

man whose legacy will continue to inspire future generations. May we carry forward his example of integrity, service, and love for community. I thank Andy for everything. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR JACK ASHMORE

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Jackie King "Jack" Ashmore of Reno, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Capt. Ashmore honorably served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and Vietnam War.

As a young man, Capt. Ashmore sought to follow in his family's footsteps and serve his country. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1947 after graduating from Paris High School and was determined to pursue a military career that included his longtime passion for aviation. In 1950, Capt. Ashmore completed aviation school and later participated in numerous combat flights over Korea while stationed in the Sea of Japan. During the Vietnam War, he took part in the 1968 Tet Offensive and flew 254 combat missions. For his outstanding service, Capt. Ashmore received numerous awards, including the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, and many more. His final duties as a naval officer was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he briefed senior elected officials on national security matters.

After retiring in 1973, Capt. Ashmore continued to fly planes as a community volunteer and even taught friends and family how to fly. He also serves as the treasurer for the Paris Junior College Friends and Alumni Board, a position he has held for over twenty years. In recognition of Capt. Ashmore's distinguished career and selfless service, he received the Distinguished Student Award from Paris High School and a position on Paris Junior College's Wall of Honor. He is a man of faith and serves as a lay reader at his episcopal church. Above all, Capt. Ashmore is a devoted husband of over 57 years and compassionate friend to all who know him.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present during November 12 to November 15, 2024, my votes for Roll Call Numbers 456, 457, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, and 465 would have been cast as such: YEA on Roll Call No. 456, Bill Number: H.R. 82; NAY on Roll Call No. 457, Bill Number: H.R. 5342; NAY on Roll Call No. 459, Bill Number:

H. Res. 1568 (PQ); NAY on Roll Call No. 460, Bill Number: H. Res. 1568 (Rule); YEA on Roll Call No. 461, Bill Number: H.R. 8446 (MTR); YEA on Roll Call No. 462, Bill Number: H.R. 8446; YEA on Roll Call No. 463, Bill Number: H.R. 7409 (MTR); YEA on Roll Call No. 465, Bill Number: H.R. 8932.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. This month, the Daughters of Penelope, an international woman's organization and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), celebrated its 95th anniversary on November 16. Founded in San Francisco, the Daughters of Penelope originally worked to improve the status and well-being of women and their families. They also sought to provide women with the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities and country. After successfully achieving many of their early goals, the Daughters of Penelope now promote the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence, achieved through community service and volunteerism. I am a proud Greek-American. As a young boy, my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles instilled in me an appreciation for our beautiful Greek culture, which focuses on family, community, and faith. As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, it is with great pride that I see these values shine through the Daughters of Penelope today, across all its 250 chapters worldwide. Through the exceptional Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama and Penelope's Place in Brockton, Massachusetts, the organization vigorously supports efforts to combat domestic violence in Greece, as well as the United States. The development of these shelters brought renewed hope to many areas with suffering families who previously did not have access to the same level of care. As a member on the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I am impressed with the organization's efforts to provide financial support and raise awareness for medical research on treatments for breast cancer, Thalassemia (Cooley's anemia), muscular dystrophy, and Alzheimer's disease. The Daughters of Penelope are also a leading sponsor of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 Housing for the Elderly Program, which offers affordable housing to senior citizens in Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Texas. Recently, the Daughters of Penelope has also demonstrated support for senior nutrition and isolation with support for Meals on Wheels of America. In addition to helping the elderly, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., supports the educational objectives of the Daughters of Penelope by providing tens of thousands of dollars annually for scholarships, sponsoring educational seminars, and donating children's books to schools, shelters and churches through the

"Penelope's Books" program. After ninety five meaningful and productive years, it excites me to see what the Daughters of Penelope will accomplish and how they will help our country and our culture in the next century.

CONGRATULATING MR. FRANK QUIS ON HIS LONG CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Frank Quis on his retirement after 26 years as a civil servant for the people of Moore County. Frank comes from a long line of public servants with his mother and father both being involved in local governance. Frank Quis started his career in community service as a member of the Southern Pines Town Council before becoming mayor in 1997, a position he would hold for 10 years. In 2016, Frank was elected as Commissioner of Moore County and has a long list of accomplishments to reflect on with pride. One of his proudest achievements as Commissioner was the construction of four new elementary schools, he also confidently and successfully led Moore County through a hurricane and a global pandemic.

Along with serving as an elected official to the community, Frank has also served by lending his time and efforts to many organizations across the sandhills, to include the Moore Coalition for Human Care, Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, the Central Pines Regional Council, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills.

Frank credits all of his success to the support of his wife, Missy, who has been with him every step of the way since he decided to run for town council back in 1989. Together they owned and operated Quis Machinery, Inc. for more than 35 years. Once he retires, Mr. Quis plans to spend more time with his children and grandchildren and hopefully play some more golf.

While we will miss him dearly on the commission, I know we will be seeing him around. I wish Mr. Quis and his family all the best as he begins his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his commitment to the folks of Moore County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Frank Quis on his retirement after a 26-year career in public service.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF FORT EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of Fort Edward High School in Washington County, New York. This institution has stood as a beacon of learning, progress, and community spirit for 100 years and I look forward to seeing its continued success in its next century.

The story of Fort Edward High School's creation is one rooted in the village's unwavering commitment to education beginning early in the 20th century. During this period, the New York State Department of Education conducted inspections of the previous Broadway School building, which was found to be inadequate for proper high school work. These reports led to a strong push for a new, modern facility. In 1924, the present Fort Edward High School was established as one of the best high school facilities in the country.

