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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to make the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, I voted NAY but intended to vote YEA on Roll Call No. 163.

CELEBRATING FIRE CHIEF JEFF WILLIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Jeff Willis on his retirement from the Big Bear City Fire Department after nearly four decades of dedicated service. Throughout his career, Jeff served as a firefighter, engineer, captain, division chief, assistant chief, fire marshal, and fire chief. Jeff is renowned in our community as a selfless and caring individual and is a true friend to all who have the privilege of knowing him.

A resident of the Big Bear community for over 48 years, Jeff attended local schools prior to joining the Big Bear City Fire Department as a paid call firefighter at 18 years old. Jeff was promoted to paid call engineer within 2 years and advanced to the rank of fire captain just 2 years later—a true testament to his unique skillset and exceptional abilities.

In 2007, at just 43 years old, Jeff became the youngest fire chief in the history of the Big Bear City Fire Department. Jeff's additional accolades include serving as a board member for the Fire Districts Association of California and as both chair and vice chair of the Joint Legislative Task Force representing the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Jeff's decorated career and service to Big Bear City would not have been possible without the support of his family. His wife, Yvette; his three sons, Brandon, Jordan, and Kadon; his two stepsons, Joshua and Brennan Eddy; his mother, Barbara; and his late father, Ken, were instrumental in supporting his work in keeping our community safe.

Jeff had a profound impact on our community and the Big Bear City Fire Department.

Heather and I deeply appreciate Jeff for his years of service, and we wish him and his family well as they enter this next stage of his already eventful and purposeful life. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jeff Willis and celebrating his retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TIME OUT DAY

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, wrong-patient, wrong-site, and wrong-procedure surgeries are rare, but can be life-altering for patients. Members of the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) are committed to safe surgery. Since 2004, AORN and the Joint Commission have recognized National Time Out Day to bring greater awareness to the safe surgery practice of taking a "time out" before operative and other invasive procedures to prevent wrong-site, wrong-patient, wrong-procedure surgery.

The National Time Out Day initiative supports the Joint Commission's Universal Protocol and builds greater awareness among surgical and procedural team members about the critical steps that keep patients safe. This initiative's goal is to prevent errors by ensuring that all members of the surgical team pause before invasive procedures, so they can communicate as a group and confirm key information about the patient and the procedure.

I commend perioperative and procedural teams in hospitals across Texas' 21st Congressional District for their hard work and dedication every day to ensure safe environments for procedural and surgical patients. I also applaud their efforts to reduce unnecessary healthcare costs.

Today, I recognize these efforts on behalf of my constituents, celebrating June 11, 2025, as National Time Out Day in District 21 and across Texas.

HONORING JUSTICE DAVID H. SOUTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Justice David H. Souter, who passed away recently at the age of 85. Justice Souter served our Nation with integrity, humility, and an abiding respect for the Constitution. In retirement, he spoke rarely but when he did, his words resonated with profound clarity. In 2012, he warned that democracy cannot survive too much ignorance. He spoke not from partisanship, but from deep historical understanding. When citizens no longer grasp how their government works, the path opens to authoritarianism. He said, "That is the way democracy dies . . . an ignorant people can never remain a free people." Those words echo even louder today, when civic trust is fraying, institutions are under siege, and loud voices offer simple answers to complex problems. This is not a moment for

cynicism or despair. But neither is it a time for complacency. Justice Souter's warning was not about left or right. It was about whether we choose understanding over manipulation, engagement over apathy. Let us honor his legacy by committing ourselves anew to the serious work of fostering a democracy of, by, and for the people.

CONGRATULATING THE 2025 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDALISTS

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate this year's winners of the Congressional Award.

The Congressional Award honors those who strive to be part of something bigger than themselves. With this award, Congress recognizes young Americans who devote their free time to an important activity. It could be taking on a public service project, pursuing a hobby or new skill, starting a physical fitness program, or going on an outdoor expedition.

