

RECOGNIZING OFFICER TYLER  
CUNNINGHAM

(Mr. HURD of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the heroic actions of Officer Tyler Cunningham of the Montrose Police Department.

While responding to a residential structure fire alongside fellow first responders, Officer Cunningham arrived to find the roof and back of the home fully engulfed in flames. After learning that a woman remained trapped inside, he quickly assessed the situation, forced entry through the front door, and entered the burning residence. Officer Cunningham was able to find the woman and carry her to safety, where EMS personnel were waiting on scene.

In moments of crisis, first responders are called upon to make split-second decisions under extraordinary pressure. Officer Cunningham's courage, quick judgment, and willingness to put himself in harm's way saved a life that day.

His actions reflect the professionalism, selflessness, and dedication displayed every day by law enforcement officers and first responders across Colorado's Third District.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Officer Cunningham for his bravery and for his continued service to the people of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE  
MONTH

(Mr. JACKSON of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, in the spirit of Frederick Douglass, whose vision of freedom was never narrow and never timid.

It was in 1869, as anti-Chinese hatred was rising in America, Frederick Douglass delivered his great speech, "Our Composite National." He stood against the spirit that would produce the Chinese Exclusion Act and declared: "A liberal and brotherly welcome to all who are likely to come to the United States is the only wise policy which this Nation can adopt."

Douglass knew that America's strength was in inclusion, not exclusion. He said: "I want a home here not only for the Negro, the mulatto, and the Latin races, but I want the Asiatic to find a home here in the United States."

That was moral courage. That was historical clarity. And that is the truth we must carry today.

Asian Americans have helped build this country, defended this country, and have enriched this great country.

Yet, they have faced exclusion, violence, suspicion, and injustice.

This month, we do more than celebrate. We remember. We recommit. We reject anti-Asian hate and xenophobia.

As Douglass said: "A smile or a tear has no nationality."

Let us build this composite nation he envisioned: just, inclusive, and free.

RECOGNIZING SIGMA NU FRATERNITY  
AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

(Mr. BIGGS of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding young men of Sigma Nu Fraternity at Arizona State University.

I had the pleasure of spending time with this group last month and am encouraged by their honorable character, discipline in the classroom, and desire to do good.

ASU Sigma Nus have a rich understanding of our Constitution and recognize the importance of civic engagement. They also desire to make a meaningful difference to those around them, routinely partnering with organizations like Childhelp and the Food Recovery Network to fight food waste and hunger.

Sigma Nus are also leaders who serve in ASU's student government and in a variety of campus clubs.

When young men surround themselves with peers who challenge them to grow and live with integrity, they are better prepared to serve their families, communities, and the Nation.

The men I met at Sigma Nu were thoughtful, driven, and deeply committed to serving others. I have no doubt they will continue to make a just and positive impact on their campus, throughout Arizona, and across our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them for their leadership, their example, and their commitment to these timeless values.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JENNIFER  
GONZAGA

(Ms. MEJIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MEJIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Mrs. Jennifer Gonzaga, who passed away on May 10, 2026, after dedicating her life to education and the joy of nurturing young minds.

For 25 years, Jennifer served as a first and second grade teacher at Linden School in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. Her commitment to her students and her passion for teaching left an indelible mark on countless lives. She was known for her patience, creativity, and unwavering dedication to fostering a love of learning in her classroom.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Rommel "Mel" Gonzaga. Their

enduring 29-year partnership was a testament to love and support through all of life's seasons.

Jennifer's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, including myself.

HONORING AIRMEN JESSE  
ARGUELLO AND SKYLUV RIOS

(Mr. KENNEDY of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two of our Nation's finest who saved a life that otherwise would surely have been lost.

On March 15, a man driving through Florida experienced a medical emergency that caused him to crash into a shallow body of water, fully submerging the vehicle.

Airman Jesse Arguello and Airman Skyluv Rios, both of the Naval Aviation Schools Command leapt into action with military precision.

While Airman Rios summoned emergency services, Airman Arguello jumped into the water in an attempt to rescue the now drowning driver.

After kicking a hole in the sunroof and tearing out chunks of glass with his bare hands, Airman Arguello pulled the driver through the broken sunroof opening and dragged this individual to safety on shore.

I couldn't be more proud of these two young airmen. They represent the finest tradition of our military warriors. I am especially proud to say that Airman Jesse Arguello hails from my own Third District in Utah.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless these two great examples of what is making America great again.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOSE  
RAFAEL "PICULIN" ORTIZ RIJOS  
AND HONORING JOSE LUIS AND  
IRAD ORTIZ

(Mr. HERNÁNDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Piculin Ortiz.

Born in Aibonito and raised in Cayey, Piculin became a symbol of Puerto Rican pride, perseverance, and excellence, our "Atletico and Cangrejero and compatriota"; "athletic crabber and compatriot," our guy in the NBA and in the Olympics where we beat the U.S. dream team in 2004.

Piculin Ortiz will live forever in the hearts of a grateful Puerto Rico.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two Puerto Rican brothers, Jose Luis and Irad Ortiz, for their triumphant performance at the Kentucky Derby. They reminded an entire generation of Puerto Ricans that where you come from does not determine how far you can go.

