

I thank Mr. Turner for his 35 years of selfless service to Clayton County. His commitment has left an indelible mark on our community, and it is my hope that this moment of recognition serves as a reminder that his contributions will not be forgotten.

With my deepest appreciation.

CLARIFYING CHANGES TO H.R. 1

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to clarify the changes to depreciation rules in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act as they pertain to energy property installed by the geothermal heating and cooling industry. Section 70509 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will exclude certain energy property from qualifying as "5-year property" under section 168(e)(3)(B) of the tax code. It is my understanding that after this change, geothermal heat pump systems (i.e., energy equipment of the type described in section 48(a)(3)(A)(vii) of the tax code) will qualify as "7-year property." This is because geothermal heat pump systems do not have a class life, and it is my understanding that they are not considered residential rental or nonresidential property for purposes of the tax code. Accordingly, such systems are 7-year property (which is one of the asset classes eligible for bonus depreciation).

CELEBRATING THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF PAUL MARZELLO

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Paul Marzello and his remarkable career of service as President and CEO to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, as he enters into retirement after many years of dedicated work. Mr. Marzello's impactful leadership with the Park has strengthened the legacy of the Nation's largest inland naval park, through strategic partnerships and innovative outreach programs.

Mr. Marzello has inspired civic engagement and preserved crucial American history by way of his visionary leadership and commitment to our Nation's history. His work directly focused on making connections with local and national institutions to bolster STEM education, as well as strengthening relationships with veterans' organizations and civic leaders. Mr. Marzello's experience and dedication to fostering relationships between local and national organizations deepened his unwavering commitment to the Western New York community.

Mr. Marzello's innovative guidance and commitment to honoring United States veterans and preserving our Nation's military history was instrumental in spearheading the pre-restoration of the U.S.S. *The Sullivans*, a retired United States Navy Fletcher-class destroyer that previously faced partial sinking from extreme weather conditions. Mr.

Marzello's 'Master Plan' restoration project garnered financial support from local, state, and federal leaders, along with national media attention.

Today, as Mr. Marzello retires from his dedicated service, and innumerable medal presentations, we celebrate not only his professional accomplishments but also his unwavering commitment to Western New York and the United States of America. His continued outreach, insight, and loyal devotion to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park has forged a strong path for the preservation of our Nation's history for generations to come, and we are all the better for it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 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. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; and YEA on Roll Call No. 193.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 194; NAY on Roll Call No. 195; and YEA on Roll Call No. 196.

RECOGNIZING DR. HAGIR ELSHEIKH

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Hagir Elsheikh, a distinguished resident of the 10th Congressional District, for her exemplary public service, charitable leadership, and extraordinary contributions to healthcare and autism advocacy within the Commonwealth and the Nation. Dr. Elsheikh is the Chairwoman and CEO of Hagir Network and the founder of multiple mission-driven organizations, including Kareem's Mission Autism Support Center, Tomorrow's Smile Inc., HSE Staffing Agency LLC, Autism Care Solutions LLC, and KMission TV LLC.

A serial entrepreneur, nurse, educator, and a former Sudanese refugee who survived political torture and violence, Dr. Elsheikh came to Pennsylvania in 2001, where she rebuilt her life and impacted thousands through programs that serve children with autism, train and employ caregivers, and create educational media. She also mentors women and youth throughout Pennsylvania in leadership, business, and civic engagement.

Dr. Elsheikh has earned awards such as the 2025 Globe St. Humanitarian Woman of Influence Honoree, Honorary Doctor of Humane

Letters from Central Penn College, 2024 YWCA Carolyn L. Smith Legacy Award Recipient, 2024 Harambee Award, Life Esteem Inc., Pennsylvania Senate Citation Honoree, and her work was featured on France 24, BBC, WITF, ABC, AlhurraTV, and VOA. Her memoir, *Through Tragedy and Triumph: A Life Well Traveled*, supports survivor scholarships and peacebuilding initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Dr. Hagir Elsheikh as a courageous leader, international diplomat, and philanthropist for her exceptional service to the Citizens of Pennsylvania, and for her tireless efforts to build love and compassion into every sector she touches, from healthcare to charity. Her life stands as a model of resilience, passion, and public service.

RECOGNIZING EMILY HALE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily Hale for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A Louisville, Kentucky native, Emily graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 2024. During her time in college, Emily volunteered her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Lexington and served as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Upon graduation, Emily began her career in Washington, D.C. and joined my team to serve the constituents of Kentucky's 2nd District as my Staff Assistant in the summer of 2024, where she gave phenomenal tours, treated my constituents with kindness, and navigated the unpredictable 2025 Presidential Inauguration with grace. After I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I knew I wanted Emily's optimism and readiness to serve on my new team. She transitioned to become the Staff Assistant for the Energy and Commerce Committee in January of this year and was a critical farce in making sure committee markups and hearings went smoothly, including a nearly 27 hour long markup to help pass our portion of President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill.

Soon, Emily Hale will depart the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to serve another member of the Kentucky delegation, Dean of the House HAL ROGERS (KY-05), as his Legislative Correspondent—a role I know she will excel in. I wish her the best in all her bright future and thank her for service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the constituents of Kentucky's 2nd Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MS. AGNES BAIN

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Ms. Agnes Bain, a beloved Western New York