Participants set goals in these areas, and how they do in meeting them determines the level of award they receive. Just as important, they receive the sense of pride that comes with fulfilling a mission. The program, established in 1979, is a great way to motivate young people to develop the building blocks of good citizenship.

I congratulate each of the awards' winners.

I include in the RECORD a list of this year's Congressional Award Gold Medalists from around the country, including three recipients from the great state of Wisconsin.

2025 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDALISTS

AK: Joshua Pak
AL: Grant David Hershbine, Autumn Kerby, Andrew Kerby, Isabella Russell
AP: Elliott Lee
AR: Daniel Bragg, Easton Everett, Braden Lisowe
AZ: Metin Akkaya, Saraa Alshawa, Iris Butler, Joaquin Galindo, Malaika Hayat, Daniel Johnson, Tessa Leon, Mckenna Leon, Roshni Nagarakanti, Noureen Nakshbandi, Merissa Richey, Nicole Spry, Yiyi Sun, Nolan Takeuchi, Rabia Zehra Unver, Tyler Wang

CA: Benjamin Ahmad, Ashley Ahn, Roshan Ambegaonkar, Iris An, Betul Zeynep Arat, Lucy Ariunbayar, Sawyer Ashland, Kallesh Ashoka, Tristan Barre, Kieran Beckham, Hrishu Bharath, Haley Blackman, Constantine James Blastos, Michael Blastos, Evan Bohne, Alexander Bowen, Aneel Brar, Joshua Brookens, Jackson Bunnin, Asher Bunnin, Alexander Byun, Wilson Callaway, Kelly Campbell, Gabrielle Campbell, Francine Carr, Nathaniel Cha, Dylan Chadwick, Kyle Chan, Nathan Chang, Dongkyu Chang, Scarlett Chang, Tiffany Chang, Tianwen Chen, Seline Cheung, Yagnik Chilamakuri, Hailey Cho, Isabella Choi, Eunice Choi, Jennifer Eunseo Choi, Sumin Choy, Victoria Chun, Matthew Chung, Madison Chung, Christine Chung, Ronnie Chung, Elif Cicek, Alexander Cornell, Sravya Damarla, Rikhil Damarla, Ananya Devkirti, Matthew Dewitt, Annabelle Do, Daniel Eun, Lola Forbes-Black, Luke Fowler, Nolan Freyer, Serena Gandhi, Alec Grantz, Hannah Gu, Bonmin Gu, Chaoming Guo, Lauren Han, Yuxuan He, Annalia Henderson, Miles

