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.