

go through many change. However, its value of service to the American people will remain a vital part in the United States of America. Therefore, in recognizing December 4, 2025 as Postal Workers Recognition Day, we say thank you to the workers who make it happen.

COMMENDING THE ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Isleta Police Department and local law enforcement for their commitment to protecting New Mexico's communities. On November 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs reported a major drug bust on the Isleta Pueblo.

In coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Drug Enforcement and a Homeland Security Task Force, local officers from the Isleta Police Department seized over 37,000 fentanyl pills, which were valued at nearly 1.5 million dollars, and nearly \$38,000 dollars in cash.

Those deadly pills would have devastated countless lives in our community, but today the Isleta Pueblo and New Mexico's communities are safer because of our law enforcement's hard work and dedication. Thanks to our officers' intelligence and tireless work, more New Mexican families will remain intact.

On behalf of the people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the Isleta Police Department and local law enforcement for their nonstop efforts to protect our communities. We appreciate their dedication to public service and pray for their continued safety. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work to keep drugs off our streets and hold bad actors seeking to prey on our communities accountable.

HONORING THE IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS LAW CENTER WITH THE CA-37 COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Immigrant Defenders Law Center with the CA-37 Community Champion Award. Their steadfast commitment to justice has made them an essential voice for some of the most vulnerable individuals navigating our Nation's immigration system.

The Immigrant Defenders Law Center, widely known as "ImmDef," stands among our country's preeminent immigrant-rights organizations. Founded in 2015 by a team of dedicated immigration lawyers and advocates, including Co-Founder and Executive Director Lindsay Toczykowski and Director of Legal Services Mickey Donovan-Kaloust, Immigrant Defenders Law Center has led with the belief that a more just and humane system is not

only possible, but necessary to protect the due-process rights of immigrants facing deportation.

Day after day, they work with unwavering dedication to defend the 5th Amendment rights of detained immigrants and asylum seekers, ensuring that due process is not merely a promise, but a lived reality.

Earlier this year, ImmDef played a crucial role in organizing a congressional oversight visit to Adelanto Detention Center. Their initiative allowed Members of Congress to witness firsthand the conditions detainees were forced to live in. That visit sparked renewed calls for reform and strengthened the resolve of lawmakers to pursue greater protections for immigrants across our Nation.

ImmDef is currently assisting my office with an extremely troubling case involving a constituent who has gone missing in ICE custody. Their legal expertise has been indispensable as we work to uncover what occurred, locate our missing constituent, and draw attention to the potential violations he may have endured while in federal custody.

The organization's record of service is both distinguished and deeply consequential. ImmDef helped halt the unlawful deportation of 76 Guatemalan children, unaccompanied minors, who were at imminent risk of being removed from the United States without regard for their safety or their rights. Because of ImmDef's swift action, these children were afforded the due process guaranteed to them under our Constitution.

Today, ImmDef continues to stand on the front lines, pushing back against harmful federal policies and practices. They have fought in the courts, in our communities, and through rapid-response efforts that address unlawful ICE raids in real time. Their work remains a beacon of justice, compassion, and constitutional integrity in the face of tremendous challenges.

ImmDef's work keeps families together and protects communities from discriminatory practices and legislation. Their dedication reminds us to continue standing up for those with no advocates.

I am honored to recognize the work of the Immigrant Defenders Law Center. Today, we recognize ImmDef not only for their work, but for the impact they continue to make in shaping a more just and humane immigration system. I thank them for their service and look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of our vulnerable communities.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OREGONIAN

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone in American journalism: the 175th anniversary of The Oregonian, the oldest continuously published newspaper on the West Coast.

Since 1850, The Oregonian has been a vital thread in the fabric of Oregon's civic life, serving as a trusted source of information, accountability, and community connection.

Over its long history, the paper has earned eight Pulitzer Prizes, beginning with its first in

1937. That includes the distinguished 2001 Pulitzer for Public Service, awarded for its "detailed and unflinching" reporting on abuses within the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

This is a newsroom with deep roots and a wide reach. In 1922, The Oregonian launched Portland's first commercial radio station, what would eventually become KGW-TV, ushering in a new era of local broadcast journalism.

