

The town is proudly known for serving as the gateway city to Cumberland Island, Georgia's largest barrier island and home to famous architecture consisting of the Dunghness Ruins and the Greyfield Inn mansion.

St. Marys is recognized for its beautiful downtown oak-lined streets draped in Spanish moss, 19th century churches, and grand historic homes showcasing classic southern design.

Some of the notable architecture in the community consist of Orange Hall, an 1830 Greek Revival Mansion and the first Presbyterian Church, which houses a bell cast by Paul Revere's foundry. It is a great honor to represent the town of St. Marys, and I could not be prouder of the rich history this place holds.

HONORING EDWARD J. BRAYNON,
JR.

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Edward J. Braynon, Jr., a dedicated community-servant, civil rights activist, role model, and mentor. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, Dr. Braynon has been a loyal and faithful member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for 68 years and has served as Basileus of Sigma Alpha Chapter, Florida's State Representative, First Vice Seventh Representative (Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi), Seventh District Representative, First Vice Grand Basileus, and Grand Basileus, and

Whereas, Dr. Braynon's leadership, vision, and integrity have played a vital role in building, binding, and strengthening Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Alpha Chapter. He is credited with remaining steadfast to enhancing and promoting the organization's principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, and

Whereas, Dr. Braynon as Grand Basileus of Sigma Alpha Chapter played a key role in a massive "Get Out The Vote," initiative where Omega chapters around the country were actively involved and helped win Jimmy Carter the Presidency with the largest Back vote in history and landed Dr. Braynon an invitation along with several other Black leaders to a "White-House Luncheon," and

Whereas, Dr. Braynon touched and impacted the lives of countless young men as a mentor with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and won the admiration and respect of our community for his activism and community service, and

Whereas, Dr. Braynon used his dental skills to meet the needs of our community, served as a member of the Dental Society providing leadership and guidance to new generations of dental professionals, and was a member of numerous civic and community organizations dedicated to the betterment of the quality of life for South Floridians, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FedERICA S. Wilson, a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am proud to recognize and honor Dr. Edward J. Braynon, Jr., for his unwavering commitment to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,

Inc., community service, our youth, and his profession.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL KEVIN D. ADMIRAL

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General Kevin D. Admiral on his nomination to serve as the next Commanding General of United States Army Europe-Africa, Allied Land Command, NATO, Germany.

For the people of Central Texas, Lt. Gen. Admiral's departure is especially significant. He first served as the Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Division and later as the Commanding General of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, where he oversaw one of the Army's premier armored formations.

Throughout his tenure, Lt. Gen. Admiral made readiness and taking care of people central to his leadership, emphasizing a combat-ready force while ensuring soldiers, civilians, and families had the support they needed. He also strengthened Fort Hood's relationship with communities throughout Central Texas, recognizing the installation's importance not only to our military but to the entire region. His professionalism, accessibility, and commitment to mission success have left a lasting impression, and his leadership will be greatly missed.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working closely with Lt. Gen. Admiral during his time at Fort Hood, and I can attest that the pride he took in building a ready force there was matched only by his humility in leading it. That same standard of excellence did not go unnoticed in Washington. The job he and his soldiers did at Fort Hood helped bring him to the attention of Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, paving the way for his new mission leading U.S. Army Europe-Africa. It has been an honor to call him a friend and a partner in service to Central Texas.

On behalf of the people of Texas' 31st Congressional District, I thank Lt. Gen. Admiral for his distinguished service to Fort Hood, Central Texas, and our Nation. I congratulate him on this well-deserved opportunity and wish him, his family, and the soldiers under his command continued success in this important new assignment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SCOTT HAGGERTY

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Scott Haggerty.

Scott served as an Alameda County Supervisor for 24 years. First elected to represent District 1 in 1996, he worked tirelessly on behalf of working families, championed transportation initiatives, and supported vulnerable populations within the community.

During his tenure in public service, Scott drove many initiatives that improved the lives and wellbeing of his constituents. Transportation was often at the forefront of these initiatives. He spearheaded the Valley Link Rail Project, a planned zero-emission passenger rail system linking the Dublin BART station and the Mountain House community in San Joaquin County. As a leader on the Alameda County Transportation Commission and Metropolitan Transportation Commission, he oversaw key transit ventures such as the BART extension to Warm Springs, carpool and express lanes on Interstate 580, and the Highway 84 Expressway. Because of his efforts, Scott was named the California Transportation Foundation's Person of the Year in 2020.

