

Senior High School and continued his education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Please join me in honoring Minister Gary Range for his commitment, dedication and service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DONALD “DON” KENT

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend Donald “Don” Kent, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Marine, entrepreneur, artist, and faithful servant whose life reflected the values of faith, family, and service.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, Don lived a life defined by integrity and hard work. He proudly served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps, where he developed the discipline and resilience that guided him throughout his life. Following his military service, he attended the University of Maryland before embarking on a successful career as an entrepreneur.

Don also dedicated 25 years to his passion for art. Alongside his beloved wife, Jo Ann, he traveled the country sharing his artwork and touching countless lives through his creativity, warmth, and kindness. I am proud to have his paintings hanging in my home and office, daily reminders of his talent and of our friendship. Known for his quick wit and generous spirit, Don lived out his faith through humility, compassion, and service to others.

Our families grew close through our sons, who have been best friends for years, and I came to know Don not only as a talented artist but as a man of remarkable warmth and character. His friendship was a gift to me and my family, and his loss is felt deeply.

Don Kent’s legacy of service, generosity, and unwavering love will live on through his family, friends, and all who were blessed to know him. I extend my deepest condolences to his loved ones as they honor his remarkable life.

HONORING THE LOUDOUN NATURE
CONSERVATION PROJECT

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding community organization in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District, the Loudoun Nature Conservation Project (LNCP). The LNCP was founded and is led by students in our community. Its mission is to protect and clean up the local environment, as well as engage in education and advocacy efforts. Since its inception in 2024, the LNCP has grown to over 270 active members, who have partnered with 17 parks and schools, and restored more than 3,100 acres of local land.

In addition to doing hands-on volunteer restoration work throughout Loudoun County, the

LNCP is dedicated to exploring how our local environment has been changed overtime. For example, the LNCP has published three research studies on local water quality changes in Loudoun County, including in the Potomac River basin.

It is very inspiring to see the dedication and time the LNCP has put into building a community passionate about preserving our nature. As a dad of two young girls, I want to make sure that future generations can continue to enjoy the great outdoors. I am grateful to LNCP for inspiring young people to care about the environment and thank them for all the hard work they do.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLIFFORD
CHESSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District, of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Clifford Chesson a longtime Miami Dade County Public Schools Employee. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Mr. Chesson was an employee of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools security team for many years;

Whereas, Mr. Chesson was a strong advocate for the safety and well-being of Miami-Dade Public Schools’ students, faculty and staff, administrators, school board members, employees, volunteers and vendor;

Whereas, Mr. Chesson performed his duties with dedication, passion and integrity;

Whereas, Mr. Chesson stood up for what he believed in and answered the call to serve our country in 1978, by joining the United States Army, where he served 20 years, and another five years in Army Reserve;

Whereas, Mr. Chesson dedicated his life to public service and offered inspiration to many;

Whereas, Mr. Chesson was a man of strong faith in God, a dedicated husband to his wife Barbara, and daughters Camille, Shanika Chesson-Ivy and Frederica Parks; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, recognize and honor the late Mr. Clifford Chesson for his commitment to his family, our community and our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF SERGEANT JAMES DAWSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sergeant James Dawson, a proud World War II veteran whose courage, selflessness, and devotion to our Nation exemplified the highest ideals of American service.

Born in Higgins, Texas, on March 21, 1921, Sergeant James Dawson answered the call to serve during World War II with unwavering dedication. His extraordinary bravery earned him the World War II Victory Medal after he

courageously saved the lives of two fellow servicemembers, placing their safety above his own in the face of grave danger. Sergeant James Dawson embodied what it means to be an American. Through his sacrifice, courage, and steadfast commitment to others, he demonstrated the values that have long defined our Nation’s Greatest Generation. His actions serve as a lasting reminder of the selfless service and heroism displayed by so many who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

On behalf of the 31st Congressional District of Texas, I extend my deepest gratitude for Sergeant James Dawson’s faithful service to our country and honor the remarkable life he lived. May his legacy of courage, patriotism, and sacrifice continue to inspire generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLIE
DICKINSON

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charlie Dickinson, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend, and Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Dickinson was born in Lebanon, Missouri, in 1950, but at age thirteen, he moved to his family’s dairy farm in Hartville. Shortly after he graduated high school in 1968, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. Following his service, he returned to Lebanon where he worked at Lowe Boats until his retirement.

Mr. Dickinson was a pillar in the Hartville community where he served as a member of the Elk Creek Baptist Church, an avid supporter of Hartville High School sports and academic programs, and an active member of numerous local organizations. He was also a proud third baseman for the community softball team which he joined in the 1970s.

Outside of his local community, Mr. Dickinson also dedicated much of his life to serving his fellow veterans through his involvement in organizations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He consistently advocated for veterans, helped them obtain their service benefits, and would often be found placing flags on hundreds of graves each year to honor the legacy of his fellow soldiers. He was a champion for veterans’ rights in not only Jefferson City, but also in Washington, D.C., for which he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the VFW.

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Dickinson, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and service to our state and country.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHNNIE L.
WILLIAMS, JR.

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