

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING NURSE JESSICA PALMER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Nurse Jessica Palmer, a dedicated registered nurse whose skill, warmth, and dependability enrich our community through her volunteer work at the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Nurse Palmer volunteers her time with remarkable consistency and a joyful spirit, ensuring that every patient she sees feels seen, heard, and understood. A bright and compassionate professional, she brings both expertise and empathy to every encounter, providing care that is thorough, insightful, and deeply reassuring. The volunteer physicians with whom she works value her diligence, professionalism, and commitment to gathering the information necessary to guide the best possible patient care.

For her unwavering dedication, compassionate heart, and meaningful impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Nurse Palmer as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional commitment, her remarkable skill, and the lasting, positive influence she has on the lives of the patients she serves.

HONORING DAVID J. SALMONSEN

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a dedicated servant to the agricultural industry, David J. Salmonsens, who is retiring after nearly three decades of dedicated service to the American Farm Bureau Federation and the American farmer and rancher.

David's journey did not begin in the halls of Congress, but on the soil of his family's diversified dairy and crop farm in Manlius, New York. That upbringing instilled in him a fundamental understanding of the challenges facing our producers—an understanding he carried with him through the University at Albany and the Washington College of Law.

For 29 years, David has been a steady hand and a trusted authority for the Farm Bureau. As Senior Director of Government Affairs, he became one of the Nation's preeminent experts on international trade. From the WTO Doha talks to the implementation of the USMCA and Phase One agreements with China and Japan, David was consistently at the table, ensuring that the voice of the American farmer was heard in every corner of the globe.

His expertise was so highly regarded that he served as a cleared advisor for the USDA

and USTR for over two decades, providing critical Counsel on the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee. Yet, despite his global reach—leading delegations to Geneva, Brussels, and London—David never forgot his roots. He brought a practical, farm-grown perspective to the most complex international negotiations, never losing sight of the producers he represented.

Mr. Speaker, David Salmonsens leaves behind a legacy of expanded markets, fairer trade, and a stronger future for American agriculture. We thank him for his 29 years of tireless advocacy, and we wish him and his family the very best in a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING DANEÉ WILLIAMS

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Women's History Month to honor and recognize Daneé Williams, a remarkable entrepreneur and community leader from Ave Maria, Florida, whose dedication to service and business excellence has left an indelible mark on Collier County. As the owner of two beloved local businesses—Oil Well Craft Beer and The Secret Ingredient—Daneé embodies the spirit of American entrepreneurship. Her commitment to quality and hospitality was recently recognized by Gulfshore Life, with her businesses securing four "Best of the Gulfshore" awards, including being named the best Brewery in Collier County and taking top honors in the Women's Apparel category. Beyond her commercial success, Daneé is a pillar of community engagement. Ten years ago, she founded the Ave Maria Trunk or Treat, an annual tradition that has grown from a local brewery event into a massive town-wide celebration for hundreds of families. During the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, she demonstrated her adaptability and commitment to her neighbors by expanding her business operations to ensure residents continued to have access to essential services and dining.

Daneé's true legacy, however, is her tireless philanthropy and her "community-first" mentality. She consistently utilizes her business platforms to host fundraisers and support a vast array of noble causes, ranging from healthcare and support through the Cancer Alliance Network and the Alzheimer's Support Network to education and youth initiatives with Ave Maria University, The Guadalupe Center, and Our Lady of the Rosary Orphanage. Her advocacy extends to critical community needs, including supporting Path2Freedom in their work with child trafficking survivors, aiding local veterans' organizations, and participating in the Christmas Angel Tree program to help children in need. Daneé, alongside her husband Matt and their children Cole, Peyton, and Reese, has proven that a small business with

a big heart can shape the soul of a town. Her efforts have helped transform Ave Maria's Town Center into a vibrant gathering place where neighbors become friends. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Daneé Williams today for her leadership, generosity, and unwavering dedication to the people of Florida's 26th District.

MS. THERESA BILLINGS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Ms. Theresa Billings, a dedicated volunteer whose diligence, precision, and tireless commitment strengthen the operations of the Free Senior Health Clinic and ensure that every aspect of its work runs smoothly.

Ms. Billings demonstrates extraordinary effort each and every day, ensuring that all documentation is accurate and timely. Her careful attention to detail, dedication to gathering statistics, and meticulous preparation of reports guarantee that the clinic's outputs are reliable and on point. Always willing to go above and beyond, she consistently does whatever it takes to remain on task and meet deadlines, supporting both staff and patients with quiet efficiency and unwavering dedication.

For her exceptional commitment, tireless work ethic, and meaningful impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Ms. Billings as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her extraordinary service, her steadfast reliability, and the lasting difference she makes every day.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of California Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) for their 50 years of dedication to making education more accessible to first-generation, socio-economically disadvantaged, and English-language learning students. The organization celebrated their anniversary on February 28, 2026 on the campus of the University of California, Davis.

The Early Academic Outreach Program was established in 1976 by the University of California in response to the California State Legislature's recommendation to expand post-secondary opportunities to every student. EAOP is the University of California's largest academic preparedness program. The program

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partners with middle and high schools to guide students through academic preparation, college admission requirements, and financial aid processes. EAOP focuses on increasing college preparatory course completion, college application submissions, and enrollment rates among underrepresented students.

The Early Academic Outreach Program is celebrated for its decades of dedication to serving our community by expanding access to education. This program ensures college readiness for underrepresented students by serving over 40,000 students at over 250 K–12 public schools throughout the state each year. Seventy-nine percent of EAOP 12th-grade participants are completing college preparatory coursework compared to forty-nine percent of all California public high school seniors. Sixty-seven percent of EAOP 12th-grade participants complete the SAT or ACT, compared to sixty percent of non-participants at the same California public high schools. The Early Academic Outreach Program has supported more than 450,000 students throughout its existence and, as a result, has diversified and strengthened enrollment in both California's higher education institutions, and in the workforce. Today we recognize the EAOP for being one of the University of California's largest and most successful Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnership programs.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Early Academic Outreach program for their dedicated service to our underrepresented student community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

HONORING MARGI STERN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margi Stern. I have named Mrs. Stern as the California 4th District's Woman of the Year for Solano County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service.

