

to our Nation and local community earned him the Navy Achievement Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

After leaving active duty, Turner's commitment to serving others never ceased, and he became an active member of the local veteran community, joining multiple veteran service organizations, including the Hillsdale American Legion. Turner eventually took on a leadership role with the American Legion, helping to plan Hillsdale's annual Independence Day fireworks event. He also has demonstrated deep dedication to his fellow veterans, providing peer support and, in 2025, organizing and participating in the cleanup of the property of a Vietnam veteran who needed assistance. Over the years, Turner has also volunteered with the Major Henry Holloway Canteen Unit, supporting local fire departments in the Hillsdale community.

Turner Korotzer's dedication to service and unwavering commitment to both our Nation and Michigan's local communities should serve as an inspiration to us all. I am honored to share his story today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the esteemed accomplishments of this distinguished veteran and public servant.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR.
GILDA Y. MARTÍNEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and dedication to education of Dr. Gilda Y. Martínez, Assistant Professor of Bilingual Education at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas.

A native of Laredo and a proud graduate of TAMU, Dr. Martínez has dedicated her career to advancing bilingual education and creating opportunities for bilingual students, educators, and communities.

She began her career as a bilingual educator in Laredo and has since served as a dual-language teacher, bilingual education administrator, consultant, and university professor.

Today, Dr. Martínez prepares and mentors the next generation of bilingual educators and serves as Coordinator of TAMU's Master of Science in Bilingual Education program.

Her scholarship focuses on bilingual and dual-language education, with particular attention to culturally and linguistically responsive practices in South Texas and our U.S.-Mexico border communities.

In 2020, Dr. Martínez founded the Unidos Para Texas Bilingual Education Conference, bringing educators, school leaders, researchers, and community partners together to strengthen bilingual education. The conference now serves hundreds of educators and provides scholarships for educators pursuing graduate studies.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martínez commitment to education and our community reflects the very best of South Texas.

I thank her for her service and congratulate her on her continued leadership in advancing bilingual education for future generations.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE MARJORIE
SMITH

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Representative Marjorie Smith, who has represented Durham, Lee, and Madbury in the New Hampshire House of Representatives for 14 terms. Marjorie's distinguished career in public service encourages us all to be strong advocates for our local communities and for the bedrock values we cherish as Americans.

After graduating from Syracuse University with a master's degree in public administration, Marjorie worked in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, serving her country as a member of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission and the newly-formed Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. As a State Representative, she was an essential voice for economic and social justice, leading efforts to raise wages, expand opportunity, defend reproductive freedom, and realize marriage equality. Marjorie was also the first appointed chair of the Durham Public Library, chair of the board of the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute, and Treasurer of the Durham Historic Association, inspiring countless Granite Staters with her generous and passionate advocacy.

After more than three decades of public service and a tireless pursuit of the greater good, Marjorie has become one of New Hampshire's most respected leaders. Whether through her work at the federal, state, or local level, Marjorie's leadership and resolve have made an immeasurable difference in people's lives. I am forever grateful for her compassion and commitment to improving her community.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, I commend my friend Representative Smith for her service. My well wishes are with Marjorie, her children, and her grandchildren as she begins her next chapter.

CELEBRATING SUNY FREDONIA'S
200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State University of New York at Fredonia as it celebrates its 200th anniversary and two centuries of higher education, service, and impact on generations of students and communities across Western New York.

SUNY Fredonia's history began in 1826 with the founding of the Fredonia Academy. Over the past two centuries, that mission has evolved from a small academy into a comprehensive university within the State University of New York system. Throughout its history, Fredonia has remained committed to educating students, preparing future leaders, and strengthening the communities it serves.

As Fredonia celebrates this remarkable milestone under the theme "Celebrating Two

Centuries of Impact," we honor the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members whose dedication has shaped the university. Their contributions have extended far beyond the classroom, enriching Western New York and making a lasting difference across our state and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing SUNY Fredonia on its 200th anniversary and in celebrating its enduring contributions to Western New York, the State of New York, and the generations of Americans it has served.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE
FORREST

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Steve Forrest, longtime owner of Bagelicious Deli and Bakery in Ocala, Florida, who passed away on July 26.

Steve was Ocala through and through. Steve graduated from Forest High School and attended the College of Central Florida. No matter where his career took him, Ocala was home.

In 2002, Steve found himself out of work and waiting tables. He heard that a small bagel shop on Southwest 27th Avenue was for sale. He did not have much money, but he took what he had and bought it. He made a bet that paid off for more than two decades.

Every weekday, Steve was in the kitchen at 3:15 in the morning making bagels by hand. The soups, sides, and bagels were all made from scratch. And when customers walked through the door, Steve knew many of them by name and even remembered their usual orders. He once said there was nothing better than looking into his dining room and seeing someone smile while eating a sandwich he had made. That was Steve's measure of success.

When COVID shut down his dining room and cut his revenue in half, Steve adapted. He switched to curbside service and fought to keep every one of his employees working. Bagelicious became more than a restaurant. It became a gathering place. Steve treated customers like family, mentored his employees, supported our local service members, and gave his time to causes throughout Marion County.

Steve's wife, children, parents, and the entire Bagelicious family are in my prayers.

Ocala lost a good man. But Steve's legacy lives on in the community he served and the countless lives he touched. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIVER CITY MARKETING, LLC

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize River City Marketing, LLC,

as the company celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1996 near the James River in Richmond, Virginia, by marketing industry expert and digital marketing specialist Josh Fertel, River City Marketing was established with a mission to help small businesses grow through creative and strategic marketing.

In 2001, the company relocated its headquarters to Fairfax, Virginia, where it has continued to grow while serving organizations throughout Northern Virginia, the Washington metropolitan area, the Mid-Atlantic region, and beyond.

