

I have long admired Fred's dedication to improving the world around him. His legacy is one of selfless service, a steadfast pursuit of justice, and a profound care for others. Fred's life was defined by his compassion, his integrity, and his unwavering belief in the power of public service to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Fred was always a voice for the voiceless, a champion of fairness, and an advocate for those who needed it most.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I am proud to pay tribute to Frederick P. Kessler today. He has changed the lives of so many people, including my own constituents. The people of the 4th Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States join me in thanking him for his legacy of service and commitment to the public good.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CLAYTON MCGRAW

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant First Class Clayton McGraw of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. SFC McGraw honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

During the Korean War, SFC McGraw was drafted into the Army. In one incident, he successfully rescued a fellow soldier from drowning during a dangerous river crossing and was recognized for his quick thinking and bravery. For distinguishing himself through an act of heroism, SFC McGraw was awarded the Soldier's Medal.

After retiring from the Army, SFC McGraw continued to make a positive impact in our community. He is the founder and Chairman of the Hopkins County Veterans Memorial Committee to advocate for and support veterans across North Texas. SFC McGraw also served for eight years on the Sulphur Springs Planning and Zoning Board and was a member of the First Baptist mission team in Longview, Texas. His outstanding leadership has undoubtedly made a difference in the lives of so many people throughout the years. I am proud of SFC McGraw's contributions to our community and his dedication to serving our great Nation.

I am honored to represent SFC McGraw 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.

HONORING CHIEF ALLEN D. ALDENBERG

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the impressive and impactful career of Manchester Police Chief Allen Aldenberg as he retires.

Throughout his life, Chief Aldenberg dedicated his efforts to serving others.

In a military career spanning 30 years, he commanded from the company to the brigade level and deployed in support of key operations to combat terrorism and protect our Nation after 9/11. He was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his service in Iraq from 2009 to 2010.

As a law enforcement officer for 27 years, including the last four years as Manchester Police Chief, Chief Aldenberg has worked with officers, department staff, city leadership, and community members to make Manchester safer and stronger. His commitment to public safety and securing a bright and safe future for the Queen City is evident through his investment toward improving the Manchester Police Department.

Through his leadership, Chief Aldenberg spearheaded the Manchester Police Department's strategic goals to focus on data-driven approaches to public safety, invest in high-quality training and development, put more well-trained officers on the street, and enhance community engagement. Under his leadership, Chief Aldenberg also strengthened the Manchester Police Department's Mental Health and Wellness Program, which serves as a standard bearer across New Hampshire for other departments to emulate.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to extend my gratitude to Chief Allen Aldenberg for his exceptional service in New Hampshire as a law enforcement officer. I join all Granite Staters in thanking Chief Aldenberg for his leadership, professionalism, and contributions to making the community safer. I wish Allen, his wife Emily, and his children all the best as he retires from a career in law enforcement.

I congratulate Chief Aldenberg on a job very well done.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARC OF WARREN COUNTY

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

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Arc of Warren County for its 70 years of service to the 7th Congressional District of New Jersey. By assisting families in addressing the challenges associated with the lifelong care of relatives with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Warren County has created an environment where those they serve are accepted and respected in the community. Currently serving over 1,100 individuals annually, The Arc strives every day to ensure that all those associated with the program are able to achieve independence, make friends, and contribute to society. I am honored to have such an amazing organization working to strengthen the lives of New Jersey residents, and I look forward to seeing all that they will achieve in the future.

HONORING REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER PRIVATE JOHN ADAM STROBECK

**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 remarkable life and legacy of Private John Adam Strobeck, a Soldier of the American Revolution and stalwart patriot whose family resides in the Mohawk Valley of New York.

John was born on September 7, 1763, and was a devoted husband to his wife Sophia Merkel Strobeck. He was the proud father of five children: Sophia, John, Paul, Adam, and Catharina. On April 1, 1781, John enlisted as a Private in the Revolutionary War where he first served under Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of Levies under Captain Lawrence Gros.

During the Battle of Sharon, John's back and left arm were wounded, but these injuries did not deter him from continuing to fight for our country's independence. He recovered and fought in the Battle of Johnstown before receiving an honorable discharge in December 1781. John went on to reenlist in April 1782 with Colonel Willett, where he served for nine months before his final discharge in December 1782.

After the war, John settled in the Town of Seward and established a tavern where neighbors gathered for horse races and lively outings. He was affectionately known in Seward as "Honorable Adam" for his charitable spirit, always extending kindness to those in need. He was renowned for horseback riding and leading adventures while transporting grain to Albany where friends would join him in spirited competitions.

John passed away on June 16, 1845, and was laid to rest on his property, which was inherited by his son Paul. It was on this land that the "Strobeck Family Cemetery" was discovered more than a century after his passing. John is the only Revolutionary Soldier buried there, joined by generations of his descendants.

In October 2024, the Seward community came together to commemorate John's service and sacrifice. The Patriot Burial Marker on Rhinebeck Road serves as a testament to his contributions to American freedom and a reminder of the values for which he fought. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize John Adam Strobeck.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR GERALD NELSON

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Ray "Chappie" Nelson of Frisco, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. LTC Nelson honorably served in the United States Army.

As a young man, LTC Nelson was inspired to serve our country and the Lord, and he joined the Army in 1995. He served as a Chaplain during the Global War on Terror and oversaw other Chaplains to ensure all soldiers' spiritual needs were met. For his outstanding service, LTC Nelson received the Legion of Merit, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars, the Army Commendation Medal, and many more awards.

