

RECOGNIZING RANDY MOJE

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary dedication and service of Randy Moje, who has devoted 50 years to serving the Town of Pendleton and the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company. A second-generation firefighter, Randy has held numerous leadership positions, including Chief, and has consistently demonstrated commitment to public safety and the growth of the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company.

Randy has been a leader in Fire Prevention, spending many hours with the Fire Prevention trailer educating the community, and has been an essential contributor to fundraising events such as chowder-making, lobster dinners, and the Farmers Breakfast. His dedication extends to supporting both the operational and social functions that sustain the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company.

Randy's experience, leadership, and willingness to serve in any capacity have inspired generations of firefighters and strengthened the company's presence in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring Randy Moje for his remarkable 50 years of service and in wishing him continued success and fulfillment in his ongoing commitment to the community.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEN RIVER HILL GROCERY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Green River Hill Grocery, located in Munfordville, Kentucky.

Since 1951, Green River Hill Grocery has been a cornerstone of the local community, serving generations of Hart County families. Operating just a few miles from Mammoth Cave National Park and Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace National Historical Park, the store has been a welcome stop for visitors exploring the rich history of our region. In 2024, Tony and Rachelle Wright proudly assumed ownership of this landmark, continuing the Green River Hill Grocery's long-standing tradition of fostering friendships over delicious home-cooked meals. This milestone would not be possible without the overwhelming support of Hart County and all those who have supported the store.

Green River Hill Grocery will continue to serve as more than just a store, but as a pillar of the Hart County community. By blending the passion for food, agriculture, and community, the team plans on continuing to honor the store's rich history and guarantee its place in the region for years to come. For 75 years, Green River Hill Grocery has played an essential role in Hart County and the communities along the Green River. I commend the

Wright family for their commitment to enriching our community and congratulate all of Hart County on this remarkable milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY FEENSTRA

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 49, and YEA on Roll Call No. 50.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACOB LEWIS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of an outstanding young man from my district, Mr. Jacob Lewis, who, after many years of perseverance, will receive his Eagle Scout on February 7, 2026.

Jacob began his scouting journey in the first grade and has risen all the way to the highest rank Eagle Scout, showing his determination to achievement and dedication to the principles of Scouting which include Duty to God, Duty to Others and Duty to Self. Through his experience, he has taken on multiple leadership roles, such as Patrol Leader, where he ran troop meetings, planned activities, and represented the troop. This role required Jacob to utilize the leadership, communication, and organization skills that scouting helps instill in our next generation of young men. Jacob set the example for what a scout should be all the way to his Eagle Scout.

A key requirement Jacob had to fulfill to receive the Eagle Scout rank is to complete a self-directed and self-planned service project. These projects provide an opportunity to demonstrate leadership while benefiting the community. Jacob's service project was designing and building a donation box for his local humane society, to ensure they were able to collect donations in an organized manner. He coordinated with the society to ensure that the donations were picked up on a weekly basis. He went above and beyond to ensure his design was weather-protected and provided information to donors. This project highlights Jacob's caring nature and the values instilled in him through his scouting experience.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Jacob for his outstanding accomplishment. He has shown the attributes that will serve him well as a dedicated citizen and servant leader. He is to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN WALKER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Torrance Mayor Dan

Walker, a devoted public servant and veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. His decades of public service have left a profound and lasting impact on the City of Torrance and the greater South Bay community. He passed away on December 6, 2025, at the age of 85.

Born in 1940, in the City of Long Beach, Dan grew up in area attending school and eventually attending and graduating from Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach. He served for a time as lifeguard to help pay for his college education. After college, Dan joined the United States Coast Guard Reserve and later worked for an advertising company in San Francisco. While working for this advertising company, Dan had several clients including the City of Torrance, which he visited on several occasions and grew fond of.

Dan moved to Torrance in 1970, becoming involved with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce shortly thereafter. Because of his dedication to the community of Torrance, he was appointed as a planning commissioner for the city in 1975. A couple of years later, Dan was elected to serve as a Torrance City Councilmember serving on council for a record twenty-six years. This service would culminate in his election as Torrance's Mayor in 2002. During his tenure, Torrance remained one of the safest cities in Los Angeles County while maintaining fiscal stability and a strong business environment. His leadership helped revitalize key areas of the city, including the Del Amo Fashion Center and the Torrance Towne Center.

Mayor Walker was a strong advocate for accessible public spaces. He played a vital role in the development of Discovery Park in Torrance, and he established the West Coast's first universally accessible treehouse in Charles H. Wilson Park. In addition, Walker also supported the creation of the George Nakano Theatre and the Torrance Art Museum. Alongside these regional roles, he chaired the Ad Hoc Economic Development Partnership and spent 15 years as a dedicated member of the Friends of Child Advocates Board of Directors.

Dan's influence extended well beyond the borders of Torrance. In 1987, he was appointed by then Governor George Deukmejian to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and represented Torrance with regional agencies, including the Southern California Association of Governments and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Dan Walker's service will continue to have a lasting impact on the City of Torrance and the South Bay region. His commitment to public service, thoughtful leadership, and focus on long-term community improvement helped shape Torrance's growth over his years of service. Mayor Walker earned the trust and respect of his residents through his dedication and steady leadership. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, his stepson, Gary Lorge, daughter in law, Kathy Lorge, and stepdaughter, Kathy Hicks. May his memory live on through the many lives he touched in his work and service to our community.

RECOGNIZING DOREEN NEILSON

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary dedication and service of Doreen Neilson, who has devoted 60 years to serving the Town of Pendleton and the Wendelville Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. Over the course of her long and distinguished career, Doreen has held numerous leadership and administrative roles, providing unwavering support to both the firefighters and the community.

