

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE JUDGE PATRICK NEMOYER

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Judge Patrick NeMoyer, a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and jurist whose legacy of love, compassion, and devotion to his family and the Western New York community inspired all who knew him.

Born on September 15, 1952, in Buffalo, New York, to Edgar H. and Mary Elizabeth NeMoyer, and brother to the late Honorable Edgar C. NeMoyer, Judge NeMoyer was surrounded by love from the very beginning. He continued that legacy when he married the love of his life, Elyse, shortly after their union, the couple became parents to Caitilin, Dr. Erin, Dr. Amanda, and Dr. Rachel NeMoyer.

He is survived by numerous loved ones, including his nieces and nephews, friends, and colleagues in the New York State Supreme Court. His love for his family and his desire to be there for his community left a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

Before he began his extensive legal career, Judge NeMoyer received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from SUNY Binghamton in 1974 and chose to further his education at SUNY Buffalo School of Law, obtaining his Juris Doctor degree in 1977 and a master's in Economics in 1984. For more than a decade, Judge NeMoyer worked as a Confidential Law Clerk and later Principal Law Clerk for the Honorable James B. Kane of the Eighth Judicial District before serving as Erie County Attorney.

In 1993, Judge NeMoyer was nominated by President Bill Clinton as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York. In 1997, Judge NeMoyer was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, where he handled a wide range of cases during his tenure. In 2016, he was recognized for his work and intellect and was appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department until his retirement in 2023.

Throughout his career, Judge NeMoyer was widely renowned for his commitment to the legal profession and received numerous accolades including being named Judge of the Year by the Erie County Bar Association's Matrimonial and Family Law Committee, Western New York Judge of the Year by the State Trial Lawyers Association, as well as being sat as a member of the New York State Pattern Civil Jury Instructions Committee.

Judge NeMoyer had many passions, he was a follower of politics at all levels, a voracious reader, especially of his favorite local paper, the Buffalo News, and he loved to golf. Judge NeMoyer cared deeply about others, serving as a mentor to the next generation of legal minds throughout Western New York.

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Judge Patrick NeMoyer lived a life of devotion to his family

and his community. His unwavering commitment to those he loved and his compassion towards others made a profound impact on all who knew him. Judge NeMoyer was a man who believed in the importance of family above all else and worked tirelessly to support those around him. His kindness, loyalty, and the warmth of his heart will forever be remembered and deeply missed. Let us continue to honor his legacy by carrying forward the values he lived by: integrity, respect, and above all, love.

RECOGNIZING THE GIBSON CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES SERVING TWO MILLION MEALS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Gibson Center for Senior Services for serving their two millionth meal to seniors in the Mount Washington Valley.

Founded in 1973, the Gibson Center for Senior Services provides a wide range of programs for residents of the Mount Washington Valley, including meal delivery, transportation, social programs, exercise classes, home repair, and even a thrift store that provides affordable adult clothing and housewares for persons in need. With the help of over one hundred dedicated volunteers, the Gibson Center serves 47,000 meals a year to seniors in the Mount Washington Valley. For many of these residents, these meals also provide an opportunity to interact with members of the community and give them the peace of mind that someone will be checking in on them regularly.

The Gibson Center showcases exceptional care for the senior residents of the Mount Washington Valley. Every day, they provide invaluable services to those in need and make our Granite State communities better and stronger.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Gibson Center for Senior Services for achieving this incredible milestone. Granite staters are grateful for organizations such as the Gibson Center, and I wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING JULIANNE HEBERLEIN AND HER SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julianne Heberlein and her

service and contributions to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Julianne served as a mentor and leader for the communications team and the entire office, sharing her expertise and experience with the rest of my team. Her counsel and guidance have shaped my staff into the most effective and successful team on Capitol Hill. Julianne was highly motivated, thoughtful, and energetic. In a role that demands precision, skill, and the ability to respond swiftly, she consistently rose to the occasion. Julianne's genuine kindness allowed her to build lasting relationships throughout the office, creating a positive and collaborative environment that will be missed. Through her tireless work she leaves behind a legacy of excellence.

I would like to thank Julianne for her many contributions and dedicated service over the last two years. She has been an invaluable member of my team, and I wish her the best of luck as she moves on to the next chapter of her professional career with Senator FISCHER. May the Lord bless her as she embarks on a new challenge, and I look forward to seeing her continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Julianne Heberlein for her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

HONORING JON ROE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO VERNON, CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enthusiastically honor Mr. Jon Roe, a pillar of eastern Connecticut, for his lasting contributions to the town of Vernon, Connecticut and the Tankerhoosen River Valley. His more than six decades as a resident of Vernon have been filled with selfless advocacy and dedication to the region that will be long remembered and admired for generations to come. A few weeks ago, on April 24, 2025, Jon was recognized for his selfless volunteer contributions, when he was awarded the Marie Herbst Memorial Award. This award, named after a long-time Mayor and State Senator for Vernon, is reserved for persons who demonstrate outstanding service and dedication to the community.

Jon's journey to this milestone began in the small town he grew up in, in northern New Jersey, where his family had lived for 200 years, which taught Jon the value of small-town institutions. After graduating from Pennsylvania State University in 1961 with a degree in engineering, Jon found his home in Connecticut where he worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a world-renowned engine manufacturer that has powered planes and jets for 100 years. After marrying the love of his life, Janet, in 1963 they settled in Vernon's Tankerhoosen River Valley where they have built and lived their lives for the past 62 years.