Mrs. Stern was born in Brooklyn, New York. She earned a Bachelor of Science in speech and language pathology from Whittier College, as well as a master's degree in communication disorders from St. Louis University. She is the grandniece of Arthur Garfield Hayes, a lawyer, civil rights champion, and the co-founder of the ACLU. She is also the niece of Robert L. Stern, a well-known authority in California Campaign finance, the President of Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles, and a recipient of the Democracy Hero award by Common Cause.

Mrs. Stern has devoted her career to the betterment of her community. She worked as a Speech Language Pathologist for 37 years, 25 of which were in the Early Intervention Program, for the Solano County Office of Education. After retirement, she volunteered to lead support groups for the parents of children with special needs and worked to teach Parent Communication Skills at the Adult School. Throughout her life, Mrs. Stern has advocated

tirelessly for our special needs community. At Vacaville High School, she created the Anya Elizabeth Janoski Special Education Scholarship, to provide funds to seniors interested in pursuing a career in Special Education. She also participated in the creation, fundraising, and promotion of the Play 4 All Park in Vacaville, and volunteers for Together Everyone Always Matters (TEAM) Vacaville, an organization that provides monthly activities for children with special needs.

In addition to being an incredible advocate for our special needs community, Mrs. Stern is also passionate about eradicating injustice and promoting political participation. She is honored for her work uplifting the women in her community. As a member of the Women's Action Network, she promotes women's participation in city council meetings, campaigns, and local political events. She also serves on the Committee to Establish the Solano Commission for Women and Girls.

Through her participation in local government, Mrs. Stern established the Backyard Hens of Vacaville Group, rewrote the Vacaville city policy to allow hens in the city limits, hosted "meet and greets" for local candidates in Solano County government, and strengthened the Northern Solano Democratic Club. Mrs. Stern consistently shows up for her neighborhood, serving as the Chair of Neighborhood Watch and organizing Neighborhood Night Out among other neighborhood functions. She also speaks every year at the Ernest Kimme Charter School Graduation Ceremony and participates in their Ernest Kimme Service Day.

Mrs. Stern was married to her late husband, Ernest Kimme, a teacher, city council member, and community philanthropist who passed away in 2015. Her son, Stefan Janoski, is bronze sculptor, short film director, and a world-famous skateboarder with a signature Nike shoe that has "Vacaville, California," inscribed on the tongue. Her late daughter, Anya Janoski, was a powerful mentor who contributed to Mrs. Stern's understanding of how to make a difference in the world. Anaya passed in 2017 at age 32; she was diagnosed with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome which affected her physical size and her developmental growth.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Margi Stern's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Solano County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF HUGO SEARLE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Chief Hugo Searle, on his retirement after 34 years with the fire service. Chief Searle is a dedicated public servant and an outstanding leader who has served Minnesotans with courage and commitment.

Originally from Wales, Chief Searle made Minnesota his home and devoted his career to protecting our communities. He served 19 years with the St. Louis Park Fire Department

and 10 years with the Brooklyn Park Fire Department before being appointed Chief of the Eagan Fire Department in 2021.

During his tenure as Chief, he strengthened community relationships, invested deeply in personnel and guided the department through a period of growth and change. His leadership enhanced emergency response capabilities and fostered a culture grounded in professionalism, compassion, and service. Chief Searle has earned the respect of his colleagues from across the state and is widely regarded as a leader within Minnesota's fire service community.

Chief Searle's commitment to excellence extends far beyond the state. In his free time, Chief Searle serves as a high-altitude mountain guide and has summited Mount Everest.

I am deeply inspired by Chief Searle's commitment to public service and exceptional leadership. His career in the fire service will have a lasting impact in Eagan and across the state of Minnesota and I am grateful for all he has done to support our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Searle and in wishing him all the best on his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING MS. LISA WRIGHT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Lisa Wright for her tireless service to our community. Lisa has been an invaluable volunteer at the Pregnancy & Family Life Center (PFLC) of Citrus County since 2022, contributing over 1,300 hours of service across multiple roles. Every Monday morning, Lisa uses her own truck to drive to the Food Bank in Homosassa, where she picks up and delivers a pallet of food to stock the Center's pantry. She checks donations for freshness, organizes them, and ensures they are stored properly. In 2025, the Center distributed 83,000 pounds of food to clients. Affectionately known as the "workhorse", Lisa's strength, resilience, and work ethic are unmatched. No task is too large—she tackles mountains of donations, food boxes, and diapers with remarkable efficiency. Even after a significant surgery, Lisa quickly returned to volunteer work, demonstrating her deep love and dedication to the Center.

Lisa also plays a key role in client interactions, ensuring that every woman who visits the Center feels seen, valued, and cared for, and that each family receives the food and personal items they need. Together, Judy, Lisa, and Wanda embody the heart of the PFLC mission—compassion, service, and unwavering support for women and families. Their dedication ensures that every client who walks through the door receives not only essential resources, but also dignity, hope, and encouragement for the future.

Together, with two other exceptional volunteers, Judy and Wanda, Lisa embodies the heart of the PFLC mission—compassion, service, and unwavering support for women and families. Their dedication ensures that every client who walks through the door receives not only essential resources but also dignity, hope, and encouragement for the future. For

their enduring dedication, compassionate hearts, and profound impact on their community, I am honored to recognize Ms. Lisa Wright as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on our community.