Hexun, Kaden Hong, Yueun Hong, Nathan Hong, Michael Hsieh, Zidong Hu, Nina Huang, Erin Hwang, Daniel Hwang, Manon Iwata, Kanon Iwata, Hyoungjun Jeon, Eunice Jin, Grace Jin, Sonit Joshi, Ryan Jung, Andrew Jung, Aayush Kafle, Sarah Kang, Shriya Kapavarapu, Quade Kelley, Alper Keskindurk, Rohan Khanna, Jason Khauv, Yena Kim, Jacob Kim, Claire Kim, Na Young Kim, Yeonwoo Kim, Edric Kim, Paul Kim, Jayden Kim, Tony Kim, Irene Kim, Eunchan Kim, Minjae Kim, Naomi Kim, Joseph Kim, Sungmin Kim, Sophie Kim, Ryan Kim, Brian Kim, Hannah Kim, Chase Kim, Noah Kim, Taylor Minjun Kim, Jenna Kim, Ted Kim, Nathan Kim, Mooyong Kim, Sophia Kim, Jua Kim, Elisa Kim, Nimesha Komatireddy, Aditya Kota, Ria Kupumbati, Isaac Kwon, Heather Lam, Skylar Lariviere, Lukas Larkin, Jacqueline Larsen, Claire Lawson, Sarah Lee, Seth Lee, Brandon Lee, Audrey Lee, Chaewon Lee, Junmyeong Lee, Noah Lee, Katherine Lee, Eric Lee, Alex Lee, Alexis Lee, Kangmin Lee, Jonathan Lee, Xenia Lee, Tyler Lee, Olivia Lee, Hannah Lee, Mina Lee, Roanne Lee, Kevin Lee, Janice Lee, Elliot Lee, Benjamin Lee, Christine Li, Walton Li, Joshua Libby, Jihyo Lim, Carson Lim, Dorina Lin, Tyler Liu, Elizabeth Magruder, Sarina Marzbani, Dhilen Mistry, Vishnu Moorthy, Bodhi Morgan, Luke Morrison, Namrata Motwani, Aryan Mukherjee, Audrey Na, Chris Nam, Chase Nam, Sudheshna Narala, Miles Nicholas, Daniel Noh, Anika Nunes, Moferanoluwa Odunaiya, Jaden Oh, Eubin Oh, Arene Oh, Dilek Ozorpak, Evan Pak, Anika Parade, Aarit Parekh, Jimin Park, Kathy Park, Jaehee Park, Keenan Park, Jaeyoon Park, Ryan Park, Zoe Park, Erina Park, Anya Pramanick, Callie Pyken, Bailey Quan, Shivani Raj, Roopa Rajagopalan, Serena Ren, Yeongung Rho, Dilnoor Riar, Amy Roh, Anay Sabhnani, Anika Salaniwal, Krrish Singh Sardar, Adarsh Senthilnathan, Hyeonmin Seo, Krishay Sharma, Ojas Shastri, Kaelyn Shin, Ashley Shin, Daniel Shin, Audrey Shiono, Jaclyn Sim, Sonal Singh, Aanya Singh, Olivia So, Kailyn Song, Yuna Song, Jasmine Sorgen, Alexandra St. Wecker, Levi Stratton, Tanvi Sudireddy, Grace Suk, Ethan Sun, Ciara Tadeo, Evan Takehara, Alyssa Tan, Ertugrul Tan, Eliana Tang, Namith Tatipigari, Ella Townsend, Charu Tripathi, Selen Turkoz, Maren Uyumura, Ananya Vuppula, Arthur Wang, Lixing Wang, Evan Wilson, Chloe Won, David Wong, Yewon Woo, Katelynn Wu, Jenida Yang, Emily Yi, Ella Yoo, Sarah Yoo, Ryan Yoo, Jacob Yun, Cyrus Zahiri, Camy Zahiri, Lilian Zeng, Chenyuan Zhang, Grace Zhao, Andrew Zheng, Audrey Zhu

CO: Zaina Abouyoussef, Zachary Curtis, Alessandro Fabbri, Amy Gao, Mahi Mehta, Spencer Peesel, Gavin James Schmidt

CT: Daniel Babashak, Bradford Benton, Pahal Bhasin, Alexander Etergino, Anna Leventon, Bruce Matos, Samuel Peck, Abigail Phelan, Cooper Taylor, Gavin Villepigue

DC: Sowmya Natarajan, Jordan Williams

DE: Gabriella Bourantas, Emily Geldreich, Michaela Kim, RoshikNagaSai Patibandla

FL: Emerson Allen, Caris McKenzie Amador, Gianluca Balzano, Snigdha Beesabathuni, Leena Benbrahim, Chase Bennett, Alexis Benson, Charles Benson, Giulia Canello, Chase Connor, Joshua Cook, Brooke Crabtree, Johannes Csaszar, Hannah Csaszar, Lucas Estrada, Marco Ferri, Noah Forman, John Fox, Nirek Gada, Anya Gada, Andrew Graham, Alyssa Hayman, Sara Husain, Reed Joeckel, Shailey Karri, Lucy Lampkin, Anavi Modi, Arushi Panwar, Chase Pariseleti, Constantino Peña, Ananya Purimetla, Chloe Ryder, Monish Saravana Kumar Divya Sundari, Dhruva Rishi Sharma, Daniela Staton, Hannah Stefanovic, Liza Stephen, Brady Surovek, Zion