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Jon always knew he could make a difference when he put his mind to something. He established a deep interest in natural health and spirituality in the 1980s. After 32 years of highly skilled work for Pratt & Whitney, Jon retired in 1993. He took this opportunity to embrace new opportunities, publishing a magazine and helping holistic practitioners move into the mainstream.

Jon built on his interest in holistic health, working with the Vernon Youth Services Bureau to bring awareness to the benefits of holistic medicine to the wider Vernon community in the early 2000s. In 2004, Jon was instrumental in the creation of the Greater Vernon Holistic Healthfest, which hosted their 12th annual festival this March.

Jon has been a dedicated member of Vernon, always longing to learn more about the place he has called home for so many years. After meeting people passionate about protecting the Tunkerhoosen Valley, Jon took it upon himself to learn all he could about the area and its people. The Tunkerhoosen Valley is located in Vernon and Tolland, Connecticut and is one of the state's Officially Designated Greenways. The area has a rich environmental history that Jon knew he needed to share with others living in and visiting the Valley. He created a website and newsletter to help share what he learned with those around him. Working with volunteer nonprofits, Jon was also instrumental in creating the Vernon Volunteers' Collaborative (VVC) in 2014, a group that serves to preserve the community of Vernon for residents.

Finding his niche in research and sharing information, Jon has dedicated the past 15 years to writing and giving talks about the Tunkerhoosen Valley and the early families that lived there. His extensive research and down to earth speaking style, infused with a warm sense of humor, made him a favorite at all his speaking engagements. He recently published a book on Vernon's first 90 years and has several other books planned to continue telling the rich story of northeastern Connecticut history.

Mr. Speaker, Jon Roe has been an exceptional leader in eastern Connecticut throughout his life. I count myself lucky to know leaders like Jon, working so hard to preserve our history for future generations. Jon's commitment to the corner of eastern Connecticut he and his children and grandchildren have called home for decades is evident in his relentless service to the community. His contributions and tireless work will continue to be felt in Vernon and the northeast region.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Jon on his award and honoring his works.

THE KURDS DESERVE BETTER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in my service on the Foreign Affairs Committee, I have had the opportunity to meet talented citizens of the Kurdish Region of Iraq including visiting its vibrant capital of Erbil, the oldest continually inhabited city in the world, of 8,000 years.

With historic changes for democracy being achieved, new President Ahmed al-Sharaa of Syria, the new government of Lebanon, and President Donald Trump's extraordinary success confirming our alliance with dynamic Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, there is opportunity to appreciate the Kurdistan Region of Iraq as it resists Tehran's subversion of Baghdad.

I include in the RECORD an excellent analysis of opportunity which was presented by the great American patriot, former Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, on May 20, 2025. "The Kurds Deserve Better" op-ed in the New York Post:

THE KURDS DESERVE BETTER

They've proven themselves to be one of America's most reliable partners in the Middle East—but the Kurdish people still have no real homeland of their own. As Masrour Barzani, the prime minister of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government, visits Washington this week, these friends deserve better. Other regional actors offer rhetorical friendship, but the Kurds demonstrate theirs through action and sacrifice.

What's more, they provide a critical bulwark against Iranian influence in a region that has been thoroughly penetrated by the Islamic Republic—including in Iraq, which has become an Iranian cat's-paw. Kurdish ambitions for greater autonomy are not only righteous, they align with America's own critical interests. As Secretary of State and CIA director in President Trump's first term, I witnessed their unwavering commitment to our shared objectives firsthand.

Kurdish fighters have consistently battled America's worst enemies—jihadist groups like ISIS, al Qaeda and others—sparing American blood and treasure. Unlike many other partners in the region, the Kurds never engaged in anti-American terrorism, never cost American lives and never wavered in their friendship. Their loyalty has delivered exceptional returns on a modest investment, compared to the trillions spent in other Middle Eastern conflicts.

The Kurdish regions possess substantial natural resources, positioning them for economic self-sufficiency. The KRG alone contains an estimated 45 billion barrels of oil—roughly a third of Iraq's total reserves—plus significant natural gas fields.

Kurdish territories also contain valuable mineral deposits, largely untapped due to political constraints. The KRG has demonstrated effective governance despite Baghdad's restrictions, building a functioning economy and attracting international investment. Given economic freedom, Kurdistan would rapidly develop into a self-sufficient partner that strengthens America's strategic position without draining our resources.

In my diplomatic engagement throughout the Middle East, I've seen what makes the Kurds exceptional: In a region dominated by authoritarianism and extremism, Kurdish-governed areas stand out as islands of relative tolerance and pluralism. Kurdish communities have rejected the anti-American and antisemitic ideologies that poison much of the region. And like Americans, they yearn for self-determination and representative government; they have no wish to become a vassal state of an American adversary.

For too long, the United States has neglected the strategic potential that would be unlocked by supporting Kurdistan—out of fear of regional repercussions and, in some cases, sheer inertia. At this critical juncture in America's engagement in the Middle East,

we should incorporate the Kurds into our regional strategy.

First, America must forcefully counter regional efforts to undermine Kurdish self-governance. When Iran's Revolutionary Guards launch missiles at Kurdish sites, as they did last year, Washington should respond with consequences. No regional power should be able to operate with impunity against our partners. To successfully project American power, the US must establish and enforce red lines that protect our allies from systematic abuse.

We must also keep Kurdish regions from being economically strangled as punishment for their autonomy. Baghdad has repeatedly withheld funds and blocked oil exports—tactics encouraged by Tehran to force Kurdish submission.