HONORING THE PENCE GALLERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pence Gallery for their 50 years of dedicated service to the arts and commitment to fostering creativity in our Davis community.

The Pence Gallery's story began in 1968 when Joe and Hazel Pence gifted their former dental office and the surrounding property to the City of Davis. A consortium of arts patrons successfully secured the building from the city to use as a gallery, leading to the establishment of a nonprofit arts organization named in the Pences' honor. The Pence Gallery Association was formed in 1975 and incorporated in 1976 by a small group of community leaders, UC Davis professors, and artists. The Pence Gallery has occupied the D Street location in downtown Davis since its inception, and is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, a Director-Curator, and an Assistant Director. While the Pence Gallery remains on city-owned property, it operates as an independent nonprofit and receives no city funding for building or operational expenses.

The Pence Gallery's commitment to our community is clear from their facility and programming. In 2005, the gallery unveiled its current facility through a capital campaign. The modern building, designed by San Francisco architects Wayne Barcelon and Darlene Jang, features over 4,500 square feet and stands on the original site. The facility includes three distinct gallery spaces including the Andresen Learning Center Gallery, the Dowling Community Gallery, and the Coldwell Banker Main Gallery. Each area is designed to showcase diverse contemporary artworks throughout the year. Approximately 20,000 people visit annually, enjoying exhibits, programs, artist talks and lectures, and events, including the monthly 2nd Friday ArtAbout. Since 2011, the Pence Gallery has been voted the best art gallery in Yolo County.

The Pence Gallery has rightfully been recognized for supporting the development of local and regional artists. The gallery offers several calls for artists each year, including the Emerging Artist Award, Slice: A Juried Exhibit of Regional Art, Exhibit It!, and the Night Market for young people ages 16 to 25. Throughout its history, many regional artists now recognized nationally exhibited at the Pence Gallery early in their careers.

The Pence Gallery's dedication also extends to arts education and community engagement. The gallery evolved into an educational resource for elementary, high school, and university students through its internship program and ArtSmart program. The Pence Gallery brings adults of all abilities artistic stimulation and an opportunity to experiment, discover,

and create under the guidance of talented local and regional artists. Since 2006, the Pence Gallery has hosted the Pence Gallery Garden Tour annually on the first Sunday in May, a Davis-wide self-guided tour of gardens celebrating innovation, beauty, and creativity in the outdoors. The gallery has also contributed to the scholarly documentation of Northern California art and culture through research and catalogue publication.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Pence Gallery for their 50 years of dedication to the arts and our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today as they celebrate this milestone anniversary.

RECOGNIZING FATHERS M.I.A. ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Fathers M.I.A. on its 10th Anniversary. Founded in 2016 by Gernald Hawkins, Sr. and Robert L. Jackson, III, Fathers M.I.A.'s mission is to mentor, support, challenge, assist, and advise fathers as they actively engage in rebuilding relationships with their children.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Jackson attended a teen sporting event where they realized it was mothers, and not fathers, who would bring their children to sporting practice and major games. It was there that they identified a need to bridge the gap between father and child.

By working to bridge this gap, they are changing the narrative for fathers who are M.I.A.—Missing In Action—to Motivated, Involved, and Active. Their objective is to give fathers and their children a fighting chance and opportunities to positively change their lives, thinking, and values.

This year, Fathers M.I.A. is holding its 10th Annual 'As We Honor You' Scholarship Gala, a celebration of students who have demonstrated remarkable perseverance in their education despite the absence of paternal love and comfort. During this elegant evening, young ladies are paired with local law enforcement and young men dance with their mothers, creating a unique and supportive atmosphere.

Scholarships are awarded to selected participants upon successful completion of the eight-week program, which significantly contributes to their personal growth and mindset. The program encompasses a variety of activities, including essay writing, etiquette classes, online and social media safety sessions, group therapy, and instruction in positive affirmations.

On behalf of Florida's 25th District, I commend and thank Fathers M.I.A. for their work to strengthen our families and community. I wish them much success as they continue to mentor future generations.

RECOGNIZING MS. JUDY AWE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Judy Awe, for her tireless service to our community. Judy serves as both the current and past President of the Pregnancy & Family Life Center (PFLC) of Citrus County's Board of Directors. Since joining the Center in 2022, she has dedicated over 760 volunteer hours, serving as both Board President and receptionist one day each week. As Board President, Judy has provided exceptional leadership, guiding the governing body in the operation, management, and strategic growth of the Center. Under her stewardship, the PFLC has flourished, expanding its reach and impact across the community. Her steadfast commitment to supporting women and families facing unplanned pregnancies has earned her deep respect and admiration throughout Citrus County.

Judy works closely with the Executive Director to identify priorities that address the growing material and mental health needs of pregnant women. In her weekly role as receptionist, she is the warm, welcoming face of the PFLC. Her kind smile, encouraging words, and problem-solving skills create a comforting environment for every client. In 2025 alone, the Center conducted 2,139 client visits, and eighteen women chose life for their babies thanks to the compassionate support they received.

Together, with two other exceptional volunteers, Lisa and Wanda, Judy embodies the heart of the PFLC mission—compassion, service, and unwavering support for women and families. Their dedication ensures that every client who walks through the door receives not only essential resources but also dignity, hope, and encouragement for the future. For their enduring dedication, compassionate hearts, and profound impact on their community, I am honored to recognize Ms. Judy Awe as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MURRAY ROOFING COMPANY

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Murray Roofing Company, a proud family-owned business based in Western New York, founded on April 4, 1976. For five decades, the company has stood as a pillar of reliability and excellence in the commercial and industrial roofing industry.

Throughout its history, Murray Roofing Company has built a strong reputation for quality workmanship and dependable service, becoming one of Western New York's leading flat rubber roofing contractors. Their commitment

to excellence has earned the trust of clients across the region and contributed to the strength of the local economy.