Together with her husband Victor, she helped establish and run the famous Fish and Chips at the Annual Wendelville Field Days and has contributed to countless social and fundraising activities that sustain the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company. Her dedication has ensured that the Ladies Auxiliary remains a vital part of the organization and the community.

Doreen's leadership, experience, and commitment have served as an example for all members of the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company and the broader community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring Doreen Neilson for her remarkable 60 years of service and in wishing her continued success and fulfillment in her ongoing commitment to the community.

OPPOSING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SWEEPING NATIONAL TARIFFS

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from the National Taxpayers Union, signed by 469 economists, opposing the Trump Administration's sweeping national tariffs as dangerous economic policy, for consideration by the Supreme Court as it evaluates the potential violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA):

469 ECONOMISTS: BIGGEST TRADE THREAT IS IF TARIFFS ARE LEFT IN PLACE

In the case of Trump v. V.O.S. Selections, the Trump Administration's submission to the Supreme Court of the United States argues that terminating its sweeping national emergency tariffs would have catastrophic consequences for our economy.

This is backwards. The greater threat to the economy of the United States is not that the Trump Administration's tariffs will be struck down, but that they will be allowed to remain in place.

As economists, we know that broad-based tariffs impose net costs on the economy. They divert resources from their most efficient use, while making it more difficult and expensive for U.S. businesses to access inputs and capital goods, like steel and machinery for manufacturers and fertilizer and agricultural equipment for farmers.

Additionally, by increasing production costs for domestically made products and reducing the amount our trading partners can

earn by selling to the United States, tariffs reduce export opportunities for U.S. producers.

The Trump Administration's April Executive Order, Regulating Imports with a Reciprocal Tariff to Rectify Trade Practices that Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits, asserts that trade deficits constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the economy of the United States. However, this allegation is not backed by sound economic theory or empirical evidence.

Trade deficits primarily reflect underlying macroeconomic factors such as the U.S. savings rate and the desire of our trading partners to invest in the United States. The United States has experienced trade deficits for 49 consecutive years, yet, during this period, real GDP, national wealth, and median incomes have all grown substantially. Moreover, U.S. industrial capacity reached a historic high in August. Even if you believe trade deficits are harmful, no serious claim can be made that they are either catastrophic or constitute a national emergency.

In technical terms, the U.S. current account deficit is offset by a surplus in the capital account. There is no inherent threat to our economy if our trading partners invest in U.S. companies or buy Treasury bonds instead of purchasing American-made exports. In fact, it is not uncommon for the U.S. trade deficit to increase when the economy is growing and to decrease when it is not. The significant reduction in the trade deficit during the Great Recession is the most prominent recent example.

As the Supreme Court considers the Trump Administration's argument that the trade deficit represents an extraordinary threat, we respectfully encourage it to consider the centuries of economic theory and evidence and the overwhelming consensus among economists that suggest otherwise.

RECOGNIZING CANDI MUNDON KING ON HER APPOINTMENT AS VIRGINIA'S SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Candi Mundon King on her appointment as Virginia's Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Secretary Mundon King is a proud graduate of Norfolk State University and has been a lifelong champion for the people of Virginia.

From 2021 until her appointment, she represented Virginia's 23rd House District, which includes parts of Prince William and Stafford Counties. During her time in the Virginia House of Delegates, she remained a strong advocate and proven leader within the General Assembly.

Having served as Chair of the House Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns, Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and as a member of the House Finance and Labor and Commerce Committees, Secretary Mundon King advocated for important legislation across sectors, including securing pay raises for teachers, protecting victims of human trafficking, providing paid sick leave for home health care workers, and safeguarding renters from unauthorized home access.

Most notably, she passed the historic Virginia Omnibus, landmark legislation that transformed maternal health care across the Commonwealth by allocating almost \$7 million in funding.

She also founded the Sickle Cell Caucus and the Black Maternal Health Caucus, advancing health equity for communities across Virginia. With more than two decades of experience in advocacy and community engagement, Secretary Mundon King brings a deep understanding of governance and service to her new role. Prior to serving as Delegate, she worked in philanthropy and global advocacy at leading organizations. As Deputy Director of CARE, she advanced its advocacy agenda and helped secure passage of the Global Food Security Act.

At the Gates Foundation, she worked with senior leadership to strengthen relationships with elected officials, appointed leaders, and community partners, while leading community relations efforts in Washington, D.C. Beyond her professional service, Secretary Mundon King has remained deeply rooted in her community. She serves as a Girl Scouts troop leader, volunteer color guard coach, a member of the Virginia Employment Commission, and the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation. She is also an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

I want to personally congratulate Secretary Mundon King on this well-deserved appointment and commend her unwavering and continued commitment to the people of the Commonwealth.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside her on critical issues, including maternal health, and have witnessed firsthand her leadership and tireless advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Candi Mundon King on her appointment to serve as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish her great success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN PHILLIPS MACNAUGHTON, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago the U.S. House of Representatives—and the House Armed Services Committee—bid farewell to one of its most invaluable, talented, professional staff experts: Mr. John Phillips MacNaughton, Jr.

At the end of January, Phil, as he is known, completed 30 years of public service to our Nation. That service began as a plebe entering the U.S. Naval Academy in 1996, continued as a naval aviator who flew missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as missions all over the world, and then transitioned to Capitol Hill, where he worked as a staff member at the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs and finally as a director on the Armed Services Committee. As so many in the Navy and Congress can attest, our country benefited from his experience, knowledge, judgement and wisdom at every post he was assigned to. He retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve holding the rank of Commander and received well deserved commendations and medals for his outstanding service.