Tralongo, Shrika Velagapudi, Alice Wenrich, Katerina Zaharewicz

GA: Beyza Bahar, Malachi Ivey, Sean Lee, Sanaa Scipio, Mihikaa Seth, Sumeda Sriram, Akshaya Tallapally, Rishi Vempati, Victoria Ying, Gene Young Yoon, Aniston Zhang

HI: Rei Rhymer

IA: Nicholas Byrum, Nathan Lee

ID: Amelia Crawford

IL: Archita Ruby Arun, Annabelle Blevins, Jackson Canellis, Yavuz Er, Connor Gerrish, Aidan Hennessy, Marcel Hill, Keith Jackson, Ava Jurek, Grace Kim, Laura Krowiak, Nailah Mansury, Avi Narepalem, Reyhan Onder, Shreemann Patel, Natalie Rasmussen

IN: Annamaria Ebersole, Trenton Qualls, Emma Smith, Alisa Yarling

KS: Shayan Ahmed, Sanjana Akkulugari, Leonard Bertels, Janis Curit, Korbin Davis, Moira Fink, Xiang Jiao, Eshan Patel, Anvita Rayabarapu, Carlos Salazar, Ainesh Tallapragada, Aarush Tallapragada

KY: William Bache, Elizabeth King, Tyler Solon, Audrey Wallace

LA: Gangin Lee, Stephen Dominic Scalfani, Peter Yu

MA: Robert Fawcett, Aarush Gondalia, Joely Gubitosi, Kruthi Gundu, Nathan Kim, Anika Nagle, Anoushka Nagle, Lukeman Nouri, Amarachi Okwor, Lindsey Pagett (Huffman), Arhan Shrivastava, Hayim Sims, Tiffany Strachan, Hannah Sui

MD: Christopher Biabani, Andrew Bian, Duke Boateng, Andrew Boyce, Ishaan Busireddy, Shrihaan Chaudhary, Mathilda DeCosse, Zana Hess, Neha Kukatla, Martin Meister, Joshua Oh, Simone Pulerwitz-Waisbord, Emily Shi, Michael Shi, Vaishnavi Uppalapati, Chelsea Zhu

MI: Swathi Jeeda, Griffin Maline, Patrick Phillips, Rakshan Samynathan, Abigail Schafer, Ian Sim, Nisha Singhi

MN: Alexander Allocco, Ellie Donnay, Thomas Hoffman, Michael Luo

MO: Nevinka Amarakone, Nethmi Amarakone, Mahith Amarakone, Matthew Austin, Madeline Awad, Caleb Brown, Grace Fu, Andrew Hunt, Henry Naught, Zawadi Oyugi, Benjamin Parker, Vishmi Rajapaksha, Rebecca Stanley, Lilly Stevens

MS: Jack Durr, Celia Lane, Bradyn Long, Ethan McCreary, Rebekah Schilling, Morgan White, Tyler Shelton Woods

NC: Mevlut Atay, Aakash Basarkar, Ishaan Bhasin, Pranav Bhatnagar, Cecilia Elizabeth Boiling, Lola Brienza, Sofia Brienza, Emily D'Abreo, Ali Evliya, Indu Gadiraju, Caroline Harris, Rachel Johnson, Emma Johnson, Lucas Johnson, Kendall Leak, Angela Li, Nia MacQueen, William 'Kent' Mautner, Jack McDermott, Wil Gabriel McDermott, Cameron Mitchell, Finlay Mitchell, Aidan O'Connor, Vaideep Pemmada, Ahish Pidikiti, Murat Sahin, Caleb Shin, Stone Simpson, Ejay Tan, Hannah Thovtrup, Colby Townsend, Prakruthi Upadhya, Jacob Yoneoka, Fletcher Yost, Alexander Young

