

2013

Gilbert Brown (Sergeant—U.S. Army),  
Lewisville  
Jerry Galler (Storekeeper 3rd Class—U.S.  
Navy), Highland Village  
James Rosengren (Major—U.S. Army),  
Flower Mound

2012

Robert Baird (Lieutenant Colonel—U.S.  
Army), Lantana  
Victor Durrance (Sergeant—U.S. Army Air  
Force), Gainesville  
Andrew Fortunato (Lieutenant Colonel—  
U.S. Marine Corps), Keller  
Joe Gray (Colonel—U.S. Army), North  
Richland Hills  
Mugg Pawless (Private First Class—U.S.  
Army), Gainesville

2011

Gary Alexander (Corporal—U.S. Marine  
Corps), Gainesville  
Julius Fambray (1st Sergeant—U.S. Army),  
The Colony  
Donald Langa (Lieutenant Commander—  
U.S. Navy), Denton  
Joe M. Leonard, Jr. (Captain—U.S. Army),  
Gainesville  
Leroy M. Williamson, Sr. (1st Lieutenant—  
U.S. Army/Air Force), Denton

2010

Major Lee Roy Keith, (U.S. Marine Corps),  
Denton  
Sergeant Arlen Ray Mayfield, Jr., (U.S.  
Army), Lewisville  
Master Sergeant Guy Northrup, (U.S. Ma-  
rine Corps), Lewisville  
Colonel Larry Patterson, (U.S. Army),  
Highland Village  
Major Richard Stewart, (U.S. Army/U.S.  
Air Force), Denton

2009

Corporal Arthur F. Berg (U.S. Army),  
Lewisville  
Colonel Ernest L. Isbell (U.S. Army, Ret.),  
Highland Village  
Captain Hank Scheible (U.S. Air Force,  
Ret.), Denton

2008

Staff Sergeant Mark H. Graunke, Jr. (U.S.  
Marine Corps), Denton  
Commander Robert Heid (U.S. Navy, Ret.),  
Flower Mound  
Sergeant Donald W. Pettigrew (U.S. Ma-  
rine Corps), Gainesville  
Colonel Walter W. Pine (U.S. Army/U.S.  
Air Force, Ret.), Keller  
Major Earl L. Russell, III (U.S. Army/Army  
Reserve, Ret.), Gainesville

2007

Lt. Col. Walter Dyer (U.S. Air Force, Ret.),  
Highland Village  
Col Susanne Hechinger (U.S. Air Force, TX  
ANG, Ret.), Flower Mound  
Col James P. Mariades (U.S. Marine Corps,  
Ret.), Copper Canyon  
Lt. Col. Edward "Red" Weir (U.S. Air  
Corps/Air Forces, U.S. Air Force, Ret.), Den-  
ton  
Capt William B. Springfield (U.S. Marine  
Corps, Ret.), Flower Mound

2006

Sgt. Maj. Thomas Blagg (U.S. Marine  
Corps, Ret.), Denton  
Mr. Woodrow Wilson Burch, Jr., (U.S.  
Army/U.S. Air Force), Denton  
Lt. Col. Ivan N. Glasscock (U.S. Air Force,  
Ret.), Denton

2005

Mr. Johnnie Bulen (U.S. Army), Lewisville  
Lt. Gen. Charles R. Hamm, (U.S. Air Force,  
Ret.), Argyle  
Mr. Reby Cary (Radioman First Class—  
U.S. Coast Guard), Fort Worth

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF DAVID BIGGS

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2024

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of David Biggs as he retires from his role as City Manager of Orinda.

David has brought a deep understanding of urban development to his work as City Manager of Orinda. After earning a degree in political science from California State University, Fullerton, he went on to earn his MBA from University of California Irvine. For the last ten years of his career, David has served as city manager of two cities in the East Bay, first in Hercules starting in 2014 and later in Orinda, beginning in 2021. During his time as City Manager of Orinda, he has worked tirelessly to serve our community, from his role in making Juneteenth an official holiday to his work to enhance Orinda's downtown area. David's hard work has helped to increase quality of life and foster a vibrant community throughout the city.

