

from Harker Heights High School, where he formed lasting friendships and continued to develop an interest in aviation. His early enthusiasm for flying, along with the dedication and determination he demonstrated throughout his life, helped shape the path that would eventually lead him to military service.

Beyond his military service, Mr. Olmstead will be remembered for the love and joy he brought to those around him. W.O. Olmstead was deeply devoted to his wife, Lauren, and cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

Warrant Officer 1 Seth Logan Olmstead demonstrated dedication to his country and those he loved. On behalf of a grateful community, I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, and I honor his life, service, and enduring legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NVMS CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the NVMS Conflict Resolution Center as it celebrates its 35th anniversary of service to Fairfax County and communities throughout Northern Virginia.

For 3.5 decades, NVMS has helped individuals, families, workplaces, organizations, and communities navigate conflict through dialogue, understanding, and constructive problem-solving. Originally known as the Northern Virginia Mediation Service, NVMS grew from a student initiative at George Mason University and became a nonprofit organization in 1990.

Since then, NVMS has grown into an important community resource, providing mediation in civil, family, workplace, community, and commercial matters, as well as facilitation, restorative justice services, and conflict resolution training. Through this work, NVMS has helped thousands of our neighbors find common ground and resolve disagreements in ways that strengthen relationships and communities.

The work of conflict resolution is often quiet work. It requires patience, empathy, careful listening, and a willingness to bring people together even when finding common ground seems difficult. Those values are essential to a strong and connected community, and NVMS has spent 35 years putting them into practice here in Northern Virginia.

NVMS has also made an enduring investment in the people who carry this work forward. By training mediators, facilitators, community leaders, and other professionals in the skills necessary to address conflict constructively, the organization has extended its impact far beyond the cases and conversations it directly supports. Those individuals bring the lessons of collaboration, communication, and mutual respect into workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, and organizations throughout our region.

This anniversary is also an opportunity to recognize the many people who have sustained NVMS over the past 35 years. Its staff, board members, volunteers, mediators, community partners, and supporters have each

played a role in building an organization dedicated to helping our neighbors work through differences and build stronger relationships. Their commitment reflects the spirit of service and civic engagement that makes Fairfax County such a special place to live and work. As the Representative for Virginia's 11th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize an organization that has made such a lasting contribution to the community we call home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the staff, mediators, volunteers, board members, partners, and supporters of the NVMS Conflict Resolution Center on 35 years of service and in wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING LOUIS "LOUIE" KRUPA ON BECOMING A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL UMPIRE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis "Louie" Krupa of Sault Ste. Marie and Rudyard, Michigan, on achieving a lifelong dream of becoming a Major League Baseball umpire. Louie's journey to the Major Leagues was not a stroke of luck, but rather a testament to the power of perseverance, dedication, and a passion for the game of baseball.

Louie developed his love for umpiring early, working his first Little League game when he was just 12 years old. But even before stepping onto the diamond, friends and family recall that when attending baseball games, Louie's attention often drifted from the players to the men behind the plate and scattered across the field. That fascination grew into a calling. He enrolled in umpire school in 2014, and while a professional opportunity did not immediately follow, he refused to walk away. He returned in 2015, determined to earn his place in professional baseball, and this time, his perseverance paid off.

Louie worked his first professional game in the Gulf Coast League in the summer of 2015, launching a career defined by steady advancement and hard-earned respect. He moved through the New York-Penn League in 2016, the Midwest League in 2017, and the Florida State League in 2018 and 2019. In August of 2019, he earned a well-deserved promotion to Double-A and an assignment to the Eastern League.

Following the cancellation of the 2020 Minor League season due to COVID-19, Louie returned to the Eastern League in 2021 and was named a crew chief in 2022. In 2023, he reached Triple-A, where he has continued to officiate games across the country. In 2024 and 2025, Louie was selected to work the Arizona Fall League, an important step for umpires pursuing opportunities in the Major Leagues.