NH: Maggie Feng, Alexander Miller, Noah Richardson

NJ: Aarti Advani, Suvit Asnani, Nathaniel Attardi, Suchit Basineni, Jacob Belenkij, Myanelle Bituin, Nathaniel Chan, Matthew Friscia, Daniel Guo, Seth Hannah, Rex Jacobs, Mahika Jawa, Theo Jeon, Anirudh Joginpalli, Ananya Joginpalli, Mahanth Komuravelli, Anamitra Kugapalan, Caden Masonis, Leah Park, Caleb Park, Josephine Parlo, Yashvi Patel, Jeeya Patel, Khushi Patel, Krishna Patel, Anya Patel, Abigail Pope, Dongyu Qu, Vikramaditya Rajput, John Reiter, Christopher Rhatigan, Soor Sanghvi, Suhani Sengupta, Aum Shah, Krish Shah, Arushi Singh, Darsh Srivastava, Matthew Strauss, Latif Tabanli, Dylan Thomas, Arden Upadya, Luke Vrankovic, Willow Yoo, Brandon Yu

NV: Ibrahim Akgedik, Adarsh Anumalasetty, Vanessa Booth, Lara

Karaalp, Adeline Kurian, Sammy Skier, Dana Surwill

NY: Lily Alhborn, Yashas Balguri, David Brophy, Liam Bullock, Sathvik Charugundla, Samantha Garson, Nora Gupta, Matthew Harrington, Srikarthi Jaggavarapu, Nan Jiang, Meagan Kerins, Catherine Kerins, Logan Kiely, Ella Kim, Jayne Kim, Tyler Maxwell Kodi, Saipraneeth Kotimreddy, Christopher Lau, Franklin Lee, Talia Lioce, Ayan Mahajan, Ahaan Modi, Kaya Parikh, Siddharth Pasari, Saanvi Peri, Siri Polepalle, Ramya Reddi, Rajit Reddi, Jessica Ren, Jenna Ruiz, Paul Schultz, Ryan Smith, Sahana Sundar, Amogh Teepireddy, Noam Traeger, Lancelot Workman, Emma Zhang, Yifan Zhou

OH: Vidya Akella, Samantha Fleming, Joelle Frederiksen, Arjun Jain, Paul Moody, Prithika Padmanabhan, Shiven Parikh, Prisha Reddy Rajulapalli, Kaitlyn Roberts, Soorya Shanmugam, Aswat Sivakumar, Sahana Srikanth, Sakshum Vij, Riley Wilkerson, Danielle Wolford

OK: Peyton Mahan

OR: Grace Choi, Maylie Eby, Soohyon Kim, Annamika Konkola, Jiya Mehta, Caleb Alexander Stonecliffe, Chelsea Teh, Olivia Thornburg

PA: Eshal Ahmad, Alexander Bland, Sarah Chenoweth, Arianna Fowler, Ria Gandotra, Brent Gaspich, Edward Gebhardt, Sathvik Gopu, Ava Kominski, Andrew Li, Angelina Li, Sarah Liu, Eric Perkins, Theodore Tedesco, Daksh Tiwari, Adam Wyatt

PR: Ashley Barlow

RI: Felicity Kushner

SC: Brooke Dillingham, Sarah Anne Ward

TN: Iiyana Bachmann, Isabel Hyatt, Kylie

Katelyn Patterson

TX: Wyatt Allen, Shaktivel Anand, Surya Anand, Jenna Barker, Terrence Bell, Luca Campbell, Kaye Chen, Brynn Comes, Sunil Chandra Desha, Gautam Devashish, Ayushmaan Dubey, Cooper Fairman, Alicia Fan, Aidan Farrell, Sophie Fu, Christopher Gaither, Sharon Yajaira Gaona, Shreeya Gedda, Richard Geng, Blake Gibson, Diego Guiot Villarreal, Brendan Hare, Isabella Hicks, Ai-Vy Ho, Aila Jiang, Alyssa Jiang, Simona Jude, Sohun Kanabar, Muammer Kara, Jonathan Le, Jun Lee, Hannah Leem, Elizabeth-Grace Liu, Maya Maliakal, Hitesh Mallula, Panav Mhatre, Courtney Moraa Mayore, Evan Moss, Nathaniel Mun, Saanvi Mylavarapu, Betul Ozgen, Shreya Poladia, Micah Wren Przymus, Beck Riedel, Arya Santosh, Aarah Sardesai, Sydney Shield, Rohan Singhal, Jordan Rylie Smith, William Ryan Smith, Dylan Stump, Sanjay Sai Sundaram, Oriyola Tanchou, Asvini Thivakaran, Siddharth Tripathi, Evan June Wilkerson, Noah Wood, Brian Woodland, Bryant Wu, Reyyan Yorulmaz