As a former student journalist, I know how powerful local reporting is. It informs. It connects. It holds the powerful accountable. And at a time when local journalism is under threat across this country, The Oregonian reminds us why it matters.

I thank the journalists, editors, photographers, and staff—past and present—for their service to our state and democracy.

I congratulate the Oregonian on 175 years, and here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING SYLVIA MARIE THORNTON ON HER 98TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to extend warm congratulations to Sylvia Marie Thornton on the occasion of her 98th birthday. Sylvia was born in Bainbridge, Georgia, on November 29, 1927, and this momentous milestone will be joyfully celebrated with her family and friends in Umatilla, Florida, on December 6, 2025.

It is my pleasure to join her loved ones in honoring Sylvia's long and admirable life and in reflecting on the profound impact she has made on all who know her. For Decades, Sylvia has exemplified steadfast dedication to her family, her community, and her church.

In 1945, Sylvia married the love of her life, Charles Howard Thornton, and embraced her calling as a pastor's wife. Together, she and Charles raised six children. She served faithfully in teaching, serving, and leading the women of the church with grace and devotion. Guided by an unwavering faith, she made it her mission to instill Godly values in her children and to encourage them to accept Christ at an early age. Her legacy continues through her son who now pastors his own church, carrying on the important work begun by his father. Today, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren honor and love her deeply as she remains faithful to God.

I congratulate Sylvia on reaching this remarkable milestone. May God continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon her and her family. It is my honor to serve her in the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, CHICAGO CHAPTER 0001

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the American Postal Workers Union is a labor

union which represents 200,000 employees and retirees of the United States Postal Service who belong to the clerk, maintenance, motor vehicle, and other services divisions. It was founded July 18, 1971 as a former clerk in the Chicago post office, beginning in 1961, prior to the APWU being organized and accepted. I congratulate the Chicago leadership in the personage of Keith Richardson, President, Diatta Grant, Director, Jackie Chambers, Vice President, and Michelle Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Labor unions function in many ways to generate fair equitable wages, benefits, working conditions, and quality of life enhancements. They are the bridges between employers and employees. Without labor unions I often wonder what life in this country would be? Therefore, I take this opportunity to thank the leadership of the Chicago Local APWU 0001 for leadership well provided and a job well done.

CELEBRATING THAI INVESTMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, AAPICO announced a historic investment in Orangeburg, South Carolina of one hundred and twenty million dollars, which will create three hundred and ninety-two jobs.

AAPICO is a publicly listed tier one automotive parts manufacturer based in the Kingdom of Thailand with more than thirty years of industry experience, that excels in the production of jigs, dies, press parts, chassis frame components, cradles, plastic parts, and forged and machined components. Sodecia Aapico JV's new 400,000-square-foot facility, located in Orangeburg, will manufacture ladder frames predominately for SUV and truck model vehicles and will open in 2027.

The enduring alliance of the United States and Thailand continues to positively support the lives and economies of people in both nations. I am grateful to Ambassador Suriya Chindawongse for his continuing support of Thai relations and the U.S.-Thai Alliance Caucus, which I am grateful to Chair.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 200th anniversary of the founding of the city of Blakely, Georgia. This momentous occasion will be celebrated on December 4, 2025, in Blakely on the front lawn of City Hall. Established in 1825, Blakely, the county seat of Early County, is a community with a rich and unique history, reflecting the diverse claims and cultures that have shaped this corner of Southwest Georgia over the centuries, including Native American tribes, Spanish explorers, and English colonizers. Blakely was named in honor of Captain Johnston Blakely,

an Irish immigrant who commanded two vessels, the *Enterprise* and the *Wasp*, during the War of 1812. Captain Blakely's valor, particularly for capturing the British ship, *Reindeer*, earned him a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal, making a fitting namesake for a town that has also exhibited great resilience and determination.