River City Marketing's 30-year history has coincided with a remarkable transformation in the marketing industry. When the company was founded, digital advertising was still in its infancy and online marketing was only beginning to emerge.

Today, digital search and online platforms have fundamentally changed how businesses connect with their customers, and artificial intelligence is once again reshaping the industry.

Throughout these changes, River City Marketing has continued to evolve to meet the needs of its clients. The company began by providing services including logo design and branding, marketing strategy, print collateral, direct mail, public relations, advertising, and audio and video production.

Today, its work is primarily focused on website design and development, Search Engine Optimization, Answer Engine Optimization, Generative Engine Optimization, Pay Per Click management, social media management, content development, and blogging.

Over the course of three decades, River City Marketing has served more than 1,000 clients, built hundreds of search optimized websites and generated more than 10,000 first page search rankings.

Its clients have credited the company's website development and SEO work with increasing their visibility, generating new sales opportunities, and strengthening inbound leads.

Despite the tremendous technological changes that have reshaped its industry, River City Marketing's mission has remained consistent: helping small businesses reach the right audiences, communicate their value, and glow.

As a family-owned business, the company has built its reputation on personalized service, responsiveness, creativity, and measurable results.

Thirty years of success in an industry defined by constant innovation and change is a significant accomplishment. As River City Marketing celebrates this milestone, it continues to embrace new technologies and approaches while maintaining the personal service and strategic focus that have defined the company since its founding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Josh Fertel and the entire River City Marketing team on 30 years in business and wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING BOB NAEREBOUT'S RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, Bob Naerebout has committed his life's work to the dairy industry. In fact, there is no job in dairy that Bob has not had the opportunity to perform, which makes his worth to Idaho and its agriculture sector irreplaceable. That is why it is bittersweet to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement from the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

When Bob came to Twin Falls with his family in the early 2000's, Idaho had a strong dairy industry. Fast forward more than twenty years and Idaho is a leader in the dairy industry, consistently ranking in the top three states for milk production. I will take that a step further and confidently say that the congressional district I represent is the number one dairy producing district in the country. Bob just so happens to be a constituent.

If you know Bob, you know that his passion in life is helping lift up others in his community and beyond. This is where his professional and personal life have intersected to help advance common sense immigration reform. Bob has brought together agriculture, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and more to create serious momentum around farm labor reforms on a national level. Without Bob Naerebout, none of the progress our Nation has made on this issue would be possible.

I know this great work will continue because like any good retiring dairy farmer, Bob created a succession plan and leaves the organization in the capable hands of his son Rick.

I am honored to recognize Bob and wish him the best in his retirement. I know that I will see him and his wife Doris in their RV as they traverse the country visiting all the friends they have made over the years. I wish safe travels to my friend. It has been an honor to work with him.

HONORING ATTORNEY VIRGIL L. ADAMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Attorney Virgil L. Adams of Macon, Georgia, upon his selection by the Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, to receive its Distinguished Citizen Award—an honor reserved for those whose service has made Middle Georgia a better place to live, to work, and to raise a child.

Mr. Speaker, Virgil Adams is a son of Macon. He is also a proud son of Albany State University, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1977 with a degree in psychology before earning his Juris Doctor from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in 1980. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney for the Macon Judicial Circuit, where he tried some of the most serious cases in that community, and in

1987 he entered private practice. Today he is a partner in the firm of Adams, Jordan and Herrington, P.C., with offices in Macon, Milledgeville, and Albany, where he has spent four decades standing beside families who suffered catastrophic loss and had nowhere else to turn. He also served for many years as County Attorney for Bibb County.

Mr. Speaker, the legal profession has taken careful notice of him. He was named Lawyer of the Year by the Macon Bar Association in 2001. He has held Martindale-Hubbell's highest AV rating throughout his career, has been named a Super Lawyer since 2012, and has been recognized among the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association. He served on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia, which honored him for his leadership in 2014 and presented him its Tradition of Excellence Award in 2020. In 2017 he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers—an honor extended by invitation only—and in 2023 he was appointed Chairman of its Georgia State Committee. In 2025, the Macon Bar Association presented him with the Judge William Augustus Bootle Professionalism Award. But Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts did not choose him for what hangs on his wall. They chose him because of a small chair in an elementary school classroom.

Through the 100 Black Men of Macon-Middle Georgia, of which he is a charter member, Virgil Adams mentors students at Bruce Elementary School. So it is that a man who has stood before juries in cases of life and death, a man whose calendar is claimed by trustees and boards and bar associations across this state, will fold himself into a chair built for a seven-year-old and read a book out loud, one page at a time, and listen while a child reads it back to him. That child does not know he is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. That child does not know what an AV rating is. That child knows only that a grown man came, that he sat down, and that he came back again the next time. Mr. Speaker, the Scout Oath asks a young person to promise "to help other people at all times." Virgil Adams has been keeping that promise in Middle Georgia for 40 years, and he has kept it most faithfully where no camera was rolling and no fee was charged.

He has given that same measure of himself to Newtown Macon, to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, which he chaired, to the Board of Trustees of Mercer University, to the Albany State University Foundation, to Middle Georgia Justice, to Macon Hope, and to First Tee—Middle Georgia. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. And together with his wife, Paula Shipp Adams, a retired educator, he has invested in the Otis Redding Center for the Arts—so that in the city that gave the world Otis Redding, another Macon child with a gift and no other door might find one open.

Mr. Speaker, the bar of this state has taken notice of that work as well. Virgil Adams was recently presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service—the highest recognition conferred through those awards. The Benham Awards were established in 1997 by the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Georgia to honor lawyers and judges who have made outstanding contributions in service to their communities, and they