

Reinhardt on the occasion of her retirement after nearly three decades of distinguished public service on the Ramsey County Board.

**CELEBRATING BELL COUNTY  
SHERIFF EDDY LANGE**

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Sheriff Eddy Lange and congratulate him on an outstanding career spanning decades of dedicated community service. Sheriff Lange's passion for keeping the citizens of Central Texas safe is clearly demonstrated by a lifetime of unwavering commitment.

Sheriff Lange's political career began in 1992 when he was elected as the first Republican Justice of the Peace in his county. After serving in this role for 12 years, Sheriff Lange was elected to the County Commissioner's office. Soon after, he was elected Bell County Sheriff, a position he held for another 12 years. He will retire with an impressive record of 14–0 contested elections.

Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Lange implemented several initiatives to enhance public safety. This includes the installation of new technology, such as in-car video systems and body cams, and the creation of the Mental Health Unit of the Sheriff's Department, which assists in mental evaluations, provides guidance and resources, and works to provide daily support within the jail system. He also adeptly managed the rapid growth of the inmate population, which doubled during his tenure.

Sheriff Lange founded several high-impact programs that have left a lasting impression on Bell County. He established the School Resource Officer Program, which has since grown from one to seven officers across three different school districts. This program was designed to facilitate quick responses to emergencies on school campuses and to foster positive relations between officers and the community. Along with his wife, Amy, Sheriff Lange created the Crossroads Program, a rehabilitation initiative to teach life skills to inmates and pave the way for their success. Finally, Sheriff Lange is the founder of the Bell County Sheriff's Foundation, which supports families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty. As well as providing scholarships to Bell County Peace Officers, the Foundation raises funds in the hopes of constructing a memorial to honor those who have given their lives in service to Bell County.

Please join me in commending Sheriff Lange's lifelong commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe. His legacy of achievement and service represents the very best of Central Texas.

**RECOGNIZING WES RHODES**

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wes Rhodes of Euless, who is

retiring after 38 years of service to North Texas. After graduating from Arlington High School, Wes received his associate's degree in Fire Protection Technology from Tarrant County College in Fort Worth. He began his career with the Haltom City Fire Department and spent 25 years as a Firefighter and EMT before quickly moving up the ranks to Fire Chief. In 2011, Wes accepted the position of Fire Chief for the City of Euless. During his time with the Euless Fire Department, Wes focused on community involvement, regional training, empowering the ranks, and maintaining open lines of communication with his team.

Wes' commitment to North Texas has been acknowledged through numerous accolades, including the Outstanding Leadership Award from Tarrant County Fire Service Training Center, Distinguished Alumni Award from Tarrant County Fire Service Training Center, Texas Association of Fire Educators' Instructor of the Year, and Fire Officer of the Year in 1996, 1998, and 1999 from Haltom City Fire/Rescue. His contributions extend beyond fire service, being named the 2024 Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotarian of the Year for his work as president of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club.

Wes holds an array of certifications and licenses, including Certified Public Manager through Texas State University, Fire Service Chief Executive Officer through Texas A&M University, EMT, Master Firefighter, Master Fire Inspector, Fire Officer IV, HazMat Technician, Fire Investigator, Fire Instructor, Certified Head of Department, Fire Safety Officer, Swift Water Technician, and graduate of the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy. In 2021, he was promoted to Assistant City Manager of Euless. Wes and his wife Mary have been married for 34 years and are proud parents of two grown children, one of whom has followed in his father's footsteps as a Driver and Engineer with Grapevine Fire Department.

I thank Mr. Rhodes, for his unwavering dedication to protecting and serving our community. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

**HONORING FLORENCE DUNLEVY'S  
105TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Florence Dunlevy, a constituent from West St. Paul, who will be celebrating her 105th birthday on December 21st.

Florence was born in Armour, South Dakota, in 1919 into a farm family, and raised a farming family of her own with her husband John. Throughout her life, Florence has been a loving mother at home and avid volunteer at church and in her community. These days, she has many hobbies to stay busy, including knitting blankets, hats, mittens, and tablecloths, many of which she has given away to U.S. servicemembers.