Blakely, famously nicknamed the "Peanut Capital of the World," stands as a testament to the strong agricultural and natural heritage of the region. While cotton was the predominant industry before the Civil War, the area is now the top peanut-producing county in the Nation, feeding the world and contributing millions of dollars in economic impact. The city's enduring history is also preserved in sites like the magnificent Early County Courthouse, built in 1905 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Blakely is also home to significant natural and historical attractions, including the Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park, one of the largest mound complexes in the state, and the Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge, built in 1891, which is the southernmost covered bridge in the United States.

Today, Blakely continues to be a vibrant center of community and commerce in Southwest Georgia, with institutions like the satellite campuses of Bainbridge State College and Albany Technical College serving the area. But ultimately, Blakely, Georgia is so special because of the hardworking families and individuals who call it home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me in recognizing and celebrating the city of Blakely, Georgia on its 200th birthday. I wish the people of Blakely all the best as they commemorate two centuries of history and culture.

HONORING MR. TYRONE NANCE WITH THE CA-37 CHANGEMAKER AWARD

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to award Mr. Tyrone Nance with the CA-37 Changemaker Award for his dedication to uplifting underserved and marginalized communities in Los Angeles.

Through unwavering commitment to his community, Mr. Tyrone Nance has become one of South Los Angeles' most trusted crisis-response organizers. Tyrone founded It's Bigger Than Us (IBTU) in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning with a simple act of service: making sure students had backpacks, supplies, and support during a moment of profound uncertainty. What began as a small, urgent response quickly grew into a citywide movement defined by dignity, essential resources, food access, and a deep belief that communities can rebuild when someone shows up for them.

That same spirit guided Tyrone in 2025 when Los Angeles was devastated by the Palisades and Eaton wildfires. Under his leadership, IBTU mobilized one of the largest community-powered disaster relief efforts in the region. Over just three weeks, IBTU delivered meals, emergency supplies, and coordinated

support to thousands of displaced individuals, deploying more than 3,500 volunteers and forging over 180 new partnerships to meet the overwhelming need. Tyrone then launched IBTU Relief, transforming an emergency operation into long-term recovery for families across more than 90 ZIP codes. This work culminated in the opening of The Hub—IBTU's weekly-open, trauma-informed recovery center—providing verified intake, case management, mental-health services, and high-touch distributions to families navigating the long road to stability.

Tyrone's commitment to community extends far beyond crisis. As a proud Crenshaw High School alumnus, he led the full renovation of the school's outdoor basketball courts—an investment in youth and community pride. In 2025, he joined students, families, and local leaders at the Crenshaw Court Dedication. What began as a pandemic-era backpack drive came full circle: a symbol of renewal, built at the very school that shaped him.

Across disaster relief, youth programming, and community empowerment, Tyrone has remained a national voice for equity and service. His work, which is rooted in lived experience, research, and collaboration, demonstrates what is possible when leadership meets compassion. Tyrone Nance embodies the spirit of collective care, and his impact continues to strengthen families, schools, and neighborhoods throughout California's 37th District and beyond.

It is my honor to recognize Tyrone with the CA-37 Changemaker Award. He demonstrates a high standard of commitment to service and I thank him for his impactful work.

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FORMER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS KATHY ZHU

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my sincere gratitude to my former Director of Operations, Kathy Zhu of Kissimmee, Florida, for her exceptional service, tireless dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District. Over the years, Kathy proved to be an invaluable asset to my office, where her attention to detail was crucial in my ability to represent and serve my constituents.

Kathy discovered her passion for public service in High School and was extensively involved in the Florida Federation of Teenage Republicans and the Republican Party of Florida. This passion eventually led Kathy to study Political Science at the University of Michigan, where she served as the Vice Chair for the College Republicans at the university. After graduation, Kathy moved to the Washington, D.C. area and began her career in politics, working for various organizations in event coordination and digital analysis.

In February of 2022, Kathy joined my staff as Scheduler and quickly became my Director of Operations the following year. During her time in my office, Kathy worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth and effective operation of my office. From travel,