UT: Scarlett Batty, Melbourne Earl, William Evershed, Nes'et Kablan, Alexander Pham, Yerassy Sarsekeyev, Colin Smith, Trysten Torgerson, Mahina Vogt

VA: Shreyes Aier, Murat E. Aksoy, Asude Arslan, Chingiz Bahadur, Isaiah John Boesch, Eli Casey, Gabriel Cervoni, Sriram Chalamacharla, Necla Cubukcu, Owen Davenport, Henry Dozier, Titus Er, Archit Gupta, Aanya Gupta, Ansh Gupta, Aarav Gupta, Zane Javeri, Jason Jayanth, Rachel Kim, Emily Kim, Junseo Kim, Daniel Lee, Richard Li, Hannah Lorenzo, Amayla Lorenzo, Sabrina Lu, Katelyn Lysaght, Caitlyn Murphy, Hashmita Nittala, Gabriel Parsons, Adhya Penati, Hansa Samur, Shivangi Singh, Amrit Singh, Katherine Sullivan, Saatvik Sunilraj, Ella VanStory, Teresa Maria Vithoulkas, Manya Yellepeddy, Sulenur Zirekoglu

VT: Alexander Califano, Matthew Califano

WA: Aubrey Jane Moore, Julian Roger, Shawna Sanjay, Simone Shenoi, David van Wingerden, Mihika Venkateswar, Smera Venkateswar, Andrew Yoon

WI: Suhaeng Huh, Jack Molaison, Rebecca Susmilch

WY: Julian Edmunds, Axie Elsasser, Taylor Fraundienst, Shelby Hoobler, Shelby Kirkbride, Harper Klinger, James Neishabouri, Kinzley Nusbaum, Michael Tully Rubich, Lukas Salsgiver, Lincoln Searle, Vesper Seitz, Lorianana Walter

CONGRATULATING COOPER LEHMAN AND BRAYLEN GARCIA, TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Cooper Lehman and Braylen Garcia of Hempfield High School on winning the 2025 PIAA Class 3A boys' Tennis Doubles championship on May 24.

Senior Cooper Lehman and freshman Braylen Garcia dominated the 2025 tennis season. Their doubles team was instrumental in Hempfield's 15-win start and claiming the Section One title, second place finish in the Lancaster-Lebanon League, and fourth place finish in the district 3A team tournaments. Ending with a 16-4 record, the Hempfield Black Knights advanced to states. On May 24, Lehman and Garcia defeated their opponents from Dallastown after climbing back from a large deficit.

Lehman and Garcia crowned an excellent season with their state title. The duo also won the Lancaster-Lebanon League title and the District Three title weeks prior. This run wraps up a prolific high school career for Cooper Lehman, who will be continuing to play tennis at the University of Mary Washington, and it shows great promise for Braylen Garcia who is just beginning his high school playing career.

Winning the Class 3A boys' tennis doubles championship is an exceptional achievement for Hempfield's Cooper Lehman and Braylen Garcia, and I congratulate them on their victory. May they hoist their medals high with great pride in their efforts. I look forward to seeing what these students accomplish next.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MASCOTTE, FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the City of Mascotte, Florida. Officially incorporated on November 23, 1925, Mascotte has grown, flourished over the past century, and this year, the city will mark this historic milestone with a Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

The roots of Mascotte trace back to around 1885, when founder J.W. Payne first settled the area. The city takes its name from the *Mascotte*, a ship owned by Tampa civic leader Henry B. Plant. The vessel, which played a role in transporting tobacco from Cuba during the Spanish-American War, is proudly on the city's official seal.