Under the leadership of Jeff and Pam Murray, the company has remained dedicated to the values of hard work, integrity, and customer satisfaction. Their stewardship has ensured the continued success of this family-owned business and deepened its positive impact within the community it proudly serves. Jeff and Pam are also committed philanthropists, generously giving back to Western New York while remaining actively engaged in civic life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Murray Roofing Company on this significant milestone and in wishing Jeff and Pam Murray continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING GARY EDWARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Edwards, the City of Sonoma's 2026 Honorary Alcalde, honoring more than two decades of service and leadership in support of the Sonoma community.

The Honorary Alcalde program, established in 1975, recognizes a Sonoma resident whose long-term volunteer service, leadership, and quiet dedication have made a meaningful difference in the community. The title "Alcalde," the Spanish word for mayor, reflects Sonoma's early civic history and remains a ceremonial honor today.

Mr. Edwards has a background working in cheese marketing, a career path he pursued since he graduated from Analy High School in 1977. He is currently the owner of Sage Marketing LLC, a company he founded in 1991 to connect cheese and dairy producers with resellers and consumers.

Gary Edwards brings out the best in our community with his work in civic positions. He served on the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission (SVCAC) and the Planning Commission. From 2014 to 2018, Edwards served on the Sonoma City Council. Also, he served two terms on the Board of the Redwood Empire Food Bank and is newly serving on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley.

Mr. Edwards is widely known for his hands-on approach to service, including improving and cleaning up our parks, organizing Sonoma's annual free Thanksgiving Day dinner for more than 20 years, and his efforts to rebuild the City of Paradise after it was destroyed by wildfires in 2017. His service also includes leadership roles with local Rotary clubs, support for youth and education programs, and assisting our community through food insecurity.

Mr. Edwards celebrates this honor alongside his wife, Ruth, his daughter, Madeline, and his son, Sullivan.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edwards' passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Sonoma community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize his invaluable contributions here today.

RECOGNIZING MS. ELIZABETH
OSWALD

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Ms. Elizabeth Oswald, a dedicated volunteer whose expertise, compassion, and tireless service have made a lasting impact on our community through her work at the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Over the past year, Ms. Oswald has brought more than 20 years of patient care experience to support the doctors and staff, ensuring that every patient receives attentive, knowledgeable, and compassionate care. Beyond her work in the clinic, she has been instrumental in expanding our small food bank, skillfully procuring items to meet immediate community needs and ensuring that no family goes without essential resources. Her dedication, insight, and proactive approach have strengthened both our clinic and the broader community it serves.

For her unwavering commitment, compassionate heart, and remarkable impact, I am proud to recognize Ms. Oswald as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional service, her expertise, and the lasting difference she has made in the lives of the patients and families she supports.

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NA-
TIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING
MONTH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize March as National Athletic Training Month and to honor the dedicated athletic trainers who serve our communities.

Athletic trainers play a vital role in keeping athletes and active individuals safe, healthy, and performing at their best. From preventing injuries to providing life-saving care in critical moments, these highly trained professionals are often the first line of defense in sports and physical activity settings.

In Pennsylvania alone, there are approximately 4,345 certified athletic trainers, each making a meaningful impact in schools, clinics, and communities across the Commonwealth. In Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I am proud to represent 146 members of the National Athletic Trainers Association, whose commitment to patient care strengthens our community every day.

During National Athletic Training Month, let us recognize and thank athletic trainers for their expertise, dedication, and service. Their work truly makes a difference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN R.
FORBES

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Forbes as he departs service to this body to assume the role of Clerk for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Over the course of his distinguished career spanning more than two decades, John has honorably served in the United States Air Force, the executive branch, and the legislative branch. As we mark the close of this chapter of John's service, I am pleased to honor his dedicated contributions as a professional staff member for the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense.

John began his career as an enlisted airman in the Air Force in August 2000, a formative experience that grounded him in the practical realities of the men and women our defense budgets are meant to serve. Over the following decade, John rose through the ranks and earned his commission as an officer, accumulating experience across multiple Air Force installations. He completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Troy University, and later earned a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

As his career progressed, John was selected as a Strategic Policy Fellow, serving at the Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division and the Defense Innovation Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He commanded the 27th Special Operations Comptroller Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, during which time he established the first-ever Air Force Special Operations Command wing innovation cell, garnering Small Business Innovation Research contracts to accelerate the application of emerging technology to the wing's mission. For this and his broader service, he was recognized as both the United States Air Force Comptroller of the Year and the United States Special Operations Command Comptroller of the Year.

John also served as a Politico-Military Planner for the Joint Staff's J-5 Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate, where he was the principal strategist and advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for twelve European allies and partners. Among many consequential assignments, he developed and coordinated the Chairman's foreign engagement plan in response to the threat of Russian incursion into Ukraine and Chinese influence in the region.

In March 2022, John transitioned to Capitol Hill, where he served as a professional staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense, where he oversaw Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the Army; Shipbuilding and Conversion for the Navy; and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

John joined the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense in January 2023, where

he had oversight responsibility of critical defense and intelligence community accounts, including Operation and Maintenance, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the United States Special Operations Command. John was essential in developing the first full-year continuing resolution for Defense in fiscal year 2025, as well as bringing the Subcommittee back to a resemblance of regular order in fiscal year 2026—both among the most challenging appropriations cycles in recent memory.

As John begins a new chapter in the Senate, I would be remiss if I did not reflect on the tremendous contribution he has made to the House Appropriations Committee and to our national security. John brings to every task an exceptional breadth of experience—the perspective of an enlisted airman, a commander, a strategist, a budget officer, and a legislative professional. His depth of knowledge, his professionalism, and his abiding commitment to the men and women of our armed forces have made him an invaluable member of the defense appropriations staff. I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending John Forbes for his extraordinary service to our country, and I wish him every success in his important new role.

