

RECOGNIZING THE CROW FORCE
ROBOTICS TEAM, APRIL 2026 CON-
STITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Crow Force Robotics Team, Team No. 10809, from Sage Creek High School in Carlsbad, California, as my April 2026 Constituents of the Month.

These 19 students are proving that when young people are given the tools, mentorship, and encouragement to pursue their passions, extraordinary things happen. Placing first among 84 teams in the San Diego region and advancing to the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships in Houston are remarkable achievements, and this is the first time a Carlsbad Unified School District team has reached this level of competition on placement.

Crow Force is not just building robots. They are building the next generation of engineers, problem-solvers, and leaders. Their commitment to community outreach, mentoring younger students, and spreading a love of STEM makes them role models well beyond the competition floor.

I wish the entire team the best of luck at the World Championships, and I know they will represent Carlsbad and our district with pride.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FORMER WEST LAFAYETTE
POLICE CHIEF DAN MARVIN

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former West Lafayette Police Chief Dan Marvin, who passed away recently at the age of 62.

Dan Marvin was an exemplary leader in the West Lafayette community, dedicating 30 years to its police force, including nine as chief.

During his time on the force, Dan was selected as president of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, served on multiple special FBI task forces, and was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, issued by the Governor of Indiana.

Dan was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing for walleye and pike. He also hunted whitetail deer and moose. Being a son, husband, father, and grandfather meant everything to him. Dan's love for his family knew no bounds. However, most important in his life was a love for his Savior, Jesus Christ.

May Dan rest in peace. I thank him, sincerely, for a life well lived.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE NETCONG ELE-
MENTARY SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Netcong Elementary School in Netcong, New Jersey as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. This remarkable milestone reflects a century of dedication to educating numerous generations of Netcong residents.

Throughout these years, Netcong Elementary School has remained committed to its mission of nurturing the children of Netcong. Its teachers and faculty have continually inspired students, fostering a lifelong love of learning, a strong sense of community, and the confidence to shape their futures.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commemorating Netcong Elementary School. We warmly congratulate the board, administration, staff, students, families, and all Netcong residents on this special occasion and celebrate the enduring strength and spirit of this invaluable educational institution.

RECOGNIZING JUAN LUNA AVALOS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Juan Luna Avalos on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

ADVANCING WATER RESEARCH
AND COLLABORATION ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 7889, a bill to reauthorize the water resources research and technology institutes program.

Over the last four decades, the Water Resources Research Act Program, administered by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), has supported a nationwide network of 54 Water Resources Research Institutes and Centers serving every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and Guam. Through this federal-state partnership, the program uses competi-

tive grants to support water-resources research, technology transfer, information sharing, and the training of the next generation of water scientists and engineers.

This work is increasingly important as communities across my district and the country face growing water-resource challenges. The USGS's first comprehensive national assessment of water availability found that every region in the lower 48 states faces limitations to water availability in at least one aspect of water quantity, quality, or flow. These challenges can create barriers to equitable access to clean water.

At the same time, we must ensure that we have the workforce needed to meet these challenges. The USGS anticipates a shortage of science and technology professionals and recognizes that increasing stress on our Nation's water resources will require highly trained and skilled professionals in water resources and management.

This is why I am encouraging all my colleagues, both in the House and the Senate, to support the Advancing Water Research and Collaboration Act of 2025. As Ranking Member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I can attest that reauthorizing this program and ensuring that we continue to invest in the environmental research, innovation, and workforce development needed to address water resource challenges are critical to our country's prosperity and quality of life.

HONORING THE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ALIENTO

HON. YASSAMIN ANSARI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of Aliento and to honor its visionary founder, Reyna Montoya.

For a decade, Aliento has stood as a beacon of hope, healing, and empowerment for immigrant youth and families across Arizona. Founded in 2016 by Reyna Montoya, Aliento was built on the belief that every young person deserves not only opportunity but also a safe space to be seen, heard, and supported. Through its work, the organization has transformed countless lives, turning pain into purpose and fear into community.

Aliento's mission extends beyond advocacy. It has created a holistic model of support that addresses mental health, leadership development, and civic engagement for undocumented and mixed-status families. Through programs centered on storytelling, healing circles, and youth leadership, Aliento has helped young people find their voice and step into their power as leaders in their communities. In doing so, the organization has helped redefine what it means to belong in our Nation.

Over the past ten years, Aliento has also played a critical role in shaping a more compassionate and inclusive Arizona. From organizing community events and advocacy campaigns to uplifting the stories of immigrant families, the organization has built bridges of understanding and solidarity across diverse communities. Its impact is measured not only in the programs delivered, but in the resilience it has nurtured and the futures it has helped make possible.

This milestone is a testament to Reyna Montoya's extraordinary leadership. Her courage, vision, and unwavering commitment have inspired a movement rooted in dignity, healing, and justice. Through Aliento, she has cultivated a generation of young leaders who are not only advocating for change, but embodying it.