Louie's hard work reached its ultimate reward in 2026 when he was invited to Major League Spring Training for the second consecutive year and received his Major League uniform number, No. 27. On April 24, 2026, he made his Major League debut behind the plate for the Colorado Rockies at the New York Mets. Since then, he has continued working both Major League and Triple-A games.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in congratulating Louie Krupa on reaching the Major Leagues. I wish him continued success as he begins this exciting new chapter of his career.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTRA COSTA SENIOR LEGAL SERVICES

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Contra Costa Senior Legal Services (CCSLs) as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Since 1976, CCSLS has worked tirelessly to improve quality of life and provide accessible legal assistance, advocacy, and education for Contra Costa's seniors.

CCSLs has demonstrated their steadfast commitment to serving vulnerable populations in our community. Around 1,000 clients per year receive guidance with issues that adversely affect the lives of seniors. By providing legal advice, advocacy, educational resources, and representation with tenants' rights, consumer protection, simple wills, and public benefits issues, CCSLS has successfully protected their clients from physical, financial, and emotional abuse. From helping clients stay in their homes to navigating Social Security benefits, CCSLS has shown their dedication to providing accessible support to our community's seniors.

They also work to educate our community members through local outreach events, providing seniors with the tools necessary to recognize identity theft scams or signs of elder abuse—ensuring assets are safeguarded and legal remedies are sought. County-wide, CCSLS' free legal clinics are staffed by pro-bono attorneys who provide information and advice on general legal issues. As a result, they have helped their clients avoid eviction, fight against unsafe housing, legally grant Power of Attorney, appeal Social Security denials, and file restraining orders against those who commit elder abuse. Last year alone, CCSLS helped recover over \$190,000 for Contra Costa's seniors, provided 530 hours of pro-bono service, and hosted 106 free legal clinics. CCSLS' work has touched the lives of thousands of Contra Costa residents, and they have had a profound impact in our community.

Please join me in honoring Contra Costa Senior Legal Services for their critical work and in celebrating their 50th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LYNETTE VILLANO

HON. ROBERT P. BRESNAHAN, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lynette Villano, a cherished member of the Luzerne County community and lifelong northeastern Pennsylvanian who passed away last month.

Lynette was born in Wilkes-Barre and spent the majority of her life in West Pittston, where she was an avid member of the community.

From the West Pittston Community Pool to West Pittston Little League to local volunteering and fundraising, Lynette was known and loved by many for her loyalty. She was also incredibly involved in the political community, serving as the first female chair of the Luzerne County Republican Committee. You could not be involved in NEPA politics without knowing Lynette.

Lynette fought a courageous battle with breast cancer and will be remembered for her strength and kindness. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, the West Pittston community, and all who she knew throughout Luzerne County.

RECOGNIZING FLOOD MINISTRIES

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Flood Ministries on its 20th anniversary and to honor years of steadfast service to the most underserved members of the Kern County community.

In 2006, dedicated volunteers from The Bridge Bible Church gathered to establish Flood Ministries under the belief that every person experiencing homelessness should be treated with dignity and respect. For the past 20 years, Flood has put that belief into action, providing quality care and support to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Through several key partnerships, Flood has expanded its reach throughout Bakersfield and Kern County. Working with the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative and the Housing Authority of the County of Kern, it has provided personalized case management and housing services for homeless individuals struggling with severe mental and physical health challenges. Flood has also partnered with Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the County of Kern, Kern Health Systems, and the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative to establish Navigation Centers throughout the Central Valley. These centers offer dedicated housing support that helps individuals find and transition into permanent homes. Flood also works with local leaders and first responders to connect people in need with critical services.

For two decades, Flood has taken a hands-on approach to addressing homelessness. Its Welcome Home project provides vital household items to help turn empty spaces into safe and dignified homes, while its mobile and fixed shower services provide an important resource for people in need. These efforts, strengthened by Flood's partnerships throughout the community, have helped maintain a 90 percent longterm housing retention rate. Today, Flood is focused on early intervention through its Bakersfield and Rural Youth Homeless Demonstration Programs, providing personalized care to vulnerable young adults and stopping chronic homelessness before it takes root.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Flood Ministries on 20 years of dedicated service to the people of Kern County and in wishing it continued success for years to come.