Washington should leverage its substantial influence with the Iraqi government to lift export blocks. This will both allow the Kurds to thrive and increase the global oil supply, strengthening energy security.

America should respect the legitimacy of the 2017 Kurdish independence referendum, in which 93% of Iraqi Kurds chose independence. Instead of honoring this democratic process, Baghdad (with Iran's backing) sent tanks and militias to punish the Kurds and impose a blockade. At that time, the United States chose to place Iraq's artificial stability over Kurdish aspirations—a mistake we should now rectify.

Recognizing the referendum's validity by supporting Kurdish autonomy means respecting the democratic will of a people who have earned the right to determine their future.

Finally, the United States should work with the Kurds toward a peaceful, negotiated pathway to greater autonomy and independence. This long-term objective must be pursued through diplomatic channels to avoid triggering new conflicts, but it's a goal worth pursuing to advance American interests in the region. America should encourage Baghdad and Erbil to establish a legal framework for greater Kurdish sovereignty that addresses both Kurdish aspirations and Iraqi concerns.

Similarly, we should engage Turkey—which contains its own large Kurdish population—by emphasizing the strategic benefits of a more independent Kurdistan and an end to their perpetual insurgency.

In my years of service, I've learned that America is strongest when we stand firmly with those who share our values and consistently advance our interests. Prime Minister Barzani should receive a strong welcome in the United States as we explore ways to jointly advance peace and prosperity.

Mike Pompeo served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2017–18, and Secretary of State, 2018–21.

<https://nypost.com/2025/05/20/opinion/kurds-deserve-better-how-us-can-support-an-allys-freedom/>

RECOGNIZING SANG H. YI

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sang H. Yi for his distinguished service to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the United States Congress.

Sang is a proud alumnus of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Naval War College, and the George

Washington University Law School. With an exceptional commitment to public service, Sang embarked on his professional career in the Intelligence Community. He then served as Professional Staff Member and Senior Policy Advisor on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee under the leadership of Chairman DARRELL ISSA and Chairman Jason Chaffetz. Subsequently, he joined the House Committee on Natural Resources, where he served as Senior Counsel, Subcommittee Staff Director, and Chief Investigative Counsel under the leadership of Chairman Rob Bishop and Chairman BRUCE WESTERMAN. In 2023, Sang joined the House Committee on Homeland Security as Director of Investigations and Subcommittee Staff Director. Sang also served as an elected member of the City Council for Fairfax, Virginia for two terms, and as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve for more than 22 years.

Having worked with Sang since the beginning of the 118th Congress, I have seen first-hand how he exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated public servant. He possesses a wealth of knowledge in congressional oversight and investigations and the challenges facing our Nation every day. He has earned a reputation as a tenacious and thorough investigator and has mentored many staff throughout his years in Congress. He has served 3 committees faithfully under the leadership of 5 different chairmen or ranking members across 9 Congresses. As Director of Investigations, Sang led my Committee's oversight efforts related to the crisis at our Southwest border, the increasing threat of cyberattacks and government censorship, transportation and maritime security, counterterrorism efforts, and federal emergency management responses. Thanks to his leadership, our Nation is safer.

Sang's wise counsel to the Committee helped ensure that the Department of Homeland Security was held accountable to the American people. I am deeply grateful for Sang's invaluable service to the Committee and our Nation. Sang is a true patriot, and I am confident he will continue to distinguish himself as he serves in his next role as the Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the House Committee on Homeland Security, I commend Sang for his diligent service and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Ms. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, May is Brain Cancer Awareness month, and there are over 450,000 Americans living with primary malignant and non-malignant brain tumors in the United States. These range from primary brain tumors called Gliomas, including Glioblastomas, to secondary brain tumors that occur from metastases from other parts of the body.

Today, I want to recognize the work and efforts of a wonderful patient advocacy organization—Voices Against Brain Cancer (VABC).

The organization is based in South Florida but assists families all over our Nation. Founded by Mr. Mario Lichtenstein, VABC was started in memory of his son, Gary Lichtenstein. Gary lost his fight with brain cancer on October 1, 2003 at the age of 24, just as he was starting his career in Chicago. After three months of radiation, Gary slipped into a coma from which he did not recover. Soon after his passing, Gary's family started Voices Against Brain Cancer Foundation to raise money and awareness for the fight against the illness. As its founder so bravely states, "I couldn't save the life of my son, but perhaps I can save the life of others".

The mission of Voices Against Brain Cancer is to find a cure for brain cancer by financing scientific research and increasing awareness within the medical community, as well as supporting patients, their families, and caregivers afflicted with this devastating disease. Through the years, VABC has funded scientific research at over 50 institutions in the United States and across the globe including Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the University of Miami.

Voices Against Brain Cancer also advocates for increased federal funding for brain tumor research at the National Institutes of Health and increased public awareness. The cure rate for most brain tumors is significantly lower than it is for many other types of cancers, a statistic VABC is driven to change. The organization champions specific patient-centered programs such as Survivor Reboot Groups, which supports brain cancer survivors, and the Caregiver Meet-Up, which brings caregivers together, meeting virtually or in person to share experiences. It also created the After the Storm Group, which is for those who have lost a loved one; the C3 program—Connect, Create, Collaborate which includes art, music, and yoga workshops, allowing people to collaborate with others going through similar situations; and finally Brain Cancer 101, an educational program.

Voices Against Brain Cancer has turned tragedy into purpose. As we close out Brain Cancer Awareness Month, let us remember Gary Lichtenstein and salute his family that has worked so hard to find more effective treatments and a cure for this terrible disease.

