

he held for more than fifty years. As pastor, he dedicated his life and mission to service, fighting for justice for our communities and improving the lives of residents in Northwest Detroit. He was a tireless advocate in the fight for safe housing for all and for affordable childcare for working families. Pastor Adams served as President of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP in 1984 and served on its executive board consecutive years until 1992.

His bold and grounded leadership is a testament to his impactful work and legacy. The 12th Congressional District sends our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Pastor Adams's family and to the entire Hartford Memorial Baptist Church family on this significant loss to our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Agnes Adams and his children, Dr. Tara Adams Washington and Reverend Charles Christian Adams.

Please join me in remembering Pastor Charles Gilchrist Adams for his incredible spiritual leadership and impact on our district and the community. May he rest in love and his legacy continue to impact our community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARYLAND ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR LINDA LAMONE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friend Linda Lamone: Maryland's longest-serving Elections Administrator and the second-longest-serving chief elections official in America. In September, she retired after overseeing our elections for more than a quarter century. Linda is a woman of tremendous vision, integrity, and reverence for our democratic institutions, and we appreciate her outstanding service.

After serving Marylanders for decades as a Counsel to the Maryland State Assembly, the Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Schaefer's legislative office, a private attorney, and an Assistant Attorney General under Governor Glendening, Linda started as Elections Administrator in 1997. She oversaw 13 federal general elections, including six presidential elections, over the course of her impressive career.

Linda started the role at a pivotal moment for American elections. New digital technologies offered new opportunities to enhance our electoral system. Around the same time, the 2000 presidential election revealed how vulnerabilities in our elections can undermine the American people's faith in our democracy. That experience led me and a bipartisan group of Members to pass the Help America Vote Act to keep our elections secure, accessible, and transparent.

Linda was instrumental in helping the Election Assistance Commission and I implement HAVA in Maryland and beyond. From modernizing and standardizing our state's voting machines to digitizing campaign finance and voter registration resources, Linda brought our elections into the twenty-first century. She helped other states make progress in these areas through her involvement with the National Association of State Election Directors.

Linda also helped our state and our democracy weather unprecedented crises. She led

the effort to ensure that Marylanders could vote safely in the 2020 election during the Covid-19 pandemic. She also sought to maintain Americans' faith in their democratic system amid a wave of election denialism. We were fortunate to have Linda's leadership in 2020 and all the years before and since.

No matter the task at hand or the challenge before her, Linda tackled it with determination. She always knew that she could count on the support of her family—especially her husband of 53 years, Rudy. As Dean of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park, and as a prominent academic and entrepreneur, Rudy was another crucial leader in our community. We all mourned with Linda when he passed away earlier this year, and we continue to keep him in our prayers.

As Linda brings her career to a close, we find ourselves at another pivotal moment for American elections. We see leaders openly cast doubt on the outcome of free and fair elections. Some people deliberately try to erode our electoral system and other democratic institutions. Linda Lamone serves as an example of the countless hardworking, principled elections officials across the country who help uphold our democracy in the face of these threats. Their work isn't easy, but it is absolutely essential.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda and the democratic principles she devoted her career to protecting.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM ANDERSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" Anderson of Denison, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. CPO Anderson served in the United States Navy, and his impressive career experience highlights his genuine passion for helping our community.

CPO Anderson was inspired to join the Navy after gaining a deep respect and appreciation for our nation's veterans of prior conflicts. Originally, CPO Anderson wanted to stay in the Navy Reserves, but after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he wanted to do more to bring the perpetrators of this attack to justice. To accomplish this, he pursued a deployment to Iraq in 2005 and Afghanistan in 2008, where he served in numerous support roles, including the Naval Security Forces and Navy Customs. Furthermore, CPO Anderson qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. Seabees are well known for being able to build infrastructure anywhere around the world at a moment's notice. If you needed a military base, airfield, or bridge halfway around the world, CPO Anderson is the person you'd call to get the job done. For his service to our nation, CPO Anderson was bestowed the Bronze Star, Army and Navy Commendation medals, and many more awards. In 2005, he met his future wife Teresa, and they married three years later. Together, they raised two children.