After retiring from the Army in 2008, LTC Nelson has continued to be an active member of our community. He has presided over events as a chaplain for the Frisco Gold Star Family Monument and served as a member of the Frisco Veteran Advisory Council. LTC Nelson also serves on Frisco Lakes Veterans' leadership team to assist homeless veterans and provide scholarships for students throughout North Texas. Over the past four years, he has managed a food bank in Little Elm to help feed families in need. I am proud of LTC Nelson's contributions to our community and his dedication to serving our great Nation.

I am honored to represent LTC Nelson 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.

#### HONORING LOVE'S SEAFOOD & STEAKS

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Love's Seafood & Steaks in Savannah, Georgia, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Since 1949, this family-owned establishment has been a cornerstone of our community, offering exceptional coastal cuisine and Southern hospitality.

Under the dedicated leadership of Donna Love and her husband, Fulton, Love's Seafood has thrived, becoming a cherished gathering place for residents and visitors alike.

Their commitment to quality and tradition has made Love's a beloved institution that is sure to deliver the very heart and soul of Savannah to anyone who steps into its doors.

I congratulate Donna, Fulton, and the entire Love family on 75 remarkable years, and may their legacy continue to flourish for generations to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

#### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of National Apprenticeship Week and celebrate the Workforce Innovation Network Consortium. This week is an opportunity to honor the incredible apprentices, graduates, employers, and workforce partners that make the American workforce the greatest and most skilled in the world.

In my home state of Illinois, there are over 400 Registered Apprentice programs and over 21,000 registered apprentices. I am proud of these members of our community and thankful for the opportunity they have available to them through Registered Apprentice programs.

As the Representative of Illinois's 1st Congressional District, I am proud to lend my voice and support to these life changing programs and to raise awareness throughout National Apprenticeship Week.

National Apprenticeship Week was established by the U.S. Department of Labor to showcase and promote high quality, inclusive, and in demand career pathway opportunities through Registered Apprentice programs.

This nationwide celebration allows employers, apprentices, graduates, workforce partners, educational institutions, and Federal, State, and Local governments to showcase the success and value of Registered Apprenticeships. These opportunities strengthen our economy, create pathways for career seekers to land good jobs while advancing racial equity.

Apprenticeships play a vital role in developing our workforce and creating opportunities for Americans from every walk of life. Over the last 10 years, apprentices and graduates of apprentice programs have played a key role in modernizing our country's infrastructure, building clean energy technology, and addressing cybersecurity threats. Their skills and expertise continue to move our country forward and they rise to meet the needs of our growing and evolving national needs.

As we look to the next 10 years of apprentice programs and beyond, we should continue to provide the support necessary to continue providing these vital opportunities.

As the American economy continues to be the envy of the world, Apprentice programs will continue preparing the next generation of American workers to face the challenges of tomorrow. This week is a reminder that there is no task too large that we cannot accomplish through diligence and hard work. I am proud to support Registered Apprentice programs that prepare our workforce to face these challenges together while building solidarity and unity among people of all backgrounds.

I ask that my colleagues join me in providing this support and recognizing and thanking all apprentices, graduates, and workforce partners who continue to move our country forward.

#### CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR PRESTON RICH

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Preston Bernard Rich of Frisco, Texas, and award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation. SSgt Rich honorably served in the United States Air Force during the Gulf War.

SSgt Rich joined the Air Force in July 1986, where he was responsible for conducting Personnel Management during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. For his meritorious service, he received the Air Force Longevity Award with one device, the South-

west Asia Service Medal with one device, the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon with one device, and many more awards.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1997, SSgt Rich has continued to make a positive impact in our community. Since 2013, he has served as Quartermaster for Frisco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8273. In this role, he leads efforts to improve veteran outreach and support veterans no matter where they are located. SSgt Rich has gone above and beyond his duties to ensure that no veteran is left behind during their time of need. He is also a devoted father and outstanding educator and speaker on the topic of cybersecurity. His outstanding leadership and guidance has helped many veterans, students, and peers improve their lives and reach their full potential. I am proud of SSgt Rich's contributions to our community and his dedication to serving our great Nation.

I am honored to represent SSgt Rich 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM DANIELS

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2024*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition, of William Daniels, a graduate of Operation Recognition Class of 2024. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education and the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who were unable to complete high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or due to internment in World War II Japanese-American relocation camps. Operation Recognition provides a way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

William Daniels was born on September 18, 1935. Shortly after he was born, William Daniels' brother and mother passed away and he was raised by his grandmother in Long Island, New York. In 1952, at the age of 17, Mr. Daniels decided he would find a way to join the U.S. Army and follow in the footsteps of the father. His father, whom he never met, served during World War II as part of the first Black parachute infantry battalion, the historic "Triple Nickel" 555th Parachute Infantry Company of the United States Army. After Daniels joined the Army, he was deployed, to fight in the Korean War and jumped out of planes as part of the 187th Regimental Combat Team in the 11th Airborne Division. He served as a medic and surgical technician, among multiple roles that included the motor pool and multiple military occupational specialties. He received the Purple Heart for injuries received while in combat. After the war, Daniels earned his GED and continued his service to veterans in his role with Kaiser Permanente—which included providing home health care to veterans. As recently as 1998, he was still known to jump out of planes as a skydiver. Mr. Daniels is 89 years old and has been married to