Her advice for a good life? Be happy, smile, enjoy your friends and family, and always try to live your best life.

We can all take inspiration from Florence's long life of humility and service. Happy birthday to Florence.

**HONORING BILLY AND JACKIE  
GLINES**

**HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable couple who have been pillars of our community in Friendswood, Texas. The Glines Family, as some of the earliest residents of our beloved town, have left an indelible mark on the fabric of our society.

Billy and Jackie Glines share a love story that reads like a fairytale. They met in 1957, and it wasn't long before sparks flew. Their first date in July of that year set the stage for a lifelong romance. By late October, Billy was called to serve our great country. Knowing he had found his soulmate, Billy was determined to marry Jackie before someone else did, for he knew he would "never find another girl like her."

On Christmas leave from basic training, Billy and Jackie had a quaint ceremony on December 23, 1957. Their love was tested early on, as Billy soon departed for Germany to serve as an Advanced Weapons Support Commander.

Their bond only grew stronger over the miles and years. In November 1960, they welcomed their first child, Kimberly, followed by Britt in April 1964. Kimberly and her husband, Stan, have two children, while Britt and his wife, Shannon, have three. The Glines family legacy continues to thrive through these wonderful families.

Billy's career journey led him to establish the Mustang Auto Shop with his brother-in-law, a business that remains in operation today, serving the Friendswood community. Jackie, after initially working at a weight loss facility, found her calling as a secretary at Accident Insurance Company from 1958 to 1960. She paused her career to raise her children, then dedicated 30 years as a beloved school secretary at her son's elementary school.

Last Christmas, Billy and Jackie celebrated 67 years of enduring love and commitment. Their contributions to Friendswood are immeasurable, and their story is an inspiration to us all.

I first learned about this remarkable story through an excellent article authored by Ashley Forrest and published by Angela Knight in Friends of Friendswood Magazine July 2024 Edition. Their work in capturing and preserving the legacy of local families like the Glines deserves heartfelt appreciation.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent folks like Billy and Jackie Glines, whose lives are a testament to the values we hold dear—love, dedication, and service. Their story is a shining example of the American spirit, and their enduring marriage is a beacon of hope and stability in our community.

Here's to Billy and Jackie Glines, for their steadfast love, their service to our country, and their unwavering commitment to our community. May they continue to share many more happy years together.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 BEST OF  
BRADDOCK AWARDEES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaborative work between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community, and tonight's event proves that Braddock District continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2024 Best of Braddock Awards:

Organization or Club Making a Difference: The Young Hearts Club at C.G. Woodson High School, for their work in supporting students and their families facing serious medical challenges, to bring awareness to these issues and to fund research for cures and treatments.

Neighborhood Beautification, Enhancement, or Community-Building Effort: Burke Centre Conservancy (BCC), Open Space Committee, for supporting the BCC Board of Trustees with engagement, training, recommendations, and integration regarding environmental affairs and impacts within the Burke Centre community to aid in keeping Burke Centre in line with its motto, "In Harmony with Nature".

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee: Justen Allen Moreland, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, for his exemplary qualities of leadership, character and integrity as the Heavy Rescue driver at Fire Station 14.

Honorable Mention: Bob Lund, Lake Braddock, for leading the effort to cut down dead or dying trees and prune other trees as needed in the Lake Braddock common areas for many years.

Civic Engagement: Bob Cosgriff, Chair of Braddock District Council, for his tenacious and dedicated work to building a Council that greatly benefits its member neighborhoods.

Young Person of the Year: Callum Chang, Robinson Secondary School, for his passion for community service and his dedication to helping others.

Citizen of the Year: Bonnie Hopler, for her volunteer work all around Fairfax County including with the NOVA Lifetime Learning Institute, FACETS, and the Lamb Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2024 Best of Braddock honorees for their tremendous contributions to Northern Virginia. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of the Braddock District. We are a better place for them.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP OF  
SENATOR DAN BLUE

**HON. WILEY NICKEL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Senator Dan Blue, a dedicated public servant and lifelong North Carolinian, for his remarkable leadership as Senate Minority Leader and his tireless commitment to the people of our state.

