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 Drobut, 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 Lesher, Harry Lopez, Henry Mazik, 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. Reutzel, 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.