HONORING THE CITY OF
ST. HELENA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of St. Helena on the sesquicentennial anniversary of its official establishment as a municipality, and to recognize its rich history, community spirit, and enduring role as the heart of the Napa Valley. This celebration honors the generations of residents, civic leaders, and organizations that have shaped the city's unique character, agricultural heritage, vibrant cultural identity, and forward-looking community values.

The City of St. Helena was officially incorporated on March 24, 1876, though its roots trace back to 1854, four years after California attained statehood. The city grew from an agricultural settlement to a lively hub for wine production and hospitality, centered around a strong and vibrant community. Before Euro-American settlement in the 1840s, the area was inhabited by the Wappo and indigenous people. A local Callajomanes triblet village called Annakotanoma or Anakonoma was also located nearby.

St. Helena is renown as a hospitality destination and was centered around the location on its western edge of the first hot springs resort in California. The wine industry in Napa Valley as we know it today was originally centered around the two major wineries that were established in St. Helena and thrive today—Beringer and Krug—whose founders were instrumental in the incorporation of the City. Like many municipalities in California, what began as a Board of Trustees elected annually evolved to a modern city council with a separately elected mayor and the compliment of staffing that enables a small municipality to serve its populace. For 150 years now, city managers, mayors, and councilmembers have

paved the way for volunteerism and community-driven projects through the city that reflect the values of stewardship and collaboration within our local community.

The City of St. Helena is home to a strong public education system with its own St. Helena Unified School District and values education as a cornerstone of community success with a long-standing tradition of supporting life-long learning through its public library. Our public library was originally established with the help of Andrew Carnegie after he—like many others before and since—visited and were impressed by both the natural beauty of the Napa Valley and the energy found in the local community of St. Helena.

Mr. Speaker, the City of St. Helena has had a profound impact on our community and our community on the city. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the city's sesquicentennial anniversary here today as they celebrate this milestone.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT
JACOBSEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Mr. Robert Jacobsen, a dedicated volunteer whose generosity, ingenuity, and tireless commitment have made a profound impact on our community through his work with the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Robert is consistently among one of the clinic's most valuable volunteers, ensuring that every patient's needs—whether food, clothing, shoes, or medical equipment—are met. Together with his wife, he approaches every challenge with determination and care, leaving no need unmet. Beyond direct assistance to patients, Robert is a fundraiser extraordinaire, tirelessly advocating for the clinic, its patients, and its food bank, securing resources that sustain and strengthen our community.

For his unwavering dedication, compassionate heart, and remarkable impact, I am proud to recognize Mr. Jacobsen as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his selfless service, extraordinary commitment, and the lasting difference he has made in the lives of countless patients and families.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
COMMANDER BRADLEY LILE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable career and dedicated service of Commander Bradley Lile of the Kingsville Police Department.

A native Texan, Commander Lile has committed his life to serving and protecting our community. He is a proud veteran of the United States Army and has served in the Army National Guard and the Texas State

Guard. Since joining the Kingsville Police Department in 1997, Commander Lile has demonstrated strong leadership and an unwavering commitment to public service.

Throughout his tenure, Commander Lile has served with distinction in numerous positions, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Corporal, Patrol Corporal, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Communications Sergeant, Patrol Division Commander, Interim Police Chief, and his current role as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. In addition, he has taken on critical assignments such as Field Training Officer Coordinator, Crime Stoppers Coordinator, and Public Information Officer.

Commander Lile's expertise is also highlighted by his multiple certifications through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, including Master Peace Officer, Instructor, SFST Instructor, Court Security Officer, and Sexual Assault and Family Violence certifications. Commander Lile is also a certified Latent Print Examiner and is qualified to testify on fingerprint evidence in the 79th and 105th District Courts.

Through his multitude of experiences, Commander Lile has displayed a strong passion for public service and a clear understanding of what it means to serve and strengthen our community. It is an honor to represent exemplary citizens such as Commander Lile whose dedication, leadership, and integrity have made a lasting impact on those he serves. Our community has been made better because of his service.

Mr. Speaker, our community extends its deepest gratitude to Commander Lile for his courage, integrity, and the personal sacrifices he made in service of our community. He is a source of pride and inspiration for all South Texans, and I am honored to recognize his outstanding contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97, and YEA on Roll Call No. 98.

HONORING VORIS BRUMFIELD
REED

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Voris Brumfield Reed. I have named Mrs. Brumfield Reed as the California 4th District's Woman of the Year for Lake County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed was born in San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from Chapel Hill School for Girls in Waltham, Massachusetts,

she went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Denver. She completed her post graduate studies at the Arizona State University, Flagstaff and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed served as a lay pastor at both Middletown Community United Church and Kelseyville United Methodist Church. She worked to establish a weekly meal program and served as the president of Lake County Church Women's United. Mrs. Brumfield Reed also served as a past member of the Lake County Board of Supervisors and a past Trustee of the Middletown Unified School District. Through her position as the Lake County Geothermal Coordinator, she promoted underground utilities in Middletown and Lower Lake, wastewater collection in Middletown and Anderson Springs, and wrote the grants for the creation of the Anderson Springs Water System.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed's community involvement goes beyond her participation in government. She is a co-creator and co-founder of both the Gibson Museum and Cultural Center, and the Anderson Springs Community Service District, as well as the past President of the Anderson Springs Community Alliance and the Lake County Historical Society. She has also been involved in several community organizations including the Ladies of the Lake, Sistas of Lake County, Oro Fino Rebekah Lodge, and Middletown Lioness.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed is married to Stanley H. Reed, and has four children with her late husband, Richard Brumfield: Rick, Randy, Khristan, and Star Brumfield.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Brumfield Reed's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Lake County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

RECOGNIZING FRANCIS "FRANK" ANDROSKI, ROY GRENAWALT, AND HANS DERKATSCH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of three remarkable veterans in my district: Francis "Frank" Androski, retired United States Air Force; Roy Grenawalt, retired United States Army; and Hans Derkatsch, retired United States Army. These men have taken the values they learned in military service—discipline, dedication, and a commitment to others—and applied them to serving their community in meaningful ways.