From his early days growing up in Robeson County to becoming the first African American Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Senator Blue has been a trailblazer and an advocate for working families. His leadership has focused on investing in public education, creating jobs, protecting the environment, and ensuring access to affordable healthcare.

Throughout his distinguished career, Senator Blue has consistently been one of the most effective legislators in North Carolina. He has shaped significant reforms in workplace safety, public schools, and the criminal justice system, leaving a lasting impact on the state. As Senate Minority Leader, his steady and principled leadership has been a guiding force for his caucus during some of the most challenging political times.

As he steps down from his leadership role, I honor Senator Blue's decades of public service and his unwavering dedication to the people of North Carolina. His legacy as a leader, advocate, and mentor will continue to inspire future generations of public servants.

Please join me in recognizing Senator Dan Blue for his extraordinary service to North Carolina.

RECOGNIZING SEAN ANNUZZI—  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Sean Annuzzi on his exemplary achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This distinguished honor represents the culmination of his dedication, having earned nearly 40 merit badges across a wide array of skill sets. From Automotive Maintenance to American Business to Archaeology, Sean has shown a deep commitment to becoming a well-rounded young man, always eager to learn. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, he completed 14 additional merit badges, including Citizenship in the Nation, Personal Fitness, and Lifesaving. These accomplishments not only signify his dedication to personal growth but also his unwavering commitment to serving his community. Outside of his studies, he is already making a meaningful impact by mentoring children and teenagers with disabilities, exemplifying the spirit of compassion and service that the Scouting program seeks to instill. In his free time, Sean trains youth and teenagers in karate, equipping them with skills that foster both confidence and resilience. His efforts in this regard are highly commendable and are a testa-

ment to his character and leadership. Sean's family takes immense pride in his accomplishments, and I am honored to share in this sentiment. I have no doubt he will continue to do amazing things in the future. May God bless Sean and God bless the United States of America.

HONORING SISTER MARTA CICHON

**HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 16, 2024*

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Marta Cichon, a woman who has profoundly transformed the lives of Polish immigrant families and uplifted single mothers in Illinois.

Born in Zabkowice, Poland, Sister Marta's duty to humanity led her across the globe, serving in Australia before arriving in the United States in 2000.

Here, she recognized a pressing need to support mothers and their children who were vulnerable to homelessness, hunger, and lack of assistance.

Ultimately, she established the Single Mothers Home in 2008. The Single Mothers Home offers essential services, from legal assistance to mental health support, empowering women to rebuild their lives.

For nearly 15 years, Sister Marta has provided refuge, hope, and a path to independence for over 140 mothers and 180 children, including those who have experienced domestic violence.

To this day, these families maintain a close bond with Sister Marta, who considers them family.

I commend Sister Marta for her compassion, her resilience, and her unwavering service to our community.

Thank you (Dziękuję), Sister Marta.

Panie MARSZALKU. Zabieram dzis glos, aby oddac czesc siostrze Marcie Cichon, kobiecie, ktora gleboko zmieniła życie rodzin polskich imigrantów i podniosła na duchu samotne matki w Illinois.

Siostra Marta, urodzona w Zabkowicach, w Polsce, dzięki swojej powinności wobec ludzkości podróżowała po całym świecie, służąc w Australii, zanim w 2000 roku przybyła do Stanów Zjednoczonych.

Dostrzegła tam pilną potrzebę wsparcia matek i ich dzieci, które były zagrożone bezdomnością, głodem i brakiem pomocy.

Ostatecznie w 2008 roku założyła Dom Samotnej Matki. Dom Samotnej Matki oferuje podstawowe usługi, od pomocy prawnej po wsparcie w zakresie zdrowia psychicznego, umożliwiając kobietom odbudowanie swojego życia.

Siostra Marta przez blisko 15 lat dawała schronienie, nadzieję i drogę do samodzielności ponad 140 matkom i 180 dzieciom, w tym tym, które doświadczyły przemocy domowej.

Do dziś te rodziny utrzymują bliską więź z Siostrą Martą, która uważa je za rodzinę.

Chwale Siostrze Martę za jej miłosierdzie, odporność i niezachwiana służbę dla naszej społeczności.

Dziękuję Siostrze Marto.