

HONORING DAVID LEWIS ON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
OFFICE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Ranking Member VIRGINIA FOXX to recognize the retirement of David Lewis and honor his public service to the American people as the Assistant Director in the Office of Congressional Relations at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

As Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and Labor, we would like to recognize an outstanding public servant, Mr. Lewis, who has dedicated his career to strengthening accountability within the federal government. Mr. Lewis will retire on September 30, 2022, after a distinguished, 38-year career in public service at the GAO.

Mr. Lewis has been an invaluable asset to us, Members of the Committee, and Members across Congress. Mr. Lewis built a considerable body of work in multiple issue areas, but we are most appreciative of the work he helped shepherd for our Committee.

Mr. Lewis helped strengthen GAO's relationship with Congress and upheld GAO's values on some of the most sensitive matters facing our nation in a bipartisan manner. As a Legislative Advisor, Mr. Lewis served as a mentor for countless GAO staff at every level of the agency. He provided teams with measured guidance and valuable insight on Congress. He could be relied on to help provide practical, diplomatic solutions. Further, he excelled at helping GAO meet Congress' needs, and helped Congress better utilize GAO's expertise. As a result of Mr. Lewis' efforts, GAO has strengthened relationships with key congressional committees including the House Education and Labor Committee. We commend his long and effective career as a public servant and note that he will be missed by this Committee and many others.

Madam Speaker, we join our colleagues and the staff on the Committee on Education and Labor in thanking Mr. Lewis for his service to the American people and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE COMMAND
SERGEANT MAJOR BRYANT LAM-
BERT FOR HIS VALOROUS SERV-
ICE AND SACRIFICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON
OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert for his induction into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

The 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame began in 2018 to honor the division's 101 years of legendary service and its members. It honors veteran paratroopers who are nominated for their service within the division, their

commitment to the division's values, their contributions to their chosen field outside of their division, or any other valorous combat actions.

A brief look at Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. In his 26 years with the 82nd Airborne Division, he has held every rank and position in the division from rifleman to command sergeant major. He began as an infantryman in the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Brigade's 508th Infantry Regiment and later served in the division's 1st Brigade, 2-504 PIR and 3rd Brigade, 1-505 PIR before becoming the 3rd Brigade Combat Team's regimental command sergeant major. In 2010, he advanced to become the 82nd Airborne Division command sergeant major where he later served as the senior enlisted advisor for Regional Command-South and Combined Joint Task Force-82 during Operation Enduring Freedom. While in the military, Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert completed training programs at the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School, and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy that contributed to his success and led him to serve in numerous other units at military bases across the country. He also completed many deployments, including three tours in Afghanistan, two tours in Iraq, and singular tours in Grenada, Saudi Arabia, and Haiti. He retired from the Army in 2018.

In the words of the former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Gen. Erik Kurilla, "the All American Hall of Fame is about preserving our legacy and paying homage to our All American Legends." Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Command Sgt. Maj. Lambert for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division and our nation's military more broadly.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Command Sergeant Major Bryant Lambert for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

NEW IMAGE BREWERY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Image Brewery for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Reinvestment Award.

New Image Brewery is being recognized for their resilience in investing in our community despite opening a business at a challenging time. When New Image Brewery first came to Wheat Ridge, they were looking for a facility to produce their beers, however, due to zoning laws, they were required to open a tasting room. New Image Brewery agreed to this new vision, but as they began to open their doors, the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Now, two years after their original opening, New Image Brewery was able to finally open the doors to their tasting room and has been met with great community support. Quickly, this brewery has become a popular spot in the community, featuring a wide array of brews inside and an on-site food truck outside.

I thank New Image Brewery for their "reinvestment" in our community. We are happy to have their tasting room's doors finally open.

RECOGNIZING PHILIP D. HAMNER
ON HIS DEPARTURE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO
OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the House Appropriations Committee to congratulate Philip D. Hamner on his 27 years of service to our Nation upon his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Hamner began his tenure with the Office of Finance of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House as an Accounting Supervisor in 1995. Since 2011, he has been serving as CAO's Director of Accounting. With outstanding work ethic and expert knowledge of the United States Standard General Ledger (USSGL), Mr. Hamner has been at the helm of House accounting since he joined the House staff, previously serving as Systems Accountant, Deputy Director of Accounting, and Acting Director of Accounting.

Mr. Hamner's greatest contribution to this institution and its staff has been his successful leadership and immeasurable knowledge of accounting. During his tenure, he led his team in compiling the Annual House Financial Statements and annual external audits. Mr. Hamner played a significant role in the implementation of the House's financial system of record, PeopleSoft. Mr. Hamner has worked tirelessly over his distinguished career to ensure the House's financial transactions are accurately recorded and reported. These contributions have led the CAO Office of Finance team to receive 24 consecutive clean audit opinions for the U.S. House of Representatives. Speaking as an appropriator, that is a worthy distinction!

Mr. Hamner is a dedicated, dependable, tried-and-true employee to whom the House owes a tremendous amount of gratitude. I extend my congratulations to Mr. Hamner on an outstanding congressional career. His country thanks him for his hard work and dedication to this institution.

May Philip D. Hamner embrace all new opportunities that are presented to him in the future with the same passion and diligence he shared with us.

HONORING ST. CLOUD POLICE
CHIEF BLAIR ANDERSON

HON. TOM EMMER
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and a good friend, St. Cloud Police Chief Blair Anderson. Blair will be retiring this November after nearly 10 years of service to the St. Cloud community. He leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service that made our community safer and will not soon be forgotten.