As the school celebrates 100 years, it remains a vital part of the Fort Edward Union Free School District, serving over 550 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Fort Edward High School's long-standing tradition of academic excellence and community engagement has shaped generations of students, empowering them to excel in higher education, their careers, and civic life.

This centennial milestone is not only a celebration of the school's history but also an opportunity to look forward to the continued success and innovation that will define its future. The school's dedication and perseverance ensure that it will remain a cornerstone of education and a source of community pride for the next 100 years.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students, faculty, alumni, and the entire Fort Edward community for reaching this historic achievement.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR JOANNE SCHUMM

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Petty Officer Joanne Schumm of Frisco, Texas, and award her a Congressional Veteran Commendation. CPO Schumm honorably served in the United States Navy.

From a young age, CPO Schumm knew she wanted to serve our Nation and contribute to a greater cause. From 1978 to 1983, she served as a Cryptologic Technician and Intelligence Specialist in the Navy to provide timely communications and intelligence briefs for Commanders. CPO Schumm later joined the Navy Reserves and completed her military service in 2002. For her outstanding service, she was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze stars, and many more.

After retiring from the Navy, CPO Schumm has continued to be an active member of our community to advocate for important issues. She serves as the Commander of American Legion Post 178 and is a member of a military affinity group with State Farm Insurance. In these roles, she works diligently to bring awareness to veteran issues and support fellow veterans in need. Moreover, CPO Schumm works closely with the Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee to help ensure that the City of Frisco is always welcoming and ready to support all veterans. I am proud of her contributions to our community and her dedication to serving our great Nation.

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

HONORING ALBERTO GUTIER

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a respected public servant, Alberto Gutier, the former Director of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. Serving under seven Arizona Governors, Alberto worked tirelessly to protect the Arizona travelers and law enforcement officers on our roadways. He passed away on November 2, 2024, at age 84.

Born and raised in Havana, Cuba; Alberto Gutier spent his young adulthood fighting back against communist regimes before emigrating to Florida in the late 1950's. There, he attended the University of Florida and later moved to New Jersey to start his career and his family with his beloved wife, Miryam. In 1968, Alberto became so inspired by the work of U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater that he moved the Gutier family to Phoenix, Arizona, where he would continue to live out the American Dream.

A long-time figure in Arizona politics and policy, Alberto was widely respected by leaders on both sides of the aisle, and he championed the importance of a good compromise. He served as a Republican Party committeeman for 50 years and was a delegate to five national conventions. In addition, he founded the Gutier Group, a lobbying and political consulting firm, and served as state personnel director and administrative services officer for the Department of Administration, acting driver licensing program administrator for the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division, and Chairman of the Maricopa Merit System Commission. Alberto was also an active leader in our community—joining the Arizona DUI Abatement Council, the Phoenix Police Chief Interview Panel, the Legislative Oversight Committee on School Safety, and more—and a frequent contributor to FOX 10 and other local broadcasts.

Over his twenty years as Director of the Office of Highway Safety, Alberto led many successful safety campaigns that minimized the risks of wrong-way crashes, drunk driving, and distracted driving—and was a stalwart supporter of police officers and first responders, particularly in fighting for fair overtime compensation for law enforcement. His commitment to public safety, and his sense of humor, is still often projected to drivers across Arizona on the Arizona Department of Transportation's famous highway safety messages—especially his signature phrase, "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed!"

His dedication to keeping Arizonans safe on the roads will never be forgotten, and his many contributions to our state will be greatly missed. Arizona owes a debt of gratitude to Alberto for his years of service to our community.

HONORING ST. CLOUD RESIDENT  
BECKY CARLSON

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Becky Carlson from St. Cloud, Minnesota, who is in Washington this week to receive a prestigious award from the U.S. Department of the Air Force.

Since 2003, Becky has been working tirelessly to send care packages to our brave men and women overseas, through her non-profit Becky's Troop Care Packages. Becky started this endeavor to pay tribute to her brother, who passed away during the Vietnam War.

Becky stated, "It took me a lot of years to figure out what I could do to give back. And I wondered and wondered and wondered. And some of the soldiers coming home and stuff told me how bad it was over there, how the food was so horrible. You know, I thought, 'Well, why can't I send a package or two?'"

Despite health challenges over the years, Becky's resolve has never been stronger. Fueled by the support of local businesses, community groups and volunteers, Becky sends dozens of care packages to service members per month and several hundred during the holiday season. These care packages often include snacks, magazines and personal letters from family, friends and volunteers.

In addition to her work with her non-profit, Becky is a part of several Family Readiness Groups which help support soldiers and their families as these heroes transition from their military careers back into civilian life.

Becky's lifelong commitment to support our military heroes has not gone unnoticed. She was previously named the Woman of the Year by the St. Joseph American Legion Auxiliary Post 328. This week, she is in Washington, D.C. to receive the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award at the Pentagon.

I thank Becky for her years of service to our veterans and community. She makes St. Cloud and the State of Minnesota proud.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR STANLEY SCOTT

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Stanley Bernard Scott of Heath, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Capt. Scott honorably served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy.

Capt. Scott joined the Marine Corps in 1952, where he served as a motor vehicle operator and rose up the ranks to become a Sergeant. He served for eight years in the Marines, but felt that God called upon him to return to service once more. In 1967, Capt. Scott joined the Navy during the Vietnam War and served as a Chaplain in combat. His military service continued for many years through