Further, David has been a leader in improving Orinda's roads, helping to improve connectivity throughout the city. He was instrumental in the continuation of this long-term project, which began in 2012, and his efforts improved the city's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score from one of the lowest in the region to the second highest in the Bay Area. In recognition of his service, David was also awarded the 2020 Local Government Service Award by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), an accolade he certainly earned for his years of dedicated service to the people of Orinda and the East Bay.

Please join me in congratulating David Biggs on his well-deserved retirement after years of outstanding public service.

## CELEBRATING METRA COMMUTER RAILROAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2024

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Metra Commuter Railroad as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Whereas, for the past 40 years, Metra has dedicated itself to providing my constituents and other Illinoisans with reliable, affordable transportation options to connect them to greater Chicagoland;

Whereas, on February 15, 2022, Metra approved its second strategic plan, My Metra, Our Future. While the name indicates a transportation plan, the motto My Metra also illustrates the ethos of the agency;

Whereas, Metra is not solely a transportation provider. It is an essential and reliable service that is there when you need it. To get you and your loved ones' home, and everywhere else, safely and comfortably. It is about meeting its riders' expectations and understanding their values and priorities for the region;

Whereas, My Metra was adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic—to ensure that trains kept running. Metra provided valuable services to essential workers in the healthcare field and other sectors who didn't have the option to work from home or take leave. Metra's own employees are part of this group of essential workers who proved that Metra is a source of continuity and connection, and a vital cog in economic and social life in Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I ROBIN L. KELLY, SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZE the public servants who work for Metra while it celebrates its 40th anniversary and continues to serve our community.

## HONORING DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WARREN PERRY ON HIS RETIRE- MENT

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of New Hampshire's Deputy Adjutant General, Warren Perry, who is retiring later this year. For nine years, Warren has diligently served New Hampshire's Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services. In his role, he has played a key part in connecting military officials with the needs of New Hampshire and ensuring our veterans are receiving the support that they need.

Warren served our country for 28 years in the United States Army, and for that we are incredibly thankful. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom where he fought to keep the United States safe from foreign threats. In service to his fellow Granite Staters, when he returned home, Warren went on to serve as the State Inspector General for the New Hampshire National Guard.

Beyond national security, Warren has tirelessly served our communities on a local level. As Deputy Adjutant General, Warren has worked to strengthen the New Hampshire Veteran-Friendly Business Program and increase veterans' employment with our local businesses as they return from combat.

As a decorated soldier, Warren has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and many other distinguished honors. As a community leader, Warren has aided our veterans in their employment efforts. And as a proud member of a military family, Warren knows the meaning of service and has always strived to give back to his community. Warren has dedicated his life to the security of our Nation and the betterment of our communities.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Deputy Adjutant General Warren Perry for his service and wish him a happy retirement. I wish Warren and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN  
HERO ASHLEY BURNETT

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Southlake resident Ashley Burnett. Last year, Ashley found out her father, Todd, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a progressive and fatal neuromuscular disease. Ashley has been working to raise awareness and funds for ALS research ever since. Over the summer, which marked the 10-year anniversary of the original ice bucket challenge to raise money for ALS research, Ashley hosted her own ice bucket challenge at Hawaiian Falls Waterpark in honor of her dad.

In Ashley's own words, "With a disease that is full of the unknown and often feels so hopeless, raising money through this event gives my family back a little bit of that hope." Through her efforts, Ashley is helping those living with ALS, and their loved ones; tackle the physical, emotional, and financial toll that comes from the devastating disease. Her challenge raised over \$15,000 for ALS research.

I'd like to thank Ashley for her efforts to support those living with ALS. She is an inspiration to North Texans and a beacon of hope to those suffering from the disease.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE  
FRIENDS UNIVERSITY SINGING  
QUAKERS

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friends University Singing Quakers for a century of vocal excellence.

The Singing Quakers have proven to be a premier choral group that has taken their talents across the country, including our nation's capital, and even around the world. They have entertained Kansans locally with annual home concerts, Christmas candlelight concerts and Symphony of Spring.

The many men and women who have performed with this prestigious group should be commended for their incredible talent, dedication to musical greatness, camaraderie and character. The Friends University Singing Quakers represent their institution and our region well.