Scott was also a proponent of renewable energy. In 2021, the Scott Haggerty Wind Energy Center brought energy to more than 45,000 homes through 23 new wind turbines in Altamont Pass.

Scott's leadership and service touched many lives in the community. Through his involvement with various non-profits, such as serving as a board member on Alameda County Meals on Wheels and chairing the Twin Valley District of the Boy Scouts of America, Scott worked diligently to serve his region. He was also involved in the creation of Goodness Village, which provides a safe and supportive community of tiny homes to previously unhoused individuals in the Tri-Valley.

Sadly, Scott passed away on July 5, 2026. Please join us in honoring Scott for his unwavering dedication to the community, his outstanding leadership, and his invaluable contributions to our region.

HONORING MARIE BEERY

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 Marie Beery, as she is recognized for her 25 years of extraordinary dedication and service to the Lake County Wine Alliance.

Marie was born in Indiana. She began her professional career as an Accounting Specialist with Kendall-Jackson Winery, where she met winemaker Jed Steele. Together, they founded Steele Winery, contributing significantly to the growth and recognition of our Lake County wine community. She later founded the Saw Shop Gallery & Bistro, cultivating it into one of Lake County's most beloved and successful dining establishments. Her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence helped elevate the region's culinary landscape.

Marie is a founding member of the Lake County Wine Alliance. Under Marie's leadership as Vice President, as well as her creativity and unwavering persistence, the Wine Alliance has raised over \$3.2 million for vital programs throughout Lake County, more than any other local nonprofit organization. All five Lake County high schools have collectively received over \$1 million from the Alliance, supporting Music, Theatre, and Art Departments, as well as Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Culinary Programs.

In addition to the Wine Alliance, she serves as the Treasurer for Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary Club, was a past treasurer of Kelseyville Business Association, and is also a Meals on Wheels delivery volunteer at the Kelseyville Senior Center. Marie is also a Rotary International Paul Harris Diamond Circle Member.

Marie is known for her generosity, reliability, and steadfast commitment to her community. She is always willing to lend a hand, step into leadership when needed, and bring people together to accomplish meaningful work. Her perseverance and community-minded spirit have made her an indispensable part of Lake County's philanthropic landscape.

Marie is one of five siblings and remains closely connected to her large extended family who still reside in Indiana. She is the mother of one daughter and another son and daughter from her past marriage to the late Jed Steele.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Marie Beery for her years of tireless dedication to our community and through the Lake County Wine Alliance. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C., on September 23, 2026, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 23 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude. I include in the RECORD their names:

Kenneth C. Allison, Dennis J. Archer, Robert C. Arthurs, Michael B. Bagby, Stephen H. Bailey, Dale T. Beeson, Gerald G. Bernatski, Craig Boss, Verne L. Brace, Henry F. Brill, Turhan P. Brown, Kenneth C. Butler, Richard Cadena, Glenn Cekus, Michael J. Celeski, Gary W. Clausen, Leonard M. Corso, Cloys I. Darnall, Alfred P. Davidson, Dick DeForte, Dan H. DeMass, Richard Doughty, Anthony Drobot, John R. Farrell, Larry D. Fikes, Edward Fisher, Gerald A. Frank, Joseph Gandurski, Gerald Gende, Leroy C. Gesbeck, III, Vanessa Gibbs, Michael Giera, Charles F. Gilbert, Paul E. Glombowski, John Gorby,

