown High School, Mr. Barbour attended Elizabethtown College, where he became only the second African American graduate in 1932, and was the first known African American student-athlete to play college football in Lancaster County.

After college, Mr. Barbour pursued a career in social work, focusing on the effects of poverty and employment opportunities. He worked directly with young people at Philadelphia's Wharton Center, where he helped address juvenile delinquency and gang violence by promoting mentorship and education. His work was an expression of his belief that, in order to fix social issues, we must first address the poverty and neighborhood environments that lead to them.

Mr. Barbour later earned a Masters degree in Social Work from the esteemed University of Pennsylvania. He joined the National Urban League in 1947, becoming Executive Secretary of its Denver affiliate branch, wherein he was a passionate advocate for fair employment and equal economic opportunity, and worked to break down barriers preventing African Americans from participating fully in American life. In 1952, he became Director of the National Urban League's Western Field Office in Los Angeles, where he continued his work fighting for meaningful civil rights reform. In this role, he commissioned a 1952 study analyzing racial relationships and socioeconomic conditions in Richmond, California. He also co-authored *The Prospect for Freedom: Human Rights, What Can Be Done on the Local Level* in 1951, which emphasized the responsibility of local communities to build equal institutions.

Mr. Barbour sadly passed away unexpectedly in March 1957. His legacy has endured throughout our communities and Nation. Dauphin County recently proclaimed every July 16th as "W. Miller Barbour Day," and his life also has been recognized by the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled and honored to recognize Mr. W. Miller Barbour for his selfless and outstanding contributions to the Civil Rights movement, and for his enduring dedication to our local communities, Commonwealth, and our great Nation. His service, leadership, and tireless devotion set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF ARKANSAS AND NATIONAL
TRUCK DRIVERS

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the millions of professional truck drivers who serve the American public each and every day.

Truck drivers transport billions of dollars' worth of goods across our country, delivering essential products that Americans rely on every day. These men and women are the backbone of our Nation's economy. Without their dedication and tireless work, our communities would not have access to the goods and services they depend on.

These drivers have committed their careers to serving others and ensuring that our Nation's supply chain continues to move. However, that responsibility does not come without its fair share of challenges. Truck drivers face long hours on the road, time away from their families, demanding work conditions, and the constant responsibility of safely delivering the goods our Nation depends on.

These challenges are felt by truckers across our country, including the thousands of hardworking men and women who call Arkansas home. I want to applaud the associations in my state and across our Nation that represent the needs of truck drivers. Associations such as the Arkansas Trucking Association advocate every day on behalf of these men and women and the trucking companies that employ them. Their work has helped make Arkansas a national hub for trucking.

I also want to acknowledge the thousands of trucking companies and their drivers based in Arkansas for the hard work they do for my constituents. Companies such as J.B. Hunt and Maverick Transportation employ hardworking drivers who help deliver goods not only throughout Arkansas, but the entire Nation.

As Vice Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am proud to be a champion of several key pieces of legislation this Congress aimed at strengthening the trucking industry, improving safety, and making sure our Nation's truck drivers are heard and supported. I will continue to advocate for our truckers and their needs.

As we recognize these hardworking men and women during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, we must remember that our economy depends on them. Without our truck drivers, our economy would come to a standstill, our shelves would go empty, and our communities lose access to the goods they rely on every day.

I want to thank the millions of truck drivers across our country, and especially those who call Arkansas home, for keeping America moving.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on September 1, 2026. Had I been present, I

would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 286; NAY on Roll Call No. 287; NAY on Roll Call No. 288; NAY on Roll Call No. 289; YEA on Roll Call No. 290; NAY on Roll Call No. 291; and YEA on Roll Call No. 292.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 5045, to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the handling of air quality monitoring with respect to prescribed fires, S. 3135, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize manufacturers of certain vehicles to suspend engine derate or shut-down functions in prolonged cold weather conditions, and S. 5249, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to align the licensing of uranium enrichment facilities with other fuel cycle facilities under that Act, and 21 Committee resolutions to approve prospectuses from the General Services Administration.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2586, to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish an assessment program for commercial-scale offshore aquaculture through demonstration projects, to establish Aquaculture Centers of Excellence, to support aquaculture workforce development and working waterfronts, S. 3467, to reauthorize the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, S. 3929, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to acquire and install certified airborne position reference tools at air traffic control towers, S. 4573, to designate the Great Lakes Commission as a Regional Great Lakes Partnership, S. 4749, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to create a Federal cause of action to address jawboning, S. 4938, to reduce