CELEBRATING JERRY SHEARD

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Jerry Sheard, a man who has devoted his life to serving his country, family, and community. Jerry enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1952, serving on the USS Cabot, USS Saratoga, and with the Commander Amphibious Forces Atlantic. Following his release from active duty, Jerry spent 12 years with the Naval Reserve and later transferred to the Coast Guard Reserve as a Chief Firefighter.

In 1962, Jerry was named Coast Guard Serviceman of the Year and received a direct commission to Lieutenant Junior Grade in 1973. Jerry's commitment to his community cannot be overstated. He has been a member of the American Legion for close to 50 years—first

serving with Post 91 in Wharton and currently with Post 278 in Sussex County.

Jerry is a life member and past Chief of the Budd Lake, New Jersey Volunteer Fire Department and has served on the Mt. Olive Township Council, the Planning Board, and as President of the Mt. Olive Free Library.

I am proud and honored to wish Chief Jerry Sheard a happy 90th birthday. He is the embodiment of the values that New Jersey's 7th District represents.

HONORING JAYDEN DUNBAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant Jayden Dunbar.

Born and raised in Woodville, Mississippi, he was blessed to grow up with a supportive mother and a loving family who instilled in me the values of hard work, resilience, and compassion.

He has proudly achieved several notable accolades, including Salutatorian of 5th Grade Class (Class of 2018), Gifted 4th through 6th Grade, Academic-ACT Work Keys (Bronze Award), Beta Club (2015–2025), Honor Roll Awards, Principal Scholar Awards, Superintendent Scholar Awards, Advance & Proficiency for high scoring on State Test, National Career Readiness Certificate.

He has numerous Football and Basketball achievements which have served as milestones in his pursuit of knowledge and have further fueled his desire to excel. With a remarkable academic record, 24 on the ACT and a 3.36 GPA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jayden Dunbar for his actions and achievements in the Woodville, Mississippi community.

RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS GBS|CIDP AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS|CIDP Awareness Month.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves outside the brain and spinal cord. GBS is characterized by the rapid onset of numbness, weakness, and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face. Paralysis is ascending, meaning that it travels up the limbs from fingers and toes towards the torso. Loss of reflexes, such as the knee jerk, are usually found. Usually, a new case of GBS is admitted to ICU (Intensive Care) to monitor breathing and other body functions until the disease is stabilized. Plasma exchange (a blood "cleaning" procedure) and high dose intravenous immune globulins are often helpful to shorten the course of GBS. The acute phase of GBS typically varies in length from a few days to months. Patient care involves the coordinated

efforts of a team such as a neurologist, physiatrist (rehabilitation physician), internist, family physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, social worker, nurse, and psychologist or psychiatrist. Recovery may occur over six months to two years or longer. A particularly frustrating consequence of GBS is long-term recurrences of fatigue and/or exhaustion as well as abnormal sensations including pain and muscle aches.

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a rare disorder of the peripheral nerves characterized by gradually increasing weakness of the legs and, to a lesser extent, the arms. It is the gradual onset as well as the chronic nature of CIDP that differentiates it from GBS. Like GBS, CIDP is caused by damage to the covering of the nerves, called myelin. It can start at any age and in both genders. Weakness occurs over two or more months. Unlike GBS, CIDP is chronic, with symptoms constantly waxing and waning. Left untreated, 30 percent of CIDP patients will progress to wheelchair dependence. Early recognition and treatment can avoid a significant amount of disability. Post-treatment life depends on whether the disease was caught early enough to benefit from treatment options. The gradual onset of CIDP can delay diagnosis by several months or even years, resulting in significant nerve damage that may take several courses of treatment before benefits are seen. The chronic nature of CIDP differentiates long-term care from GBS patients. Adjustments inside the home may need to be made to facilitate a return to normal life.

I continue to champion key priorities of the GBS|CIDP community, including cosponsoring H.R. 1143, the Medicare IVIG Access Enhancement Act, that will facilitate home infusion for the treatment of CIDP and MMN.

I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing May as GBS|CIDP Awareness Month and in supporting this important legislation by becoming a cosponsor of H.R. 1143 that will help promote therapy adherence, enhance quality of life, and promote positive health outcomes for beneficiaries with CIDP and MMN.

CONGRATULATING THE IDLEWILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Idlewild Elementary School Chess Team champions, and their coach Mark Beatty, on their impressive run of successes this year. The 15-member team won the 2025 Henry D. Sabine State Scholastic Team Chess Tournament in both the kindergarten through third grade and kindergarten through fifth grade categories. The wins qualified them for a trip to Orlando, Florida, earlier this month to compete in the National Elementary Championship hosted by the U.S. Chess Federation. Beatty founded the Idlewild team in 2013. He also coached chess teams at Grahamwood Elementary, White Station Middle School and White Station High School where his teams have won 45 state team titles. Idlewood, my elementary school alma mater and the only

school in Tennessee to receive the Top Magnet School of Excellence designation, also sent teams to the national chess tournaments in 2024 and 2023. This proud tradition puts Idlewild on a short list of the Nation's best elementary schools and its students deserve our encouragement and respect. They are certainly living up to their motto: "Children First, Excellence Always!"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MAJOR GENERAL JOHN C. HARRIS, JR. UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I, along with members of the Ohio Delegation, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Major General John C. Harris, Jr., on his retirement as Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard. During General Harris's career in the Ohio National Guard, he held a wide range of leadership positions, culminating in service as a key member of Governor DeWine's cabinet. Governor DeWine announced General Harris's retirement and nomination to be the next director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs.