Through their work with Friends Grief Services, they provide programs and resources to people of all ages who have experienced loss and grief. Frank faithfully picks up and delivers mail, ensuring the organization's daily operations run smoothly. Hans brings healing and wellness to the community by teaching beginner yoga classes, helping participants find balance and peace during difficult times. All three gentlemen serve on the Advisory Board, con-

tributing to planning activities and supporting fundraising efforts to expand the reach of Friends Grief Services.

But their greatest accomplishment is the compassion, support, and guidance they provide to those navigating loss. Their dedication embodies the mission of Friends Grief Services, and it is why they are affectionately known as the "Wise Men of Friends" Support Groups. I am grateful for their service—not only to our country, but also to our community. Their example reminds us that leadership, selflessness, and care for others continue long after military service ends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their unwavering commitment to serving others and supporting the mission of Friends Grief Services. For their extraordinary generosity and dedication, I am proud to recognize Francis Androski, Roy Grenawalt, and Hans Derkatsch as 2026 Heroes Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. They are truly an inspiration, and I am grateful for their efforts.

HONORING COLONEL CHRISTOPHER COOK

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Christopher Cook for his exemplary service, steadfast leadership, and enduring commitment to our Nation throughout a distinguished career in the United States Army.

Colonel Cook was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from The Citadel in May 2000 and earned his Army Aviator designation at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in May 2001. From the outset of his career, he demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and a commitment to excellence that would define his decades of service.

From February 2002 to December 2006, Colonel Cook served with C Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During this time, he held numerous key leadership roles, including AH-64D Apache Longbow Scout Platoon Leader, Class III/V Platoon Leader, Assistant Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Adjutant, and Battalion Rear Detachment Commander. His leadership during this formative period laid a strong foundation for future operational success.

From August 2007 through June 2014, Colonel Cook served with the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. As a proud Night Stalker, he held positions of increasing responsibility, including Platoon Leader and Operations Officer for B Company, 2nd Battalion; Company Commander for A Company, 2nd Battalion; Battalion Operations Officer; and Battalion Executive Officer. During this time, he deployed globally in support of critical missions as a Fully Mission Qualified MH-47G Chinook Pilot in Command, Air Mission Commander, Army Special Operations Aviation Operations Officer, and Task Force Commander.

Colonel Cook continued his distinguished service from June 2014 to June 2016 as the G-3X, Chief of Sensitive Activities for the United States Army Special Operations Aviation Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later served from July 2016 to May 2018 as the J-31 Air Division Rotary Wing Operations Officer at United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

From June 2018 to June 2019, Colonel Cook commanded the 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, Joint Task Force—Bravo, in Soto Cano, Honduras. He subsequently commanded the Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from July 2019 to July 2021. From July 2021 to July 2023, he served as Director of Security Cooperation for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Advisory Directorate. His final assignment was Deputy Commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), where he continued to exemplify the highest standards of leadership and service.

Throughout his career, Colonel Cook deployed multiple times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel. He is a highly accomplished aviator, qualified in the OH-58A/C, AH-64A, AH-64D, CH-47D, CH-47F, MH-47G, and MH-6M aircraft.

Colonel Cook is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Citadel and a Master of Science in Organizational Communication from Murray State University.

His numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal with "V" Device and Air Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; Army Superior Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation; and Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. He is also authorized to wear the Master Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Combat Action Badge. In addition, he has earned several prestigious foreign awards, including the Chilean, German (Silver), Brazilian, and British Parachutist Badges, and has been recognized by the Army Aviation Association of America with both the Bronze and Silver Orders of Saint Michael.

Beyond his remarkable military accomplishments, Colonel Cook is a devoted husband to his wife, Lisa, and a proud father to their two children, Kaitlyn and Collin.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Chris Cook's career reflects the very best of the United States Army: courage, professionalism, and selfless service. His contributions to our national security and his unwavering dedication to mission and country deserve our highest recognition.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Chris Cook for his extraordinary service and in wishing him and his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MAZON'S "NO ONE DESERVES TO GO HUNGRY" CAMPAIGN

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, the list of the Trump administration's reckless attacks on SNAP, our country's largest and most efficient anti-hunger program, is miles long:

Taking food assistance away from 4 million Americans, illegally demanding SNAP participants' personal data, spreading misinformation about SNAP and fraud, failing to uphold their duties to states and program beneficiaries, eliminating 30 percent of USDA staff, haphazardly eliminating and relocating many regional offices and more.

Today, in response to these attacks, MAZON delivered more than 47,000 postcards to USDA. These postcards flooding USDA send a clear message: that no one deserves to go hungry and SNAP must be protected, not cut.

The more than 47,000 handwritten postcards MAZON delivered today also represent the more than 47 million Americans that are facing financial instability and aren't sure where their next meal will come from.

They are an expression of concern and outrage over the state of hunger in America and the need to take positive action to address it—not exacerbate it, as Republicans in Congress and the White House have chosen to do over the past year.

These postcards were sent from people's homes, synagogues, schools, community organizations, and nonprofits; some even hosted postcard writing parties where they invited their loved ones to take part in communal action with them.

It is an important reminder of what can happen when we refuse to lose hope. A reminder that we should continue challenging politicians who say that America can't afford to feed its people.

