

When he returned to civilian life, Sergeant Cline experienced difficulties due to hearing loss from his time in the service. Nevertheless, he overcame these hardships using a good sense of humor and positivity, and he later raised a marvelous family with four children. Sergeant Cline worked in various labor and sales jobs before starting a business installing material handling equipment in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He is also a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and enjoys interacting with fellow veterans. I am proud of the work that Sergeant Cline has accomplished, and I commend him for his perseverance and humble dedication to defending our great Nation.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Cline in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE RODVOLD

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Steven J. Rodvold, a lover of family, community, and photography, who passed away on October 27, 2023.

Steve was born on June 14, 1953, in Crosby, North Dakota. He spent his childhood in Fortuna and Crosby, during which he met lifelong friends, including his wife, Jeanine.

Steve valued education: after high school, he attended the North Dakota State College of Science, earned his journeyman's license, and completed a B.A. in Business Administration-Management from Minot State University, graduating summa cum laude.

In all aspects of his life, Steve was a people person. He found his career in human resources and generously gave his time as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, a Boy Scout cub den leader, and a volunteer at the Grean Plain Food Bank, among other community organizations.

Steve loved his family dearly. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeanine, their sons Zach (Emily) and Alex (Sara), and their grandchildren, as well as siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Zach carried on Steve's legacy of giving back, serving as my District Chief of Staff for four years.

Steve's love of his family was apparent in his actions, as well as his words: on his LinkedIn profile, he proudly designated for himself the job title of "Grandpa" for the years following his retirement. As part of this important position, Steve declared himself to be an expert at "relaxing, reading, walking/hiking, biking, kayaking, putzing around the garage, traveling, watching movies, and whatever the hell else I feel like doing."

Steve liked to see the good in the world, especially the beauty around him. He supported and was involved in local arts institutions. As a photographer, he captured natural beauty, from sunsets over the Badlands to the changing of the seasons. As with his other pursuits, Steve did not keep his passion to himself, actively participating in the Fargo Moorhead Camera Club.

Steve lived a fulfilled life, and the lessons of it—to give something to community, take pleasure in loved ones, and remain in awe of the beauty in the people and places around us—will certainly continue to serve as a model for those whose lives he touched. May his memory be a blessing and live on through all who knew and loved him.

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE GOLDMAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Laurie Goldman, who passed away on September 11 of this year.

Laurie's dedication to the City of Los Angeles was formed at an early age as she came to appreciate its many landmark institutions. She watched the Beatles perform at the Hollywood Bowl, enjoyed ice cream at CC Brown's, and, at the tender age of six months, dined at Musso & Frank.

As a young girl, Laurie explored the City of Los Angeles; she absorbed its secrets, learned its rhythms, and took it upon herself to make it better. For more than four decades, Laurie volunteered her time and considerable energy to improve the lives of those in her community. She founded her first nonprofit, Youth for Cystic Fibrosis, while a student at Fairfax High School. Her commitment to helping those on the margins led to the creation of multiple nonprofit organizations over her lifetime.

Laurie's success in organizing her community around a common cause, in achieving consensus, and raising money, led to leadership roles in several of the City's most distinguished organizations. In addition to founding her own company, Go!, she served on the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council, the Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation, and the Hollywood Arts Council. Ms. Goldman's long list of achievements include serving on the 1984 Olympics Governmental Relations Committee, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Getty House Foundation. In 2016, she was elected President of the Hollywood Media Business Improvement District where she was instrumental in furthering its mission of public safety and economic growth.

Her devotion to Hollywood's rich history fostered an appreciation for what is possible in the world. Laurie was an effective advocate, a tireless activist, and a much-revered urban visionary. It is, perhaps, in this last role that she will be best remembered. As President of Friends of the Hollywood Central Park, Laurie was committed to building a sustainable, green space on top of the congested 101 freeway. Completion of this ambitious project promises to deliver a more equitable future for stakeholders in community and commerce.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to Laurie's family, friends, and colleagues. We owe Laurie a debt of gratitude for her decades of contributions to the Los Angeles community. I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the remarkable life of Laurie L. Goldman.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT GEORGE WOOD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant George Wood of Blossom, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Wood honorably served in the United States Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during the Cold War.

Sergeant Wood heeded the call to defend his nation and joined the Army in 1973 shortly after the all-volunteer force military recruitment model was announced. At first, he trained as a loader on the M60A1 main battle tank, but quickly grew passionate about operating air defense systems. Eventually, Sergeant Wood was sent to West Germany in 1974 to provide a watchful eye over the skies of the East German border in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union. His efforts upheld democratic values and freedom in Western nations and safeguarded our NATO allies against Soviet aggression.

After his discharge from the Army in 1977, Sergeant Wood worked as a welder's apprentice at the Lone Star Steel Company and as a Maintenance Planner at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Since 2012, he has served as the Chairman of the Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Museum board. Under his leadership, the Museum raised over a million dollars to build a beautiful memorial to commemorate local veterans for their service. Sergeant Wood also serves as the President and a firefighter for the East Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department and the President of the Lamar Electric Cooperative. He is a life member of the Blackhorse Association, a nonprofit that unites servicemembers and veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. In this role, he helps fundraise to provide scholarships for children of Blackhorse Troopers who were killed or wounded in defense of our nation. Sergeant Wood is a devoted man of faith, and he regularly attends the Novice Baptist Church in Paris.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Wood in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a privilege to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

HONORING OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DAVID SCHEFFLER

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride and admiration to celebrate David Scheffler, a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2023. This distinct honor recognizes his outstanding contributions to his community in the years following his military service.

