

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE CHRISCOE FAMILY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take the opportunity today to recognize members of the Chriscoe family for their outstanding generosity, service, and dedication to their faith. I had the pleasure of meeting the Chriscoes during their visit from Summerfield to the Capitol and was amazed by their commitment to using their gifts to celebrate and share the message of the Lord through their work in the Only God Choir and Ministries.

Music has been a touchstone of faith for the Chriscoe family through generations, and daughters Laura and Claire have sung in the Only God Choir for years, sharing God's message through beautiful music that has touched listeners across the country and the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe, Ajay and Trish, have blessed countless students by opening their home and their hearts, offering their talents to provide the crucial support that makes the vision of ministry a reality. With tens of thousands of miles of travel and countless hours of service behind them, the Chriscoe family has helped the message of the Only God Choir and Ministries reach over 2 million people.

As they are closing this chapter of their service with the Only God Choir and Ministries, I am confident that they will remain a living testament to the value of heeding the command to store our treasures not on earth, but in heaven. I wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

### HONORING THE BERA FAMILY

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the Bera Family and their multigenerational commitment to service, education, and community.

This family legacy began with Kanta and Babulal Bera, who immigrated to the United States from Gujarat, India in the 1950s. Kanta and Babulal believed that education is the path to opportunity. They worked multiple jobs while pursuing graduate degrees and raising three sons, Raja, Dr. Rimal Bera (Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, Irvine Department of Psychiatry), and Congressman AMI BERA.

The Beras' dedication to global health has spanned a variety of impactful projects not only in Orange County, but to the other side of the world in India. From starting an all-girls school in India that has graduated more than 7,000 students to supporting health and housing efforts throughout southern California, the

Beras have expanded opportunities for countless communities.

Two generations of the Bera family have attended the UCI School of Medicine, and UCI is now the foundation of the family's key accomplishment—to support future physicians. In 2020, the Bera family donated \$100,000 to the UCI School of Medicine to permanently support medical students traveling to Rajkot, India. These aspiring physicians are not only able to experience a global clinical environment, but they are also able to work in underserved communities, collaborate with local medical providers, and extend the reach of medicine beyond individual patient care.

The personal history of the Bera Family and their inspiring legacy is a reminder that we all have a responsibility to dedicate ourselves to building a stronger, kinder, and better community.

### HONORING DELLA HAMMOND, LAPEER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Della Hammond, the 2026 Lapeer Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and to commend her for decades of dedicated service and leadership in her community.

For more than 20 years, Ms. Hammond served on the board of directors of the Human Development Commission, where she helped advance programs supporting vulnerable families, including Early Head Start, senior nutrition services, emergency sheltering, and winterization assistance. She also played an active role in fundraising efforts such as Walk for Warmth, helping families facing Michigan's harsh winters.

An active member of Grace Episcopal Church, Ms. Hammond volunteers in the soup kitchen, supports charitable outreach during Lapeer Days, and leads her church's participation in Holiday Depot to ensure families in need experience the joy of the Christmas season.

A founding member of the Lapeer County Community Foundation, she helped establish a lasting legacy of scholarships and community grants, including the creation of the Women's Fund to support women and children. Her service also includes involvement with Love INC, the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lapeer, and leadership within her church's women's organization, supporting causes such as The Refuge, Stone Soup Food Bank, and the Lapeer City Police Officers Charitable Fund.

Della Hammond exemplifies the very best of citizenship. Her compassion, leadership, and lifelong commitment to service have made Lapeer County stronger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Della Hammond on this well-deserved honor.

### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the City of Brooksville as it commemorates the 170th anniversary of its founding. This significant milestone offers an opportunity to reflect upon the city's rich history, enduring spirit, and the generations of citizens who have shaped Brooksville into the vibrant community it is today. For 170 years, Brooksville has stood as a testament to resilience, civic pride, and a deep respect for tradition, while continually embracing progress and growth. From its earliest days to the present, the city has served as a place where neighbors support one another, local institutions thrive, and a strong sense of community binds residents together.

Brooksville's history is reflected not only in its historic landmarks and longstanding neighborhoods, but also in the character of its people—those who have worked to build local businesses, serve in public office, educate future generations, and contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the region. The city's commitment to preserving its heritage while preparing for the future is a model of responsible and thoughtful community development. As Brooksville celebrates its 170th anniversary, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of its past and present residents, civic leaders, educators, first responders, and volunteers whose dedication has ensured the city's continued success. Their collective efforts have strengthened Brooksville and positioned it for continued prosperity in the years ahead. I extend my sincere congratulations to the City of Brooksville and its residents on this historic occasion. I commend them for 170 years of achievement and wish them continued growth, unity, and success for generations to come.

### CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARP PROGRAM

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 20, 2026*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10-year anniversary of the Helping Addicts Recover Progressively (HARP) Program in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Launched in 2016, Sheriff Karl Leonard initiated the program after recognizing the alarming rate of overdose deaths in his own county. HARP is a transformative initiative that is making a real difference in the lives of individuals struggling with substance use disorders.

Since the program's establishment, HARP has instituted a multi-faceted approach to behavioral modification. Their approach is based

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