I also want to recognize the phenomenal leadership of the Singing Quakers' directors, including current director Dr. Rayvon T.J. Moore, recent director Dr. Mark Bartel and longtime director Dr. Cecil Riney. They have elevated choral music in Kansas and are well-respected far beyond the Sunflower State.

As they gather this weekend to celebrate and perform, I want to thank the alumni and current performers of the Friends University Singing Quakers for providing our region with exceptional choral music for 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY  
HISTORY CONFERENCE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 20th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document, record and preserve the history of our region. There are few areas in the country that are as rich in history as our area is. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year while recognizing our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, a number of dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am proud to include in the Record their names:

Dr. Glenn Fatzinger received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his career as a distinguished historian and educator.

Tom Shoop received the Nan Netherton Award for his book, *ILDA*, that brings to life the stories and history of a small, interracial enterprising village in Fairfax County.

Etta Wilson, Rita Colbelt, Linneall Naylor, and Rondia Prescott with Jenée Lindner received the Cultural Engagement Heritage Award for their book, *Black Communities of Fairfax — A History*, that serves as an anthology of Fairfax County's rich Black Heritage.

Gibran Parvez received the Edith Moore Sprouse Award for the creation of his website, *Heritage Dulles*, that is an interactive online map and historical essay allowing readers to explore the area within and around Dulles Airport over multiple time periods.

Dr. Krystyn Moon, Kristin Neun, Dr. Matt Bakker, and Janine Dewitt received the Beth Mitchell Award for their website, *Documenting Exclusion & Resilience*, that examines the racial dynamics among property owners in Northern Virginia and Fairfax County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating all the honorees and thanking the Fairfax County History Commission for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia community.

HONORING WARREN COUNTY'S  
BICENTENNIAL

**HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor historic Warren County, which is celebrating its bicentennial anniversary this fall. Warren County was incorporated in November of 1824 through an act of the New Jersey State Legislature, which named the new county after the renowned Revolu-

tionary War hero, Dr. Joseph Warren. At the time of her founding, a sum of almost \$10,000 was raised to build a county courthouse that is still in use to this day.

Warren County has historically been an important locus of transportation and commerce. In the 1650s, Dutch settlers built a road to carry mined copper in the region across colony lines to New York. Today, "Old Mine Road" is a popular visitor attraction for both New Jersey residents and tourists from across the country. Through the 19th century, Warren County expanded in commercial importance, hosting a large part of the Morris Canal, which connected the New Jersey and Pennsylvania countryside to metropolitan markets on the eastern seaboard. Phillipsburg, New Jersey, also became a major hub for five major railroads.

The County also has a long history of industriousness and prosperity. In the 1830s, furnaces in Oxford, New Jersey, became the first in the Nation to use the hot blast process, while a Phillipsburg furnace was one of the first to employ the Bessemer process. Phillipsburg was also home to the first commercially successful diesel-electric train engines. In the 20th century, a heavy manufacturing plant in Phillipsburg provided critical machinery for the Allied World War II victory. Today, Warren County remains the leading manufacturing county among the 21 counties of New Jersey.

Agriculture has long been a staple of Warren County's prosperity and health. Warren County feeds New Jerseyans as the top producing County of milk, dairy, cattle, feed corn, and eggs. The county's proud tradition of family-owned farms continues to provide quality fresh produce to residents across New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

It is my honor to congratulate the communities of Warren County on their bicentennial celebration, as it continues to be a pillar of New Jersey and American agriculture, industry, and history.

CELEBRATING JACKIE RAILY  
AND HER YEARS OF DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO WYNMOOR AND THE  
CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

**HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2024*

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Jackie Raily of Coconut Creek, Florida, for her many years of dedicated service to the Wynmoor community and the broader Coconut Creek area. Jackie's commitment to public service has greatly enriched the lives of her neighbors, and her continued leadership has strengthened the entire community.

In addition to her longstanding contributions to Wynmoor, Jackie Raily has served as a Coconut Creek City Commissioner, where her dedication to the public good has made a profound difference in the lives of our residents. Throughout her tenure on the City Commission, Jackie has been an advocate for responsible governance, fostering transparency and responsiveness to the needs of the people. Her role as a commissioner has been marked by her focus on community engagement, environmental sustainability, and maintaining Coconut Creek's high quality of life.