Before becoming Chief of Police in St. Cloud, Blair was a member of the Dakota

County Sheriff's Office, where he started his career as an intern in 1995. He rose within the ranks and left as a Commander in 2011 to serve as Chief Deputy in Carver County.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Blair embraced the St. Cloud community and made meaningful changes during his many years of service. One change we are particularly proud of is the St. Cloud Police Department's Community OutPost or COP House program that Chief Anderson created. The COP House serves as a place for residents of the St. Cloud community and local law enforcement to gather and participate in afterschool programs, receive health services, and build meaningful relationships with one another.

The impact the COP House has had on the St. Cloud community is incredible and one that we've been working to turn into a national model for improving community/police relations. This is just one of the many improvements Blair made during his tenure that will continue to serve the entire St. Cloud community long after his retirement.

There is a reason all marked St. Cloud Police vehicles say "To serve and protect" on them, rather than the reverse. Chief Blair Anderson has made service to the St. Cloud community the cornerstone of his department. Under his watch, we all breathed a little easier. He will be greatly missed by the St. Cloud community, but his legacy will never be forgotten.

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE CAPTAIN GERALD A. WOLFORD FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Gerald A. Wolford who was inducted into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

The 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame began in 2018 to honor the division's 101 years of legendary service and its members. It honors veteran paratroopers who are nominated for their service within the division, their commitment to the division's values, their contributions to their chosen field outside of their division, or any other valorous combat actions.

A brief look at Cpt. Wolford's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division from 2000 to 2006. As a staff sergeant deployed to Iraq in 2003, the gun section of Cpt. Wolford's Company D, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry came under fire during a river crossing in As-Samawah, Iraq. Unable to suppress with small arms, Cpt. Wolford silenced the position using a non-standard tactical vehicle and anti-tank weapon. He received the Silver Star for demonstrating outstanding valor and personal courage while serving as a Heavy Machine Gun Section Leader during a battalion river crossing in As Samawah, Iraq. As his unit approached the city, a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle, wounding two paratroopers. Cpt. Wolford moved the wounded paratroopers to safety before his vehicle was

struck a second time when escorting a dismounted squad to a forward position. Cpt. Wolford continued directing section fires and engaging the enemy when a third rocket-propelled grenade detonated near his truck, and a fourth grenade passed over his head. For his actions, Cpt. Wolford was awarded the Silver Star and selected as the 2003 USO Soldier of the Year. He commissioned into the infantry branch in 2006 and finished his career as an information operations officer at the Department of the Army Headquarters in the Pentagon.

In the words of the former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Gen. Erik Kurilla, "the All American Hall of Fame is about preserving our legacy and paying homage to our All American Legends." Cpt. Wolford's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Cpt. Wolford for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division and our nation's military more broadly.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Captain Gerald Wolford for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

THE WHEELIE BEAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wheelie Bean for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Sustainability Green Business Award.

The Sustainability Green Business Award is given to a business in Wheat Ridge with a strong commitment to protecting the environment to help end the climate crisis facing our planet. I thank the Wheelie Bean for their continued work to help create a greener, more sustainable Wheat Ridge.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID LOUIE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legendary journalist David Louie, who has over five decades some of the biggest stories in the Bay Area and the nation. A familiar and friendly face on San Francisco's ABC7/KGO TV for 50 years, Bay Area viewers will undoubtedly miss his excellent reporting. It has been my great pleasure to run into David at countless events and to be interviewed by him dozens of times during my time in Congress and the California Legislature.

Journalism has been in David's blood since he was a child. He first appeared on camera at age five when one of his neighbors in Ohio who produced a weekly public affairs show invited him to the studio. He was also a newspaper delivery boy and wrote for his high school paper. In 1972, he became KGO's Asian American reporter.

David has a remarkable ability to quickly break down and condense any story, no mat-

ter what topic you throw at him. He has covered the emergence of Silicon Valley as a technology and innovation hub. He was part of the first local TV crew to go to China covering the normalization of US-China relations. He went to the Philippines during the People Power Revolution in 1986 that sent Ferdinand Marcos into exile. He was the first reporter to interview U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta after 9/11. He covered the Patty Hearst kidnapping and the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Among the recognitions and awards David has received for his outstanding work are four Emmy Awards and two lifetime achievement awards from the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) and from the City and County of San Francisco. He was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Gold Circle in 2019, and the Medill School of Journalism Hall of Fame in 1997. David served as the national president of AAJA, the national chairman of the NATAS, and on the board of the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTNDA). This year, he was awarded the Northwestern Alumni Medal.

David earned his bachelor's in journalism from Northwestern University, where he began in the Medill Cherubs, a summer institute for high school students interested in journalism careers.

David is also a foodie. Long before the food channels appeared on the air, David did a feature called, "Friday Feast." When he is not out in the field reporting, he is often in his kitchen experimenting with new recipes. He encourages his social media followers to send him risky recipes to try.

Madam Speaker, to say that David Louie is an institution in the Bay Area would not be an exaggeration. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating a man in pursuit of the truth and facts for more than half a century. He is a role model for other journalists: thorough, ethical and always curious. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING WILLIAM F. THORNTON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. William F. Thornton on his 80th birthday. Born on October 1, 1942 in Oakland, California to Mr. Frederick Lyle and Mrs. Evelyn Lenore Thornton, Mr. Thornton left home to live and work with his aunt and uncle at their dairy farm at the age of 13.

On November 2, 1966, Mr. Thornton enlisted in the Army at the age of 23. He served as a combat medic for 21 months in Vietnam and was later stationed in Germany, where he remained for the next 2 years.

Later, Mr. Thornton was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas at their medical training center. He was then sent to Apalachicola, Florida to take part in weapons testing for helicopters.

In January 1967, Mr. Thornton was awarded the Silver Star, the Army's third highest award for valor. Mr. Thornton was cited for heroism