Richard M. Graham, Hiram Grau, Robert Groth, Robert J. Harrison, Lavern E. Hein, Richard J. Hejna, William G. Hendry, Terry Hillard, Thomas J. Hoover, Daniel W. Horton, William A. Jackson, Joseph Jedlovec, Jr., Rudolph Jennings, Laurence J. Jones, Burton L. Kline, Edward T. Knutsen, James D. Kunitzer, James M. Kush, Dennis J. Lake, Richard Lebeter, William Leider, Robert J. Lenhart, Jr., Steven Leshner, Harry Lopez, Henry Mazich, Walter H. McBride, III, Thomas McGladdery, David W. McNaughton, Michael J. Meyers, William H. Miller, Randall L. Mitchell, Louis Molina, Martin T. Montano, Jimmy Mote, James Mukoyama, Jr., James A. Murphy, Sr., John Myers, Ernest R. Neely, Chris Orozco, Jack Dean Parr, Gerald H. Patterson, Gerald M. Pawlus, Arthur D. Pinelli, Jon G. Platakis, Eugene A. Potter, Michael T. Ray, Donald W. Reutzler, Jr., Barry E. Roberts, Dennis H. Robison, Lawrence W. Rogers, Jose A. Rosales, Roy D. Schickedanz, Anthony S. Risichella, Allen Sellers, Stephen E. Sellers, Richard Shronts, Raymond E. Siebert, Richard Sollinger, Richard I. Surma, Thomas N. Svestka, John ter Horst, Guadalupe Trevino, Robert Van Tholen, Louis M. Vidales, Donald R. Voris, Robert M. Wagner, Jacob Walker, Jr., Charles T. Wesley, Robert H. Wolf, Douglas M. Woods, Ronald L. York, Robert L. Young, Robert A. Zanella, and James W. Zita.

RECOGNIZING GARY STEELE OF WREC

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Gary Steele of Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) for his continued dedication to the Light Up Navajo Project and his service as a Multimedia Contact during WREC's second mission supporting this worthwhile initiative. Mr. Steele previously helped share the story of WREC employees who answered the call to bring electricity to Navajo families who had lived without power for generations. His continued participation in this second mission demonstrates an enduring commitment to ensuring that both the work and the people behind this remarkable effort are recognized. Documenting the Light Up Navajo mission helps tell a story that goes far beyond electrical infrastructure. It shows what electricity means in the daily lives of families—children having light to study after dark, parents being able to safely preserve food and medicine, and elders enjoying greater safety and comfort. It also captures the compassion, teamwork, and commitment of the men and women who volunteer their skills to make those moments possible.

By helping share these stories, Mr. Steele helps others understand both the need that remains and the tremendous difference this initiative is making. I commend Mr. Gary Steele for his continued commitment to Light Up Navajo and for helping tell this powerful story of service, compassion, and community. His efforts reflect great credit upon WREC and our community.

HONORING ALBERT J. CORDERO

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments of Albert J. Cordero and to recognize him as a Friends of Puerto Rico award recipient.

Mr. Cordero founded and serves as the managing director of ethree solutions, a Puerto Rican-based management consulting firm that operates across Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and the United States. Over his 30 years of expertise, he has turned his organization into a regional powerhouse specializing operational excellence, digital transformation, technology, and artificial intelligence.

In the 13 years that ethree solutions has existed, Mr. Cordero has expanded the organization to serve over 90 clients and 150 projects across sectors. Perhaps what is most impactful about Mr. Cordero's work is that he has established a strong base in Puerto Rico, delivering digital and technological services across the entire region and, by extension, strengthening the entire communities. Mr. Cordero has further committed to helping small and medium-sized businesses navigate the ever-expanding AI landscape by bringing technological solutions to local professionals and businesses.

Mr. Cordero has notably and consistently recognized the exceptional talent, business, and economic opportunities present within Puerto Rico. He has demonstrated his commitment to the expansion of the island as a competitive hub for high-value services and technology, ensuring a productive and successful future.

Mr. Cordero is a fierce ally and advocate for Puerto Rico, speaking out frequently and ardently about the island's professional potential and helping champion the expansion of local business and development. He is not only expanding his business; he is ensuring that other businessowners in Puerto Rico have the tools and guidance needed for their own ventures to be successful.

Today, I congratulate Albert J. Cordero on his remarkable achievements and affirm that he is a true friend and ally to Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING THE LIVING VINE

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Living Vine, a Savannah maternity home celebrating its 30th anniversary this September.

Since opening its doors in 1996, the nonprofit maternity home has provided pregnant women and their babies with a safe residential environment, life skills preparation, and spiritual support aimed at helping mothers build stability and work toward independence.

This organization is one of Savannah's crown jewels and stands as a testament to the heart and care of the Savannah community.