

three Overall Championships. He has been instrumental in combining his leadership with technical expertise to support both the company and the community.

Shawn's leadership and guidance have strengthened the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company and its connection to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring Shawn Christman for his remarkable 25 years of service and in wishing him continued success and fulfillment in his ongoing commitment to the community.

RECOGNIZING COURT REPORTING
AND CAPTIONING WEEK 2026

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Court Reporters Association's 2026 Court Reporting and Captioning Week, observed each February to honor the dedicated professionals who preserve accurate and impartial records of court proceedings across our Nation.

Court reporters and captioners are essential to the fair administration of justice. By creating precise and impartial records of court proceedings, they safeguard due process, protect the rights of individuals, and ensure that judicial decisions are grounded in a complete and reliable record. Their work is foundational to accountability, transparency, and public confidence in our courts.

Court Reporting and Captioning Week highlights both the technical skills required in this profession and its importance to public protection and the rule of law. Court reporters and captioners serve throughout our justice system, ensuring that proceedings at all levels are accurately recorded and accessible for future use.

Beyond their technical expertise, court reporters and captioners play a critical role in expanding access to justice and ensuring equity within our legal system. Court reporters and captioners help ensure meaningful participation for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and support broader public access to court proceedings and civic processes.

I am also proud that the National Court Reporters Association is headquartered in Res-

ton, Virginia, within Virginia's 11th Congressional District. Their presence in our community reflects the important role this profession plays in strengthening access to justice nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Court Reporting and Captioning Week and in thanking these professionals for their indispensable service to our court system and the rule of law.

RECOGNIZING MR. DALE GREER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Dale Greer upon his retirement and to commend him for a lifetime of service to the Cullman community and the State of Alabama. Over the course of more than three decades in economic development, Mr. Greer has helped shape the future of Cullman County through his steady leadership, dedication to public service, and commitment to creating opportunities for others.

Mr. Greer was born in Birmingham and moved to Cullman with his family more than 50 years ago. Cullman has been his home ever since, and his career reflects a deep and lasting investment in the place and people he has served.

Throughout his professional life, Mr. Greer earned a reputation as someone who could be trusted to bring people together, solve problems, and make progress happen. In addition to his work in economic development, he also served the community in many roles over the years, including time spent working at the local electric cooperative and Chamber of Commerce, as well as earlier work as a newspaper reporter and managing editor—experiences that helped shape his understanding of the community he would go on to serve so faithfully.

Mr. Greer's influence can be seen through his involvement with numerous civic and community organizations. He has served as a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Cullman Parks & Recreation Foundation, contributed to the Cullman Rotary Club, and supported Wallace State Community College through the Future Foundation and Alumni As-

sociation. He also served on the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and helped establish the Leadership Cullman program, as a member of its first graduating class.

Mr. Greer's service has extended beyond Cullman as well. He served as Past President of the Economic Development Association of Alabama and was appointed to the Alabama Workforce Council, where he served as Chairman. He also represented Alabama through the Southern Economic Development Council and was later named an Honorary Life Member.

Among Mr. Greer's many accomplishments, he helped develop the Operation Round-up Program for the Cullman Electric Cooperative and Cullman Power Board, an initiative that has generated millions of dollars to support students by allowing customers to round up their bills to the next highest dollar. He also served as the project manager for the Duck River Dam and Reservoir Project, which helped secure Cullman's water source for the next 100 years and stands as one of the most significant long-term infrastructure achievements for the region.

Mr. Greer has also demonstrated a lifelong commitment to professional growth and excellence. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute, completed coursework at Georgia Tech, and attended the Intensive Economic Development Course at Auburn University. He is also a graduate of Wallace State Community College and Athens State University.

Retirement marks the close of one chapter and the beginning of another, but the impact of Dale Greer's work will continue to be felt for decades to come. His leadership, service, and devotion to Cullman County have left an enduring legacy that will benefit families, businesses, and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize Mr. Greer's family, who has supported him throughout his distinguished career and years of service. Dale is married to his wife, Lorraine, and together they are proud parents to Jeremy Greer, Cory Greer, Casey Link, Alex Boike and Brandon Boike. Mr. Greer also has seven grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Dale Greer on his retirement, and I extend my sincere gratitude to him for his many years of service to our community and our great State of Alabama.