Located in the southwestern portion of Lake County, the City of Mascotte today is a thriving and diverse community providing a full range of essential municipal services to its residents. Now home to over 9,000 residents, Mascotte continues to grow while preserving the small-town charm and close-knit community spirit that has defined it for generations. Mascotte is a place where families raise their children, businesses find opportunity, and neighbors support one another.

It is my privilege to honor and celebrate the City of Mascotte on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. May the next 100 years be as vibrant and prosperous as the first.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, due to obligations, I was unable to vote on June 9, 2025 on H. Res. 481, H. Res. 488, and H.R. 2035. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly detained during vote proceedings. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162.

HONORING THE STAGLIN FAMILY VINEYARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Staglin Family Vineyard as they celebrate 40 years of business. The longevity of this great establishment is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the Staglin family's efforts in our community.

In 1985, the Staglin family purchased an historic estate on Rutherford Bench in the heart of Napa Valley. The family estate was founded by Shari and Garen Staglin. For four decades, the Staglin family has produced wines of remarkable quality from their 61-acre Rutherford vineyard.

The Staglin family approaches winemaking with a deep sense of responsibility to the land and our community. They farm their Rutherford Bench vineyard organically, invest in renewable energy through solar power, and operate a cutting-edge underground production facility that reflects their commitment to sustainability. Their work is not only about producing high quality wines, but also about preserving the character of Napa Valley and developing meaningful relationships.

The Staglin Family Vineyard produces top quality wines in our district, most notably Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay from their estate under the Staglin and Salus labels. Additionally, they grow and bottle a small production of Stagliano Sangiovese, named after Garen's father, and INEO, a Bordeaux Blend.

The Staglin family has proven to be dedicated members of our community through more than just winemaking. The family motto, "Great wines for great causes," rings true as they regularly engage in philanthropic wine and other donations. Since 1985, they have collectively raised over \$1 billion to support charities, including championing their main cause, mental health. Their efforts have culminated in the founding of a non-profit, known as One Mind, which has raised over \$600 million in the past thirty years. The organization's mission seeks to radically accelerate cures for brain illnesses and injuries by funding and fostering scientific research collaborations and initiatives, to achieve healthy brains for all. I was proud to collaborate with Garen Staglin and introduce the bipartisan Mental Health Research Accelerator Act to incentivize private companies with financial resources to collaborate with academic or nonprofit research institutions on neurological and mental health research to tackle the root causes of mental health conditions.

The Staglin's are leaders in our community. They are actively involved in the Napa Valley Vintners, Napa Valley Grape Growers, Napa Communities Firewise Foundation, Mentis, Copia, and many other community organizations.

The Staglin family is distinguished by a strong foundation in higher education and public service. Garen Staglin earned an MBA from Stanford University and Shari Staglin received an MPA from New York University. Shannon Staglin holds an MBA from UC Davis, and Brandon Staglin earned a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration and Interpersonal Leadership from UC San Francisco.

Mr. Speaker, the Staglin family has established a legacy befitting their enduring commitment and passion to serving our community through winemaking and philanthropy. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor their work here today.

APPRECIATING FRIENDSHIP GROUP BULGARIA—USA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a dream come true and answer to prayers has been the restoration of friendship of the people of Bulgaria with America after decades of separation by the Iron Curtain.

The latest achievement has been the establishment in the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria of the Friendship Group Bulgaria—USA. This duplicates the Bulgarian Caucus I founded in 2004 in the U.S. Congress, which I now co-chair with Congressman BRAD SCHNEIDER of Illinois, confirming Republican and Democrat appreciation of Bulgaria and valued Bulgarian-Americans.

My affection for the people of Bulgaria began when I was selected by Lee Atwater of