After his retirement from the Navy in 2013, CPO Anderson continued to serve his nation

through various civilian roles, and even supported counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan. When he returned to Texas, CPO Anderson worked at the Denison Dam Power Plant to help maintain Texas' electrical grid. Today, he continues his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers providing emergency power relief to those affected by natural disasters. In his recreational time, he is a Scoutmaster for Troop 55 in Pottsboro and Denison, where seven boys have attained the rank of Eagle Scout under his guidance.

I am honored to represent CPO Anderson 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was serving as Ranking Member in the House Financial Services Committee on November 29 when votes were called on the House Floor. The Chairman did not recess the committee in time for me to make the first vote of the series, therefore I missed recording my vote on Roll Call No. 678.

Had I been able to vote, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 678.

WELCOMING DAMIAN SCIPIO JOHNSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my Legislative Director and Counsel, Julian Johnson, and his wife Agnieszka Johnson (née Dziadek), on the birth of their first child. It was my honor to officiate the couple's wedding on October 22, 2016, and now I am delighted that their family continues to expand.

Damian Scipio Johnson was born at 4:14 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, 2023, in Washington, D.C., and he is quite possibly the cutest baby the hospital has ever seen. His given names represent strength and an indomitable spirit. Damian is a dual citizen by birth, and he will always have a home in the United States and in Poland.

I have known Julian since 2009 and have long valued his contributions over the years to my office and to the people of the Second Congressional District of Georgia. He is an integral member of my team and champion for the American people, and I continue observing with great pride what the future holds for him both personally and professionally.

My wife Vivian and I give our best wishes to Julian and Agnieszka, their respective families, and their own growing family.

RECOGNIZING WRIGHTSTOWN
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Wrightstown Tigers Football Team for their runner-up finish at the 2023 WIAA Division 5 State Boys Football Championship.

Following an impressive season and playoff run, the Wrightstown football team traveled to Camp Randall in Madison to compete in the 2023 WIAA State Football Championship Game. With a record of 11–3 during the season, the Wrightstown team worked together all season to become a dominant force in the conference. I commend head coach Steve Klister, the coaching staff, and the entire team for their unwavering commitment and dedication to an incredibly impressive season.

This being their first trip to the state championship since 2011, the entire team and community have much for which they should be proud. Although they lost a tough battle to a talented La Crosse Aquinas team, the team displayed great skill and determination throughout the season. Congratulations to the entire team for this remarkable achievement, and a special congratulations to the senior players on the team: Riley Verbeten, Quade Thompson, Payton Vande Hey, Kevin Biese, Riley Sundin, Landon Hephrey, Elijah Lemke, Ben Zemple, Sam Keuler, Charlie Garvey, Trent Vande Hey, Garrett Hitner, Brendan Gustafson, Carter Lamers, Everett Lamers, and Gavin Ducat.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to head coach Steve Klister and the entire Wrightstown Football Team for his outstanding accomplishment. It is my honor to recognize this team and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding their remarkable season.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR GUNNERY SER-
GEANT MICHAEL DEHAVEN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gunnery Sergeant Michael DeHaven of Denison, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. GySgt DeHaven honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Gulf War and the Global War on Terrorism.

As a young man, GySgt DeHaven heeded the call to serve his nation in the Marine Corps. In 1986, he joined the Marines and later became a member of the 5th Force Reconnaissance Company. GySgt DeHaven specialized in high-altitude parachuting, underwater operations, and reconnaissance in support of Marine Expeditionary Forces. Some of his responsibilities included protecting government officials, safeguarding intelligence officers, training allied forces, and conducting raids on high value targets. GySgt DeHaven's efforts helped to protect the wellbeing of

countless Americans and our allies. For his selfless service and contributions to our national security, GySgt DeHaven was awarded the National Intelligence Medal for Valor.