General Harris began his military career in 1981 when he enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard. He was assigned to the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment located in Worthington, Ohio where he was part of their Attack Helicopter Troop. Through Officer Candidate School, he received his commission in 1984 and became the section leader for the Attack Helicopter Troop at his original station in Worthington. In 1988, General Harris became Aide-de-Camp to Major General Richard Alexander, Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard.

Throughout the 1990's and 2000's, General Harris held multiple leadership positions for several National Guard posts including Executive Officer of the 2-107th Cavalry in Kettering, Ohio, Assistant Chief of Staff at Headquarters State Area Command, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel OHARNG Element, and Chief of Staff, Ohio Army National Guard in Columbus, Ohio. In 2011, General Harris was appointed Assistant Adjutant General for Army by Governor John Kasich. On December 12, 2014, he was promoted to his current rank of Major General.

In 2018, then Governor-elect Mike DeWine nominated General Harris to succeed General Mark Bartman as Ohio Adjutant General. On January 14, 2019, Major General Harris was sworn in as the 83rd Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard. Since then, General Harris has been a steadfast and capable leader of the Ohio National Guard. He has been instrumental in the creation of the Ohio Cyber Reserve as well as the conversion of the Mansfield Air National Guard Wing to the 179th Cyberspace Wing. During the COVID-19 pandemic, his strong leadership allowed the National Guard to respond across the state and assist hospitals and Ohioans in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Major General John

Harris, on his retirement from the Ohio National Guard. On behalf of the citizens of Ohio, I wish General Harris all the best as he assumes his new position as Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs. I along with the entire Ohio Delegation thank him for his forty-four years of service to Ohio and our Nation.

HONORING HATTIE MAE LOVE PETTWAY INGE

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hattie Mae Love Pettway Inge and her service to our community. Mrs. Inge peacefully passed away in her sleep on April 28, 2025, at the age of 90.

Hattie Inge was born on June 22, 1934, in Vredenburgh, Alabama, and she was raised in Mobile, Alabama. Following her graduation from Alabama State University, she pursued a career in nursing, earning her diploma from Dixie Hospital's Nursing School in Hampton, Virginia in 1962.

In 1952, Hattie married Roy Inge, and together they raised six children. Their family embarked on numerous journeys as a military family—their destinations included Europe, Asia, and nearly every U.S. state.

While stationed in Tachikawa, Japan, Mrs. Inge furthered her education with a degree from the University of Maryland. Later in her life, she earned additional degrees and certifications from institutions including Riverside City College, Anthony Real Estate School, and the Redlands Regional Occupational Program in Commercial Floristry.

In 1972, Mrs. Inge settled in Rialto, California, where she quickly immersed herself in civic engagement. As a member of both The Rialto Baptist Church and later, the Loveland Church in Fontana, Mrs. Inge co-founded the Rialto Black History Committee in 1985. This organization became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1986, with its mission set to promote cultural awareness and celebrate African American contributions in Rialto.

Under Hattie's leadership, the Rialto Black History Committee organized the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon for 35 consecutive years. This event provided seven to ten scholarships each year to students in the community, advancing educational opportunities and honoring Dr. King's legacy of service and justice.

For over 30 years, Mrs. Inge was an active member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. She held various leadership roles, including Chapter President, Soror of the Year, Assistant Western Regional Director, and Western Regional Director.

Mrs. Inge left a lasting impact throughout our state through her involvement in numerous organizations. She was a member of the Military Wives Club, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Girl Scouts of the USA, Boy Scouts of America, and Tachikawa Air Base Youth Program. Hattie also served as a Tour Chairperson and Family Services Volunteer.

Even in retirement, she continued her mission of helping others. Through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, she taught classes

on fall prevention and scam awareness, caring for other vulnerable members of her community.

For her outstanding accomplishments and remarkable life, it is my honor to recognize Mrs. Hattie May Love Pettway Inge. Her service and commitment to California and our Nation are worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD L. DONNELLAN, JR. AS THE WINNER OF THE 2025 MARY K. BONSTELL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ed Donnellan, originally from Springfield, Massachusetts, who recently was honored by the Organization of American Historians (OAH) as the winner of the prestigious 2025 Mary K. Bonstell Teacher of the Year Award. He currently is a U.S. History and Government teacher at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C.

The award was given at the OAH annual meeting last April in Chicago and was presented by Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian David Blight. The citation reads in part: "Mr. Donnellan has worked diligently to expand the teaching of history regarding slavery and social justice issues. He created pioneering student-led research in the role of Gonzaga College High School's history with slavery, leading seminars and presentations over this material at both local and national venues."

Ed Donnellan grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts and graduated from the University of Massachusetts and Springfield College where he studied history. He has been teaching high school for thirty-nine years. Teaching the history of slavery took on greater meaning when Ed led a group of Gonzaga students on a three-year journey to research Gonzaga's historical ties with slavery. Working at the Georgetown University archives, the students read 19th century financial records that showed the school was built with profits from Jesuit run slave plantation in Southern Maryland. The students also identified five enslaved persons who worked at the school. Reckoning with this history has been challenging and continues to this day.