My hope is that these postcards refocus this administration on the things that matter. I hope that they remind the Secretary of her duty to carry out SNAP in good faith and as it was intended: to provide for the basic nutritional needs of the American people; to provide a hand up at a time when so many need help affording groceries, rent, utilities and childcare.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID HERNDON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Dr. David Herndon, a skilled Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine whose generosity and expertise benefit our community through the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Dr. Herndon volunteers his time each Friday during his lunch hour, offering care with both remarkable skill and genuine compassion. A brilliant diagnostician and dedicated practitioner, he combines medical expertise, re-

search knowledge, and heartfelt concern to make a meaningful difference in the lives of his patients. His commitment ensures that our seniors receive not only expert care, but also dignity, reassurance, and hope.

For his enduring dedication, compassionate heart, and profound impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Dr. Herndon as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the lasting, positive influence he has had on the lives of countless residents.

HONORING MARISA ALCORTA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marisa Alcorta. I have named Mrs. Alcorta as the California 4th Congressional District's Woman of the Year for Yolo County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Services.

Mrs. Alcorta was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences, with a focus on Sustainable Agriculture and International Development from Cornell University. Mrs. Alcorta went on to receive her Master of Science in Horticulture and Agronomy. Marisa is also a Fellow of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, a highly selective statewide program that brings together agricultural leaders to deepen their understanding of public policy, leadership, and the challenges and opportunities shaping California agriculture.

Marisa Alcorta has played a leading role in strengthening agricultural education and workforce development in Yolo County. At the Center for Land-Based Learning, she developed and expanded programs that prepare agricultural employees for leadership and management roles on farms and ranches. She designed the AgHiRE workforce development program, which equips experienced Spanish-speaking agricultural employees with the communication and supervisory skills needed to advance in their careers. She also founded California's first registered agricultural apprenticeship program, creating a structured pathway for aspiring farm managers to gain hands-on training and formal recognition of their skills. Through these initiatives, she has helped build stronger career pathways while supporting the long-term succession of farms and agricultural businesses in the region.

Within our community, Marisa actively contributes to broader efforts that support farmers and agricultural communities throughout California. She serves on the Board of Directors of California FarmLink and has previously served as Chair of the Board, helping guide the organization's strategic direction and expansion of programs that support family farmers and improve access to land and capital. She also serves on the Farm Advisory Council for the California Climate and Agriculture Network, contributing agricultural practitioner perspectives to statewide policy conversations on climate resilience and sustainable agriculture.

Today, Mrs. Alcorta and her husband, Paul Underhill, live and farm in Yolo County. They maintain a close connection to the agricultural community as co-owners of an organic farming operation in the Winters area.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Alcorta's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Yolo County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

HONORING LESLIE LEW

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie Lew. I have named Ms. Lew as the California 4th Congressional District's Woman of the Year for Napa County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Services.

Ms. Lew was born in Los Angeles. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the University of California, Davis.

Ms. Lew is a Planned Parenthood champion with years of advocacy experience across multiple roles in our community. She has served as Chair of the Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, Vice Chair of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC), Co-Chair of the PPAC Legislative Workgroup, and Chair of the Planned Parenthood Northern California Audit Committee. Ms. Lew has been a long-time defender of justice and quality of life for everyone in our community.

Ms. Lew also works with political organizations and candidates to advocate for positive outcomes in our community. She is a member of the Napa County Democratic Central Committee and an elected delegate to the California Democratic Party. She has worked tirelessly to knock doors, make calls, and send texts for democratic candidates across the country. Ms. Lew organized Napa's first postcarding group with RiseUpNapa in 2018. She has also hosted and volunteered at numerous fundraisers for various causes and candidates.

Ms. Lew has helped our community with wildfire recovery by creating a shaded fuel break for fire resilience along a key ridgeline between Napa and Sonoma Counties. She is on the steering committee for the Napa County Prescribed Burn Association, and a member of the Good Fire Alliance and the Lake County Ecocultural Fire Crew.

Beyond her incredible work, Ms. Lew is a lifelong naturalist and outdoor adventurer. She lives with her husband, Tom Farella, and her children, Daisy and Gabe Farella.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Lew's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Napa County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

HONORING SHERIFF ROSANA
"ROSIE" CORDERO-STUTZ

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize and honor Rosanna "Rosie" Cordero-Stutz, who made history on January 7, 2025, when she was sworn in as the first female sheriff of Miami-Dade County and Florida's first Hispanic woman Sheriff. Her historic appointment coincided with a significant milestone in the county's public safety history—the transition of the Miami-Dade Police Department back into the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office for the first time in nearly sixty years.

Sheriff Cordero-Stutz has dedicated more than three decades to law enforcement and public service, building an exemplary career defined by leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to safety. Since joining the then Department in 1996, she has served her community without interruption, rising through the ranks.

By 2024, she was entrusted with command of Investigative Services, directing divisions responsible for criminal investigations, government affairs, and forensic services, while also serving as acting assistant director overseeing police services for multiple districts and specialized operations.

Beyond her operational leadership, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz has been deeply engaged in professional organizations and community initiatives. She has served on the legislative committee for the Major County Sheriffs of America and has been a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Review Council, appointed by President Donald J. Trump. She has also worked closely with organizations dedicated to strengthening local relationships and preventing violence.

Today, as the chief law enforcement officer of Miami-Dade County, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz's priorities remain clear: ensuring the safety and security of residents and visitors while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and respect within the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office. Her leadership ensures that the county continues to be a place where families feel safe, visitors feel welcome, and businesses can prosper.

Beyond the badge, Sheriff Cordero-Stutz is grounded by her deep commitment to family. Alongside her husband, Kurt—a retired Miami-Dade police officer—and their son, Evan, she exemplifies the strength and sacrifice of a law enforcement family, balancing the heavy mantle of public safety with the grace of a devoted wife and mother.

