

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Mamie Williams Garrett. Her service as a teacher, business owner, community leader and parishioner continue to impact her community every day. All who are fortunate to know her have been touched by her elegance and fortitude in countless ways. We congratulate her on a life well lived and wish her continued good health and happiness in the days to come.

HONORING CONGREGATION BETH  
SHALOM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congregation Beth Shalom as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary.

Congregation Beth Shalom was founded in 1951 by The Napa Jewish Group and was established as a synagogue in 1953. Over the years, Congregation Beth Shalom has grown and expanded, and today it is a thriving center of Jewish life in the Napa Valley area. The Congregation consists of over 200 households at present with a full-time Rabbi, Synagogue Director, and Educator and Music Director. Members of Congregation Beth Shalom hold elected positions on the Napa City Council.

The Congregation continues to serve not only the Jewish people of Napa, but also the larger Napa community. Congregation Beth Shalom has played an integral role in aiding others, including their participation with the Table, the Refugee Resettlement Fund, and Citizen's Legal Services. Notably, the Congregation's Rabbi actively participates in the Interfaith Council, which contributes towards the formation of a more inclusive community embracing all faiths, cultures, and orientations.

Congregation Beth Shalom provides Jewish educational programs to the youth community of Napa. A non-sectarian summer program, Camp Chaverim, is led by the Congregation and serves children from the community annually. This camping program brings together children of all faiths and backgrounds to create a meaningful and inclusive environment and experience. Congregation Beth Shalom also provides reading assistance at many primary schools. The Congregation maintains crucial involvement with and support for the young people of Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Congregation Beth Shalom has contributed to the community of Napa Valley over the past 70 years.

RECOGNIZING WESTMORELAND  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department's 75th anniversary. Since 1948, the department has provided critical

services and support to Westmoreland residents.

The WVFD covers over 150 miles of roads and serves approximately 5,000 residents of Westmoreland County, Virginia. The WVFD's membership consists of 28 active volunteers committed to community service and public safety. From rescuing boaters on the Potomac River to responding to house fires in Montross, these volunteer first responders are always ready to serve those in need.

On May 6, 2023, the WVFD will host a celebration of its 75th anniversary. The event will feature local food vendors, fire safety challenges, and demonstrations of fire prevention equipment. I look forward to attending the event, and I commend WVFD for its 75 years of excellent service in Virginia's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to rise with me today to honor and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department. May God bless the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department as it continues its dedication to community service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ROOFING  
WEEK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois, and its efforts to designate the week of June 4 through 10, 2023, as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week honors the thousands of roofing-related businesses and workers across the country, as well as the industry's commitment to public service. National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance that quality roofing has on every home and business in the U.S.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has nearly 4,000 roofing company members who represent the entire roofing supply chain. Using its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures across America. Most of its members are small, privately held businesses that provide family-sustaining jobs for thousands of hard-working individuals who are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, on and off the clock. NRCA members will recognize National Roofing Week June 4 through 10 by supporting numerous charitable projects, employee training programs and other activities across the Nation. I commend NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

HONORING MAUDIE BEATTY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maudie Beatty for her selfless and dedicated service to the children, families, and community of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. For 35 years Maudie has taken in and cared for over 300 foster children, demonstrating the valuable attributes of compassion and generosity to those around her who are the most vulnerable and in need.

As a beacon of hope in the community, Maudie is one of the exemplary constituents that it is my honor to represent from the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. It is, undoubtedly, these heroes who too often go unrecognized that are the foundation of what makes this country the greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN NIKOLAI

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Corrections Officer Kevin Nikolai.

Officer Kevin Nikolai was born in Wausau to Joanne Carol (Baars) and Terrence Nikolai on January 26, 1982. He was raised in Kronenwetter, WI with his two older siblings, Kim and Scott. After graduating from Mosinee High School in 2000, Officer Nikolai attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After graduation he began his employment with the Outagamie County Jail serving as a Collections Officer. Serving with the Outagamie County Sheriffs Office, Officer Nikolai dedicated his life to serving the people of Outagamie County and Northeast Wisconsin and I thank him for his years of unwavering service.

Throughout Officer Nikolai's career with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office, he was known by his fellow officers as the one who was always willing to lend a helping hand and for his ability to communicate with those around him. Serving as an instructor, Officer Nikolai positively impacted his coworkers and endeavored to leave a positive impact on the world. Officer Nikolai's legacy will live on and be remembered by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, today the people of Northeast Wisconsin thank Officer Kevin Nikolai for his extraordinary service and devotion to his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, including his son Logan, and to all of the people who were touched by his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 5, 2023*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, I was unavoidably