After he was honorably discharged in 1998, GySgt DeHaven pursued a successful career in technology. However, the September 11 terrorist attacks reinforced his desire to defend his nation from all threats, foreign and domestic. He returned to military service, and served as a ground reconnaissance advisor with the 6th Marine Regiment and as an anti-terrorism advisor to our intelligence community until 2021. When he returned to Texas, GySgt DeHaven looked for ways to protect our nation's children in the wake of the terrible events in Uvalde. He opened a private consulting company to help enhance school safety and threat prevention efforts. Through his valuable expertise, the Denison Independent School District selected him to serve as their Director of Safety and Security. Without question, GySgt DeHaven's extensive experience in combatting hostile threats will help to protect our schools and communities.

I am honored to represent GySgt DeHaven 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. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I voted NAY on Roll Call No. 681 when I intended to vote YEA.

RECOGNIZING McALLISTER TOW-
ING, PRESIDENT AND CEO BRIAN
BUCKLEY McALLISTER, AND
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CAP-
TAIN CHUCK RUNNION

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize McAllister Towing, their President and CEO Brian Buckley McAllister, and their recipient of the Patriot Award, Senior Vice President Captain Chuck Runnion.

Founded in 1864, McAllister Towing operates a fleet of more than 70 tugboats, crew boats, and barges in 14 locations along the U.S. East Coast from Eastport, Maine, to San Juan, Puerto Rico. McAllister is engaged in each port's ship docking, general harbor towing, coastal towing, windfarm support, and bulk transportation. Additionally, McAllister manages and operates the POLARIS ATB Unit that is used to bunker vessels with Liquefied Natural Gas in Cape Canaveral. The assets and talented teams at McAllister continue the McAllister family tradition of being an innovative force in marine transportation.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize Brian Buckley McAllister the President and CEO of McAllister Towing and the Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Steamboat Company. Mr. McAllister

serves on the Steamship Mutual P&I Club boards, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the Coast Guard Foundation. He is also a Member of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey and the American Bureau of Shipping. He served as Chairman of the American Waterways Operators from 2013 to 2014.

McAllister's senior vice president, Captain Chuck Runnion, also received the prestigious Patriot Award. Captain Runnion has worked in the industry since 1980, adding invaluable experience and insight to McAllister's Southeast operations. Captain Runnion is being honored for his effort to hire and retain veterans through thoughtful efforts that support specific veteran needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing McAllister Towing, their President and CEO Brian Buckley McAllister, and their Senior Vice President, Captain Chuck Runnion, for their contributions to ports across the eastern shore and Port Everglades, proudly located in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION FOR SERGEANT
JOHANN SCHRAP

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Johann Schrap of Rockwall, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Schrap honorably served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

As a young man, Sergeant Schrap sailed with his family when they immigrated to the United States. As his ship passed by the Statue of Liberty, he understood that the values of democracy and freedom it represents and knew these come only through sacrifices. During the Second World War, Sergeant Schrap's father helped provide refuge for Jewish citizens in the Netherlands from persecution by the Nazi regime. For these actions, his father was imprisoned but was rescued by American forces when the Allies liberated Holland. As a token of appreciation for American assistance to his family, Sergeant Schrap chose to serve his country and joined the Air Force. He was eventually sent to Saigon, Vietnam as part of the 75th Military Airlift Squadron where he assisted in postal and administrative operations. In this role, Sergeant Schrap managed incoming mail and ensured that soldiers received correspondence from home in a timely fashion. For his service and contributions to our nation, Sergeant Schrap received several awards, including the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Silver Rose.

After returning home, Sergeant Schrap attended California Baptist University in California and later received a degree in Biblical Studies. As part of the First Baptist Church in Garland, Texas, he participated in several mission trips to help rebuild homes that were damaged by natural disasters. Sergeant Schrap ran a very successful small business specializing in home repairs, painting, and remodeling. He is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans, where he conducts veteran outreach