HONORING ADDIE L. GREENE

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Addie L. Greene, a trailblazing public servant whose decades of leadership have left a lasting mark on Palm Beach County and the State of Florida. Addie and I had the privilege of serving side-by-side in the Florida Legislature, and I saw firsthand her strength, integrity, and deep commitment to the people she represented.

A dedicated educator before entering public office, Addie began her political career in Mangonia Park, where she served on the Town Council and became the town's first African American woman mayor. In 1992, she made history as the first Black person from Palm Beach County elected to the Florida Legislature, serving four terms in the Florida House of Representatives.

She continued her distinguished public service as a member of the Palm Beach County Commission from 2000 to 2009, including service as Chair. Throughout her career, Addie has been a steadfast advocate for working families, underserved communities, and greater opportunity and representation for all.

Addie Greene did more than make history—she opened doors and brought others through them. I am proud to call her my friend, and even prouder to have served alongside her. I thank Addie for her extraordinary lifetime of public service and for all she has done to make Palm Beach County a stronger, fairer, and more inclusive community.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY WINE ALLIANCE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Wine Alliance for their 25 years of service to our community.

The Lake County Wine Alliance is a cooperative composed of Lake County wineries, winegrape growers, vineyard owners, related businesses, and community supporters. Formed in 2000, the Lake County Wine Alliance is a nonprofit organization operated under the guidance of a seven-member volunteer board of directors with the purpose of supporting charitable and other local programs. Each year, the Lake County Wine Auction donates its proceeds to local organizations and charities whose activities are in keeping with the Alliance's charter.

The Lake County Wine Alliance is a cornerstone of philanthropy in Lake County, providing sustained support for youth education, arts, agriculture, and community well-being. They have raised over three million dollars in support of Lake County nonprofits. Their beneficiaries include local organizations such as all five Lake County High Schools Fine Arts and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs, several local culinary programs, Lake County

4-H, Lake County Rural Arts Initiative, World Wide Healing Hands, Friends of the Lake County Library, and the Clearlake Senior Center.

The Lake County Wine Alliance has grown thanks to the leadership of President Kaj Ahlmann, Vice President Marie Beery, Treasurer Robert Rouniguiere, Secretary Beth Havarilla, and Directors Weston Seifert, Angie Shannon, and Raven Sprauge.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Lake County Wine Alliance for their dedicated service to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today for their 25th anniversary.

HONORING DR. L.G. PINKSTON SR. HIGH SCHOOL ON ACHIEVING AN A RATING BY THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the students, faculty, families, and entire community of Dr. L.G. Pinkston Sr. High School in Dallas, Texas, on achieving an A rating from the Texas Education Agency.

This historic achievement is the result of years of steady growth, hard work, and a sustained commitment to excellence. In just 3 years, Pinkston has risen from a D rating in 2023 to a C, then a B, and now an A rating—demonstrating what can happen when students, educators, families, and a community remain committed to progress.

The Texas Education Agency also recognized Pinkston for student progress, social studies performance, and its work helping all student groups succeed. These accomplishments reflect not simply a single year's performance, but the dedication and consistency of a school community determined to ensure that every student has every opportunity to succeed.

Pinkston is preparing its students for success well beyond high school. The school offers college and career pathways that include NAF academies, career and technical education programs, technology and healthcare pathways, and early-college opportunities. Through its H-TECH healthcare pathway, students can work toward an associate degree alongside their high school diplomas.

This achievement is also a testament to the leadership and vision of Principal Tameca Ward, the teachers, and staff who support students every day, and the families and community members who continue to believe in the promise of Pinkston's students.

For generations, Dr. L.G. Pinkston Sr. High School has been an important part of Dallas' West Side. Today, the Pinkston Vikings are building on that legacy and showing what is possible through perseverance, high expectations, opportunity, and community.

I congratulate the students, faculty, staff, families, and community of Dr. L.G. Pinkston Sr. High School on this historic A rating. Their achievement is a source of pride for Dallas, and I look forward to seeing all that the Pinkston community will accomplish in the years ahead.