

nine years, CCSJ has added new degree opportunities, developed a Public Service Institute, and expanded its athletic programs, which included the founding of the Midwest Sprint Football League, and introduced the Crimson Joe mascot. Under Dr. McCormack's oversight, CCSJ has experienced a very successful rebranding with expanded efforts to connect the campus with the surrounding Whiting-Robertsdale community. After nine years of service, Dr. McCormack is retiring as the longest-serving female college president in Northwest Indiana's history, and she leaves a legacy that will benefit generations of students to come.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. McCormack has selflessly dedicated herself to improving higher education opportunities for her students. For her lifelong passion for learning, unwavering devotion to teaching, and dedication to empowering students with the skills and knowledge to succeed. Dr. McCormack is worthy of the highest praise. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Dr. Amy McCormack all the best upon her well-earned retirement as President of Calumet College of St. Joseph.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on the legislation being considered under suspension of the rules on June 8, 2026, due to a delayed flight.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 208, the TRUE Accountability Act (H.R. 8466), and YEA on Roll Call No. 209, the Federal Fraud Prevention Workforce Training Act (H.R. 8428).

HONORING LYNN ROMANS

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Romans on the occasion of her 70th birthday and to recognize her lifetime of public service, personal sacrifice, and extraordinary devotion to others.

Lynn grew up in Trimble County, Kentucky, a small rural community located between Louisville and Cincinnati. Her parents, Issac and Fredia Romans, provided for Lynn and her two brothers by working blue collar factory jobs. After graduating high school, she attended God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences. She and her husband went on to pastor churches across the Commonwealth, serving communities in Flemingsburg, Frankfort, Maysville, and Louisville, where they raised their two children.

Lynn's life was forever changed in 2003 when her twenty-four-year-old son, Sergeant Darrin Potter, was killed in action while serving in Iraq, becoming the first Kentucky National Guard combat casualty since the Vietnam War. As a Gold Star Mother, Lynn has carried

an unimaginable loss with grace, courage, and purpose. Because Lynn is a truly special human being, she turned sorrow into service, dedicating herself to helping other Gold Star families, veterans, servicemembers, and military families understand that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

For more than 31 years, Lynn served with the American Red Cross, including as a Program Specialist for Service to the Armed Forces. She has also been deeply active with American Gold Star Mothers and the Woody Williams Foundation, educating others about the meaning of the Gold Star and the sacrifices it represents. You cannot attend a military event in Kentucky without meeting someone who knows Lynn—someone she has helped, comforted, picnicked with, paraded with, or served alongside.

For the past two years, Lynn has continued that service as a Green and Gold Fellow in our district office. At a time when she more than earned the right to be sipping sweet tea on a balmy beach and enjoying retirement, Lynn chose instead to work full time on behalf of Kentucky veterans and their families. VA casework is challenging, but Lynn always tackles it with her unending patience, warmth, bubbly humor and—of course—a great pair of high heels. Her signature expression, "Oh my lands" has become an office favorite.

Lynn is a proud Mimi to two beloved grandchildren, a woman of faith, a devoted public servant, and a gift to our Commonwealth and our country.

We are honored to call her our colleague, and even more honored to call her our friend. I wish Lynn a happy 70th birthday.

RECOGNIZING FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate June 14, 2026, through June 20, 2026 as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP) Awareness Week.

FAP is a rare, inherited genetic condition that causes the development of thousands of colorectal polyps, and without early detection and treatment, it carries a near certainty of progression to colorectal cancer. It is estimated to affect approximately 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 22,000 individuals, with many cases arising from spontaneous genetic mutations. While FAP is rare, its impact is profound, often affecting multiple generations within a family and requiring lifelong medical management, genetic counseling, and proactive surveillance beginning in adolescence.

As someone committed to improving rare disease care, I believe FAP Awareness Week highlights the need for greater public education and earlier screening. When identified early, FAP can be effectively managed to dramatically reduce the risk of cancer and save lives. However, many individuals remain undiagnosed until the disease has progressed. Hence, there is the urgent need for increased awareness among both the public and healthcare providers.

This week highlights the importance of raising awareness about hereditary colorectal can-

cer syndromes, supporting individuals and families impacted by them, and expanding access to genetic testing and specialized care. It also underscores the vital role of research, advocacy, and early detection in improving outcomes for people living with rare genetic conditions.

This recognition honors patients, families, clinicians, and advocates who continue to raise awareness of FAP and work tirelessly to ensure that no diagnosis comes too late.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring June 14, 2026, through June 20, 2026, as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week.

HONORING SPECIAL AGENT GRANT R. BLEVINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Special Agent Grant R. Blevins of Kentucky upon his retirement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after more than two decades of distinguished service to our Nation.

Special Agent Blevins began his FBI career on June 11, 2006, when he was assigned to the Honolulu Field Office in Hawaii and served as a member of HIDTA-Hawaii and the FBI SWAT Team. His early assignments demonstrated a commitment to excellence, courage, and professionalism that would define an impressive career. From Hawaii, to New Jersey, West Virginia, and Kentucky, Special Agent Blevins has investigated a broad range of complex criminal matters and organized crime, become an FBI Firearms Instructor, and overseen highly sensitive operations, vital to the U.S. Department of Defense.

His service also extended overseas. In 2017, Special Agent Blevins served as an Assistant Legal Attaché at the United States Embassy in Bucharest, where he worked on international corruption investigations and strengthened cooperation with foreign law enforcement partners.

In 2018, he was selected as the Senior Supervisory Special Resident Agent for London and Pikeville in southeastern Kentucky. He oversaw FBI operations across 23 counties and served as Commander of the Southeastern Kentucky FBI Drug Task Force under Appalachia-HIDTA, directing collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat drug trafficking and violent crime. Throughout every assignment, he exemplified integrity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to justice.

Before joining the FBI, Grant Blevins honorably served five years in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer. He completed two combat deployments to Iraq, serving as a Recon Platoon Commander during the 2003 Ground Invasion and later with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His military service laid the foundation for a career dedicated to protecting the American people and defending our Nation's interests.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Grant is a devoted husband to his wife, Gloria,