It is therefore fitting that we recognize Sheriff Rosanna "Rosie" Cordero-Stutz for her groundbreaking achievements, her decades of distinguished service, and her continued dedication to the people of Miami-Dade County. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her remarkable career and her steadfast commitment to protecting and serving her community.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRIS MATTEY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Dr. Chris Matthey, a dedicated physician whose expertise and compassion benefit our community through her volunteer work at the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Dr. Matthey volunteers every Tuesday, providing critical care to our Spanish-speaking population and ensuring they receive accurate, culturally competent primary care. A specialist in senior care, she combines deep medical knowledge with a humanitarian spirit, bringing both expertise and empathy to every patient she serves. Her dedication and thoughtful approach ensure that seniors in our community receive not only excellent medical care, but also dignity, reassurance, and hope.

For her selfless dedication, unwavering compassion, and profound impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Dr. Matthey as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional commitment, her remarkable skill, and the lasting, positive influence she has had on the lives of countless residents.

HONORING MARICARMEN REYES
LARIOS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maricarmen Reyes Larios. I have named Ms. Reyes Larios as the California 4th Congressional District's Woman of the Year for Sonoma County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Services.

Ms. Reyes Larios was born in Sonoma, California, to Mexican immigrant parents, Francisco Reyes Torres and Maria Larios Abrica. She earned her bachelor's degree in Chicano and Latino Studies from Sonoma State University in 2005. Later, Maricarmen completed a Community Health Worker Certificate at City College of San Francisco in 2025.

Ms. Reyes Larios has dedicated her life to suicide prevention following the tragic passing of her nephew in 2021 and currently serves as a mentor and tutor to further assist the youth of our valley. She is a member of the Sonoma County Suicide Prevention Coalition and works as the Outreach and Event Coordinator at Sonoma Valley Community Health Center. She also serves in several community leadership roles, including Board Member for KSVY Sonoma TV, Board Member for RISK Sonoma, and Board Member for the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation. She also chairs Sonoma County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) and the Springs Municipal Advisory Council, contributes to the Sonoma Valley Catalyst Fund Grants Committee, and is an active member of the Líderes

Campesinas Sonoma Chapter, and the Sonoma County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Within our community, Ms. Reyes Larios is known for her empathy, integrity, and deep commitment to community well-being. She leads with compassion and cultural humility, creating spaces where people feel seen, respected, and supported. Rooted in her heritage and driven by service, she is a collaborative leader who uplifts others, builds strong relationships, and inspires collective action across Sonoma Valley.

Ms. Reyes Larios was selected as the Grand Marshal of the 2022 Sonoma 4th of July Parade by the Sonoma Valley Fire Department. In 2023, she received the Puente y Ganas Award from Los Cien for her leadership and community impact. She was honored with the Louis Petreka Legacy Award in 2026 by the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management, and in that same year was named Woman of the Year for Assembly District 4 by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Reyes Larios' passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Sonoma County community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

HONORING THE PETOSKEY HIGH
SCHOOL STEEL DRUM BAND

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Petoskey High School Steel Drum Band on being selected to represent Michigan in the "Salute to Independence 250th-USA Celebration Parade," commemorating America's Semiquincentennial Anniversary. This remarkable and well-deserved accomplishment reflects the band's commitment to excellence, their dedication to one another, and the steadfast support of their community.

For the last 30 years, the Petoskey Steel Drum Band has entertained communities across Northern Michigan and has frequently performed in Chicago and New Orleans. Founded by Petoskey Band Director, Barry Bennett, this 40-piece ensemble goes beyond traditional Caribbean steel drum music by thoughtfully blending this genre with a wide range of contemporary and familiar favorites, from the Zac Brown Band and Jimmy Buffett to classic Christmas carols.

On July 3, 2026, the band will march along a 2.4-mile parade route that passes directly in front of and through the very streets walked by our Founding Fathers 250 years ago. Immediately following the parade, in a true testament to their gratitude and commitment to their hometown, the band will board their motor coaches and begin the journey back to Petoskey so they may perform in their own community's Fourth of July parade the following evening at 6 p.m. In an extraordinary act of leadership and generosity, Duane Willson, Director of Bands for Public Schools of Petoskey, has committed to fully funding the trip. Currently working to raise the \$80,000 needed to make the experience possible, his

effort will ensure that every student has the opportunity to take part in this historic celebration of our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Petoskey High School Steel Drum Band on being selected to represent Michigan in the "Salute to Independence 250th-USA Celebration Parade." I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students, their director, the families, and the entire Petoskey community. May they travel safely, perform proudly, and continue to represent Michigan with excellence, integrity, and patriotism.

RECOGNIZING MS. WANDA
ROSIGNOL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Wanda Rosignol, for her tireless service to our community. Wanda has been an invaluable volunteer at the Pregnancy & Family Life Center (PFLC) of Citrus County since 2022, donating over 1,340 hours in the food pantry, clothing

distribution, and infant/child care program. Wanda is a team-oriented volunteer who finds real purpose in helping women through pregnancy and motherhood. She works alongside Lisa Wright and others to package and deliver food to clients, personally escorting rolling carts of groceries and clothing items to clients' cars. She also oversees the busy donation bin, often filled to overflowing, sorting items and setting aside the best quality donations for clients. In 2025, the Center distributed 9,300 infant and children's clothing items and more than 4,000 personal care items under her care.

Together, with two other exceptional volunteers, Judy and Lisa, Wanda embodies the heart of the PFLC mission—compassion, service, and unwavering support for women and families. Their dedication ensures that every client who walks through the door receives not only essential resources but also dignity, hope, and encouragement for the future.

For their enduring dedication, compassionate hearts, and profound impact on their community, I am honored to recognize Ms. Wanda Rosignol as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her unwavering commitment, selfless leadership, and the profound, lasting impact she has made on our community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.