This story is Puerto Rico's story: resilient, determined, and capable of competing with anyone in the world.

## HONORING PETE MICHAELS

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Pete Michaels, who is celebrating 50 years of reporting traffic in Knoxville.

Pete is the embodiment of the American Dream, and how, when you put your mind toward something, anything is possible.

He was an entrepreneur from the beginning. Pete started with \$7.63 in his pocket. With the help of a banker, he bought his first airplane before he even had a pilot's license and signed radio contracts before his business was even started.

Still to this day, you will hear Pete's voice across radio stations in Knoxville giving you a traffic report on all the major highways and roads.

Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to Pete on this historic mark of five decades on the air, and I thank him for taking care of the good folks of east Tennessee every day and for being my very loyal, longtime friend.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
KAYE GANTT

(Mrs. FOUSHEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Ms. Kaye Gantt, on her retirement from the National Institute of Minority Economic Development after 17 years of distinguished service.

For nearly two decades, Ms. Gantt dedicated herself to advancing economic opportunity and supporting minority entrepreneurs across North Carolina. Through her leadership and unwavering commitment, she helped strengthen an organization whose mission is vital to expanding access to capital, resources, and opportunity for underserved communities.

Notably, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Gantt provided operational leadership for a relief initiative that helped the institute's CDFI affiliate deliver more than \$20 million in grants to over 2,000 historically underutilized businesses, helping countless small businesses survive an extraordinarily difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Ms. Kaye Gantt's service and lasting impact and wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

## SENATE MUST ACT

(Mr. DOWNING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I will take this opportunity to recognize the importance of the passage of the 2026 farm bill.

The House-passed 2026 farm bill delivers certainty for our producers through enhancing critical initiatives such as the USDA's farm credit and crop insurance programs.

These measures will ensure that farmers and ranchers have access to the capital that they need in order to navigate ongoing challenges like volatile commodity prices and extreme weather events going forward.

From wheat growers on the Hi-Line to cattle ranchers in eastern Montana, this bill will provide necessary stability for producers in my home district, allowing them to keep feeding our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman GT THOMPSON for his hard work on this effort. The House has acted, and now the Senate must do the same. I urge swift passage of the farm bill in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE ERIN KOEGEL

(Ms. OMAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota State Representative Erin Koegel for her incredible work serving in the Minnesota legislature.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Representative Koegel during my time serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives, and I quickly learned how thoughtful, dedicated, and strategic she is when it comes to serving her constituents.

For decades, Representative Koegel has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of everyday people, passing landmark transportation legislation to invest in roads, bridges, and transit, expanding worker protection for pregnant and breastfeeding Minnesotans.

Mr. Speaker, my belief in co-governance is made possible through my colleagues at the State and local level, and Representative Koegel has been a great partner in this work. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of her work for the years to come.

DELIVERING FOR INDIANA SERV-  
ICEMEMBERS, OUR VETERANS,  
MILITARY FAMILIES, AND OUR  
TAXPAYERS

(Mr. SHREVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in vigorous support for the 2027 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

This bill delivers for Indiana servicemembers, our veterans, military families, and our taxpayers.

This includes \$27.5 million for a new aviation maintenance hangar and operations building at our Shelbyville Army Aviation Support Facility.

This investment matters. It gives 900 Indiana guardsmen assigned to our 38th

Combat Aviation Brigade the modern facilities they need to support rapid homeland deployment, strengthen readiness, and improve recruitment and retention.

This bill also includes more than \$1.6 billion for two sorely needed VA centers in central Indiana, a replacement to our 75-year-old Roudebush VA Center in Indianapolis and a new outpatient care facility in Fishers, Indiana.

Together, these facilities will serve 250 million veterans across Indiana and provide the quality care they have earned through their service to our country. This bill is a win for Indiana, for our National Guard, our veterans, and Hoosier taxpayers.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JESUIT PRIEST PETER PABST

(Mr. LICCARDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a Jesuit priest, Peter Pabst. I knew him as our community knew him as Father Peter.

Beneath his Hawaiian shirts, easy demeanor, and good humor, his heart beat with a fierce commitment to the vision that every child, regardless of their family's poverty, have access to college and future success.

That conviction spurred his founding of the Sacred Heart Nativity Middle Schools a quarter century ago to educate young students in the predominantly Latino neighborhood of Washington-Guadalupe in San Jose.

A decade later, he launched Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School to prepare students from high-poverty families for college, integrating job opportunities with Silicon Valley's top tech companies. For the last 3 years, every one of Cristo Rey's hundreds of graduating seniors was accepted by a 4-year university, nearly all the first in their families to attend college.

Father Peter also connected deeply to families in our community, conducting hundreds of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Father Peter. May his memory inspire all who share his conviction in the boundless promise of every child.

BRING THE DEEPLY DAMAGING  
REDISTRICTING WAR TO AN END

(Mr. KILEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as I have warned for the last year, the redistricting war has spun totally out of control. Those States that have enacted new maps include Texas, California, Missouri, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.

Those looking to do so, either for 2026 or 2028, include New York, New Jersey,