As a teacher for over forty years, including U.S. History, I understand the complex issue of teaching "difficult histories." It is vital that students get a full picture of the American experience; history that we are proud of and history that is hard to hear. Learning the challenging parts of our history ensures that future generations can learn from mistakes of the previous. That is why it is important to recognize educators like Ed Donnellan and encourage others to follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Ed Donnellan and wish him continued success in educating students on America's past.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 HONOREES OF THE BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA SENIOR HALL OF FAME

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleagues, Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Representative CHERFILUS-McCORMICK rise today to highlight and celebrate the 2025 Honorees of the Senior Hall of Fame, an esteemed tradition made possible through the tireless efforts of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, a cornerstone organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults in our community.

The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County is part of a vital statewide network of 11 Area Agencies on Aging across Florida. These agencies are tasked with coordinating a wide array of programs and services designed to help seniors live safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities. From meal delivery and transportation assistance to caregiver support and health education, the Agency plays a pivotal role in addressing the needs of our aging population.

Each year, the Broward Senior Hall of Fame honors exemplary residents aged 60 and older who have selflessly dedicated five or more years to volunteer service in Broward County. These individuals embody the spirit of civic engagement and community service that strengthens the social fabric of our region.

This year's distinguished honorees are Linda Hill Anderson, Sandra Atkins, Timothy G. Curtin, Barbara Effman, Helena Friedman, Susan Gilbert, Juanita Gray, Mona Malbranche, Melinda Montgomery, Dr. Irving Rosenbaum, Zeff Ross, Reverend Jesse Scipio, and Doris Tarlow. Their contributions have made a meaningful difference—from mentoring youth and supporting local nonprofits to improving access to healthcare and advocating for vulnerable residents. Their efforts are not only commendable but inspiring.

We would also like to offer a special thank you to Charlotte Mather-Taylor, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, whose visionary leadership and deep commitment to service have elevated the Agency's impact throughout our community. Her dedication ensures that our seniors continue to receive the respect, support, and recognition they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 20th, 23rd and 25th Congressional Districts, we ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating these outstanding individuals for their extraordinary volunteerism and in recognizing the indispensable role the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County plays in honoring and serving our older citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER CLEVELAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University by 22 visionary collegiate women committed to public service with a primary focus on the Black community;

Whereas, for over 100 years, Delta Sigma Theta has championed the causes of economic development, educational advancement, international awareness, physical and mental health, and political involvement, uplifting communities and inspiring generations of women leaders;

Whereas, the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter has served as a beacon of sisterhood, scholarship, and service in Northeast Ohio, exemplifying the sorority's mission through impactful programming, civic engagement, and unwavering advocacy for social justice and equity;

Whereas, in 2025, the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter proudly celebrates its Centennial Anniversary, marking 100 years of transformative leadership, dedicated service, and lasting contributions to the region and beyond;

Whereas, the Centennial Celebration, joined by International President Elsie Cooke-Holmes and Mistress of Ceremonies, actress, comedian, NAACP Image Award Winner, your Soror, Kym Whitley, highlights the legacy and continued excellence of this dynamic organization;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Congresswoman Shontel M. Brown, representing the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, do hereby recognize and commend the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for a century of distinguished service and meaningful impact, and extend heartfelt congratulations on this historic milestone.

Be it further resolved, this resolution honors the enduring legacy of the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter and its commitment to uplifting, empowering, and transforming our communities for the better.

HONORING THE LIVES OF SARAH MILGRIM AND YARON LISCHINSKY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky, two young Israeli Embassy employees who were tragically murdered outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., in a heinous act of antisemitic violence.

Shot at close range by an assailant from Chicago, they were targeted simply for who they were. As they lay on the ground, the assailant fired again, continuing to pursue Ms. Milgrim as she tried to crawl away. He then entered the museum, posed as a witness, and

ultimately confessed, stating he carried out the attack “for Gaza” and “for Palestine.”

Sarah was a peace-seeking public servant who dedicated her career to fostering dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians. Yaron was a warm, idealistic young man preparing for a life in diplomacy. The two had planned to become engaged on an upcoming trip to Israel. Their futures were full of promise. Their loss is immeasurable.

This attack is not an isolated act; it reflects a broader trend of increasing antisemitism at home and abroad. According to the Anti-Defamation League, antisemitic incidents have risen by 140 percent in the months following the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks.

Antisemitism has no place in this country.

May the memories of Sarah and Yaron be a blessing. Let us honor them not only with remembrance, but with resolve to confront hatred wherever it appears.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER LEONARD HUYCK

HON. TOM BARRETT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true legend in the Michigan veteran community. It is with deep respect and heartfelt appreciation that I get to recognize Commander Leonard Huyck for extraordinary service and steadfast leadership of VFW Post 8964.

Since being elected Post Commander in May of 1983, Leonard has dedicated forty-two years of his life to leading his fellow veterans, honoring their service, and strengthening the bonds of community and patriotism that define the VFW. His leadership has not only guided Post 8964 through decades of change, but ensured it remained a place of honor, support, and purpose for all who served.

Forty-two years is more than a milestone, it's a testament to Leonard's character, commitment, and love of country. He has given his time, energy, and heart to this mission, building a legacy that will outlast all of us in the process.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Commander Huyck for his service. He has made a difference in the lives of many, and our community is a better place because of him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the people of our mid-Michigan community in recognizing Commander Huyck for his decades of service.

RECOGNIZING DOROTHY DRAPER & COMPANY

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Draper & Company on 100 years of business.