David's journey of public service began in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. Afterwards, he returned home to Lancaster and

embarked on a career in finance. He passed the CPA examination and eventually retired as a highly respected partner at Plante Moran, a national certified public accounting and business advisory firm.

David has long been a pillar of his community. He has served as the Mayor of Lancaster since 2017, a position he continues to hold with honor. His dedication has extended to various state and local boards and committees, including the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Destination Downtown Lancaster, the Ohio Mayor's Alliance, the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission, the Ohio Small Business Council, and the Fairfield County Airport Authority.

As Mayor, David has steered Lancaster through challenging times, including economic uncertainty arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. His decisive leadership was instrumental as he navigated his city through financial crises and fostered economic development.

At the age of 75, David Scheffler's continued dedication and contributions to his community inspire us all. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to David Scheffler as one of the newest members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, and I thank him for his service to this country.

HONORING YUBA WATER AGENCY
UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE
HALLWOOD SIDE CHANNEL AND
FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION
PROJECT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Yuba Water Agency upon its completion of the Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project. This outstanding achievement will safeguard local habitats and provide critical support to Yuba County's infrastructure.

Due to decades of hydraulic gold mining, the Yuba River has faced ecological challenges that harm native fish species, including the chinook salmon and steelhead trout. The innovative Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration project will restore fish habitats and reduce flood risk, reversing some of the most severe ecological challenges in the region.

This project has successfully enhanced and restored 157 acres of floodplain habitat, including 1.7 miles of new side channels and more than 6 miles of seasonally inundated side channels, alcoves, and swales. These investments in the Yuba River will benefit its wildlife species, preserving this local habitat for future generations and taking a critical step towards protecting our community's environment and natural resources.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Yuba Water Agency upon the completion of this essential project which will benefit Yuba River wildlife, the surrounding habitat, and the local community.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR PETTY OFFI-
CER DOUGLAS COMPTON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Third Class Douglas Compton of Royse City, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. PO3 Compton honorably served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

When the United States conducted a draft, PO3 Compton was not one of those selected. However, he chose to serve his country and joined the Navy. PO3 Compton served on the USS *Chase County* (LST-491) tank landing ship as an engineman. His responsibilities included maintaining the ship's engine room and repairing broken parts to ensure that it is ready to go on combat missions at a moment's notice. For his service and contributions to the war effort, PO3 Compton was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and several other awards.

After his military service, PO3 Compton worked for Texas Instruments as a numerical control machinist. In this role, he helped produce critical parts for the American defense industry, including components for night vision devices, missiles, and cameras. His important work at Texas Instruments helped the United States maintain a competitive advantage in advanced weaponry and technology. Later, PO3 Compton worked with Halliburton as a machinist and manufacturing production planner. He retired after 41 years with Halliburton, and now focuses on spending time with his children and grandchildren.

PO3 Compton is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and helps raise awareness for veterans' issues. When called upon, he plays taps during memorial services for veterans at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall. He also plays in community bands around North Texas. I commend PO3 Compton for his continued efforts to ensure that the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans will be remembered for generations to come.

I am honored to represent PO3 Compton in Texas' 4th Congressional District. It is a pleasure to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to our Nation and to the people of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 13, 2023, I missed the votes due to a flight delay. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 643, YEA on roll call No. 644, and YEA on roll call No. 645.

HONORING MARJORIE MACRIS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marjorie Macris who passed away at the age of 88 on October 16, 2023. Ms. Macris was a beloved community leader in Marin County.

Born in Chicago and raised in the Midwest, Ms. Macris attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1956, where she received a degree in journalism and graduated co-salutatorian. The following year, she completed her master's degree in journalism and urban planning as one of only a few women in her class. After school, Ms. Macris worked for Chicago's planning department until 1969 when she moved to Marin County with her family.

Joining Marin County's planning department, she became the primary author of the county-wide plan adopted in 1973. This plan significantly impacted the landscape of the county, restricting urban development to the Highway 101 corridor and maintaining Marin's central and western areas for smaller communities, agriculture, and recreation. From 1978 to 1984, Ms. Macris oversaw the execution of this plan as the county planning director, encouraging new collaboration among cities, towns and unincorporated communities.

Beyond emphasizing inter-jurisdictional planning, Ms. Macris advocated for and prioritized environmental conservation. Many Marin leaders credit her with protecting the environment during a critical period of growth. And as one of the few women employed in urban planning at the time, she became a role model and mentor for other women.

Ms. Macris's commitment to conservation extended throughout her adult life and well beyond her employment with the County. She was a valued contributor to the Marin Conservation League, Sierra Club Marin Group, Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative, and Marin Baylands Advocates.

Ms. Macris was known by her colleagues for her wit and innovative thinking, and to her family and friends as a great adventurer. She traveled from Algeria to Pakistan and Patagonia, traversing desert and trekking through mountains. Ms. Macris also took up running and completed the Boston Marathon three times. She is survived by her brothers Roger Wiegand and David Wiegand; her daughter Natalie Macris; her granddaughter Charlotte Keilman-Macris; and her former husband Dean Macris.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Macris was a dedicated public servant and active community leader who left an enduring legacy in Marin County. I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Ms. Macris's family and friends and in expressing my appreciation for her decades of good work.