It is my honor to recognize Aliento on its 10th anniversary and commend Reyna Montoya for her profound contributions. May their work continue to uplift, empower, and inspire for many years to come.

**COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 1320,
MODERN WORKER SECURITY ACT**

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 1320, Modern Worker Security Act, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which was not made available to the Committee on Education and Workforce at the time of the filing of the legislative report.

H.R. 1320, MODERN WORKER SECURITY ACT, AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2026	2026–2031	2026–2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	**

* = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.

** = not estimated.

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? No.

Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037? *

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 1320 would prohibit considering whether a person receives portable benefits to determine if they are an employee for the purposes of any federal law. Portable benefits include those commonly provided to full-time employees, such as workers' compensation, professional development, paid leave, health insurance coverage, and retirement savings. Some of those benefits receive preferential tax treatment. Whether a worker is classified as an employee depends on many other factors, and the provision of tax-preferred benefits, such as health insurance, is subject to other laws and rules not modified by H.R. 1320.

CBO expects that, if the bill were enacted, some employers would offer nonemployees the option of participating in group health benefits. As a result, some nonemployees would participate in employer-subsidized group coverage rather than purchasing individual coverage. CBO and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that such a shift in coverage would reduce federal tax revenues by less than \$500,000 over the 2026–2036 period.

Enacting H.R. 1320 also would decrease collections of civil monetary penalties that the Department of Labor (DOL) is authorized to impose on employers that violate the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Those penalties are recorded in the federal budget as revenues, and a portion may be spent without further appropriation. Under current law, DOL typically collects less than \$20 million each year in such penalties for FLSA violations, according to agency enforcement statistics.

Because worker classification depends on several factors, and H.R. 1320 would only restrict one of those factors, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would change the determination of employee status for a small number of cases and reduce collections of civil monetary penalties by less than \$500,000. That reduction would decrease revenues and direct spending and result in a net increase in the deficit of less than \$500,000 over the 2026–2036 period.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1320 would not significantly affect the operating costs of DOL or the National Labor Relations Board over the 2026–2031 period; any change in related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Maggie Applebaum Rufe. The estimate was reviewed by Christina Hawley Anthony, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**RECOGNIZING EVELYN LUNA
AVALOS**

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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

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

It is my honor to congratulate Evelyn Luna Avalos on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

**RECOGNIZING NATALIE
HELLMANN**

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Natalie Hellmann for her service to the House of Representatives.

A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Natalie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Rollins College. After serving in multiple internships for Majority Whip STEVE SCALISE, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, and Senator Marco Rubio, her career on

Capitol Hill has taken her to the offices of Representatives DAVID P. JOYCE (OH–14), SCOTT FRANKLIN (FL–15), and EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER (GA–01). Shortly after I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Natalie joined my staff serving as a Professional Staff Member on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. In this role she quickly became a trusted advisor on issues related to Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) legislation, collegiate and professional sports policy, and semiconductor manufacturing policy, among others.

Natalie will soon depart the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to move to the West Coast. I wish her the best in her future endeavors and thank Natalie for her service to the United States House of Representatives, the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the American people.

**HONORING TRUE LIGHT BAPTIST
CHURCH**

HON. CLEO FIELDS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor True Light Baptist Church, a congregation whose faith and perseverance have carried it through 85 years of ministry. As Matthew 16:18 declares, “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” This scripture has proven true in the story of True Light Baptist Church, which began with a handful of believers and grew, by faith, into a lasting pillar of its community.

In 1941, a few Christian believers, led by the Spirit of God, came together to organize a church in the name of Jesus Christ, and the name True Light Baptist Church was decided upon. A young and dynamic minister, Minister Chester Arthur Forrest, was asked to lead the congregation and assist in its organization. In January of 1941, the church held prayer meetings and nightly services in what had once been an old macaroni factory on North 40th Street, with a total membership of just seven.

On April 14, 1941, the first communion was served by Rev. J. E. Lee, as Minister Forrest had not yet been ordained; the first offering and dues collected that day totaled \$3.35, of which \$1.50 was given to Rev. Lee for his services. On May 7, 1941, Minister Forrest was ordained, and on May 11, 1941, Rev. C. A. Forrest served his first communion, with offerings and dues netting \$18.75. A revival service on May 12, 1941, brought six souls to salvation, and on the second Sunday in June 1941, the congregation held its first baptismal service at an outdoor pond known as Little Misery. Three more souls were saved in July 1941, and by May 1942, the congregation had grown to 27 members.

Between 1941 and 1943, True Light Baptist Church relocated from the old macaroni factory to North 39th and Zion Street, continuing to grow in membership and in faith. In April 1955, the congregation constructed a new church building to accommodate its growth. As the church continued to flourish, that building, too, became too small for its congregation. In 1975, property on North Street was purchased, a groundbreaking ceremony followed