Founded in 1925, it is the oldest continually operating interior design firm in America. Its founder and namesake, Dorothy Draper, was a trailblazer, starting her company at a time

when most women did not seek employment. Her vision, love of color, chintz, and tendency towards the dramatic solidified her iconic style dubbed “the Draper Touch”. Her protege, Carleton Varney, championed her work throughout his career, and the company flourished under his leadership, the creative genius and driving force who led the firm for 60 years. Mr. Varney went on to decorate the West Virginia Governor's mansion in the 1980s, further solidifying “the Draper Touch” into the state's culture and history.

The Dorothy Draper Company's work is especially important to my home state of West Virginia, where their most famous design is showcased, The Greenbrier Resort, affectionately called “America's Resort.” Located in White Sulphur Springs, the Greenbrier's legacy took a unique turn when it was converted into a military hospital to meet the demands brought about during WWII. It was then returned to a hotel and transformed into the unique and bold getaway we recognize today.

The Greenbrier has hosted presidents, royalty, celebrities, and countless West Virginians and Americans since 1778. Dorothy's use of color and pattern was so distinctly ‘her’ that her legacy lives on in her company and through those that she inspired.

I am so delighted and proud to recognize co-owner Sebastian Varney and Design Director Rudy Saunders, and their company. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on a century of success and wish them many more to come.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1, ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Ms. DELAUAURO. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and good friend, the Ranking Member of the Rules Committee JIM McGOVERN. He is a tireless fighter for working families and I am proud to be in that fight with him. I am glad to call out the egregious giveaway to billionaires and big corporations being orchestrated in this Republican tax bill.

The \$4.5 trillion—and counting, counting because we do not have the full CBO score as this bill is being jammed through the House—is what we are talking about. That is what Republicans are preparing to shower on the richest companies and their billionaire owners, while giving mere pennies to the middle class, working class, and vulnerable families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

President Trump campaigned on lowering prices. He pledged to “bring food costs down on day one.” Instead, the opposite has happened. His own USDA recently reported egg prices could rise 41 percent over the next year. Since taking office, he has done nothing to help families.

This is shameful, because the alternative is clear. A few weeks ago, I reintroduced the American Family Act, legislation to reinstate the improved, expanded Child Tax Credit. The American Family Act would create the strongest version of the tax credit ever, indexing the value of the credit to inflation, and it would es-

tablish a baby bonus to help families in that critical first year after birth.

The data proves that the expanded Child Tax Credit that we passed in 2021 delivered the greatest middle class tax cut in a generation, reaching nearly 36 million families—61 million children. It was the antidote to child poverty and to inflation. It gave real money back to millions of working families in the form of monthly checks, cutting child hunger by a fourth and bringing child poverty down to the lowest recorded levels in history.

The watered-down imitation of a Child Tax Credit included in this bill will not continue this progress. I want to take this time to address a few misconceptions about the Child Tax Credit that have been present in this debate so far. According to the Columbia Center on Poverty and Social Policy, nearly one out of four children, 17 million children nationwide, are excluded from full credit because their family incomes are too low to qualify. This is not an issue of work requirements. The current version of the CTC functions as an income requirement, hurting families who work hard or are retired grandparents who are now caring for a second generation, but simply do not earn enough to qualify. Families with parents who work hard will be excluded because their wages are too meager. Are you truly saying that billionaires and corporations need tax breaks more than the youngest of your constituents? This bill would make that problem worse, not better.

This bill pays lip service to the Child Tax Credit—I believe the American people need more than that.

Our bill is the real deal. The improved, expanded Child Tax Credit fixes this problem. We need that now more than ever. Across the country, families are living paycheck to paycheck while prices for everyday goods and essential services, from eggs to gasoline to medicine and childcare, continue to rise.

This should not be a partisan issue. Republicans like former Senator MITT ROMNEY, Senator JOSH HAWLEY, and even Vice President J.D. VANCE have supported the Child Tax Credit because the evidence that it helped families is so overwhelming.

But Republican leadership in Congress has been clear: they want to give the corporate lobbyists everything they ask for and then some. They are gutting Medicaid, food stamps, and anything else that stands in the way of more money for billionaires.

This bill is not responding to the cost-of-living crisis. This bill is pouring gasoline on the fire. My promise to American families is that I will fight as hard as I can, with every ally I can find, to stop this corrupt giveaway and focus on bringing down the cost of living through a proven policy, the expanded Child Tax Credit—not the meager substitute in this bill.

SUPPORT FOR THE ORPHAN DRUG ACT

HON. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of the Orphan Drug Act in driving rare disease therapy clinical research in my district at the University

of Iowa. As a physician, a legislator, and a member of the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus, I have seen firsthand the life-changing impact that medical innovation can have on patients battling rare diseases. Iowa's first congressional district is home to clinical trials for several rare diseases that lack a Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved therapy, including Becker muscular dystrophy, Gaucher disease type 3, and limb girdle muscular dystrophy. For these patients, and the millions of Americans suffering from rare diseases, scientific advancements represent more than just medical progress—they offer hope where none previously existed.

That hope would not be possible without the Orphan Drug Act, which has served as the foundation for rare disease drug development for over four decades. The Orphan Drug Act's most critical incentive is orphan drug exclusivity, which is a seven-year period of market exclusivity. This incentive ensures that innovators willing to take the extraordinary risk of developing a first-in-class treatment for a complex condition affecting a small patient population are appropriately rewarded.

For many rare diseases, the first FDA-approved treatment is a lifeline. These therapies often require years of research, billions in investment, and considerable perseverance to bring these medicines to patients. Without a strong and reliable exclusivity framework, these treatments simply would not exist. Congress intended orphan exclusivity to serve as "a marketplace-oriented solution that provide incentives for private enterprise to develop orphan drugs." FDA established regulations that aimed to protect this critical economic incentive while also encouraging continued innovation for a rare disease by allowing a follow-on product that is the same drug for the same use to break orphan exclusivity if it demonstrates greater efficacy, greater safety, or a "major contribution to patient care" relative to the original orphan drug. Congress codified these regulations in 2017.

Congress has long recognized that the "major contribution care" prong of the "clinical superiority" standard is meant to be a high bar. We did not intend for minor modifications such as changes in dosing frequency or formulation to erode the exclusivity protections of the first innovator drug unless such modifications result in a significant clinical benefit in treating the underlying conditions. If we allow marginal improvements rather than true clinical advancements to justify breaking orphan exclusivity, we undermine the very incentive that encourages companies to develop first-in-class therapies in the first place. The FDA has a clear precedent for maintaining a high bar for clinical superiority determinations. If we lower the bar for breaking orphan exclusivity, especially for "major contribution to patient care," we will undermine the future of rare disease drug development.

Lowering the bar will deter investment in first-in-class therapies by reducing the certainty that companies will be able to benefit from the exclusivity protections Congress intended. Lowering the bar will create regulatory uncertainty, leading to litigation, market instability, and hesitation from investors who fund rare disease innovation. Lowering the bar will set a dangerous precedent for copycat products with few modifications, encouraging incremental changes rather than bold scientific advancements. Lowering the bar will hurt pa-

tients most of all, delaying or discouraging the development of a first-ever therapy for the nearly 10,000 rare diseases that still lack an FDA-approved treatment.

As a physician, I know that true medical breakthroughs require bold investment, sustained commitment, and regulatory certainty. As a legislator, I am committed to preserving the integrity of the Orphan Drug Act and ensuring that it continues to drive life-changing treatments for patients. FDA must apply the law as Congress intended and not allow minor modifications to erode exclusivity protections that serve as the foundation for rare disease innovation. Today, I am calling on my fellow members of the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus to stand together to protect the value of the incentives established in the Orphan Drug Act.

HONORING DARRELL S.
TREMBLAY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Darrell S. Tremblay.

Darrell S. Tremblay first joined the fire service in February of 1987 as a volunteer fireman in Stafford County, Virginia. From 1991 to 1995, he spent time as a professional fireman in the Naval District Washington Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Darrell graduated from Washington D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department Recruit Class 315 on August 8, 1995. His first appointment was to Engine 30 before his appointment to Truck 17. On March 30, 2005, Darrell Tremblay was appointed to the Marine Division within Special Operations.

During his time on the Fire Boat, Darrell was promoted to Marine Operator, Assistant Marine Pilot, and then to Marine Pilot, also earning his 200-ton masters license as a Merchant Mariner from the United States Coast Guard. Serving the citizens and visitors of the district from the water was Darrell's passion. His time spent working on the Fire Boat included maintaining the department's fireboat fleet, training with municipalities around the region to hone his skill set, and performing countless rescue operations.

In the 20 years served on the Fire Boat, Darrell has earned commendations to include a Class II Unit Citation for Valor, Armed Forces Expeditionary Ribbon, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, and many others. After 30 years in the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, Darrell Tremblay is retiring on July 12, 2025.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Darrell S. Tremblay for his service to the Nation. I am proud to join him in celebrating this remarkable achievement. May the Lord bless him as he embarks on his next challenge, and I look forward to seeing his continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA ANN MILLER FOR HER SERVICE AS SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Ann Miller's outstanding service as a Surviving Spouse Liaison at the Military Officers Association of America. Pat has approached her work as a liaison with immense passion and commitment, exemplifying the virtues of service to her community and Nation.

Pat has continuously shown the highest standard of care to veterans' surviving spouses, advocating for legislation that supports them, helping them access healthcare benefits, and reaching out on a routine basis to encourage them in their daily life. Pat has represented the MOAA on numerous occasions and spearheaded events to honor surviving spouses. In one case, Pat established a memorial fund that donated to family charities identified by each surviving spouse in memory of their loved one.

Pat showcases exceptional personal care for the people she helps, immediately contacting newly surviving spouses to support them in their time of grief and inform them of available resources. Every holiday, Pat contacts each surviving spouse personally with well-wishes and comfort.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Pat for her thoughtfulness and dedication to the surviving spouses she has supported. Granite staters are grateful that the spouses of our brave veterans may receive attentive care from professionals like Pat, and I wish her only the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING FIRST LADY ELIZABETH MOBLEY OF MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Lady Elizabeth Mobley of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. A woman whose spiritual influence can be seen and heard throughout Western New York through children of all ages and parishioners beyond the walls of church on Sunday.

First Lady Mobley studied at SUNY Fredonia, earning a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology. From there, she began her career in the Buffalo Public School system, identifying the proper communication skills of students by working with educators and families to ensure students' success.

First Lady Mobley is committed to prioritizing the needs of her students and parishioners, serving as the leader of the Senior and Youth Ministry at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, while remaining an active participant in the choir and Women's Ministry. Bound by love and strengthened by prayer, she credits the work that she does to the unwavering support of her family, Pastor Keith

Mobley, and their four blessed children: Tyson, Talia, Tevin, and Troy.

Today, as we recognize the incredible service of First Lady Elizabeth Mobley, let us not

only acknowledge her dedicated career as a Speech Pathologist and her steadfast commitment to children in need, but her dedication to ministry at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist

Church, providing a safe space for all to be heard. First Lady Mobley service is a blessing, and we look forward to many more years of her inspired leadership.