

Jennifer, she's served as the head room mother and PTA President. Melba then went on to work at Eastfield College, from the Financial Aid department to marketing, and ended as the IT Director. Her commitment to serving the public was recognized when she was awarded the TFRW Tribute to Women Award in 2016, the Rockwall County GOP Chairman's Award in 2017, and the RCRW Woman of Influence Award in 2019.

Melba's love for her community led her to serve the public in several capacities. She's a member of the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club, where she's held several leadership roles including Hospitality Chair, Vice President, and President. She also sat on the Rockwall Architectural Review Board and the Rockwall County Tax Appraisal Board. Melba considers her faith to be very important and was heavily involved with First Presbyterian in Mesquite for over 20 years, serving on the Board of Deacons, the Board of Elders, the Fellowship Committee, the Search Committee for Minister of Music, and as Secretary for Sunday School. Today, she is a member of First Baptist of Rockwall. I commend Melba for her dedicated service to the people of our community and wish her continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Melba with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I was regretably unable to vote on Roll Call No. 418. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "nay" on Roll Call No. 418.

IN MEMORY OF JACI WINSHIP

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jaci Winship.

My team and I are absolutely devastated that Jaci Winship, our Senior Community Liaison, passed away this week. Over the past decade, Jaci has faithfully served the people of Missouri's 2nd District with compassion and dedication. She has been a core part of the team from the very beginning, and her passion for her work shined through in all she did.

Jaci's commitment to helping the most vulnerable truly made our community better each and every day. She was a leader in our fight against human trafficking and in helping victims of domestic violence. Local advocates and community leaders knew they could count on her when they needed help at all hours of the day.

She had an innate desire to help others and foster a stronger, more creative, and more hardworking next generation of students. She worked with high school students and art teachers as the head of our Congressional Art Competition, she championed emerging lead-

ers in the tech space during the Congressional App Challenge, and she was a tireless advocate for students serving our Nation in United States Service Academies. The future is bright in Missouri thanks to Jaci's work pushing students to work even harder and break out of their comfort zones.

Jaci served in numerous positions throughout the Missouri Republican Party. Whether she was working on a campaign for office or leading an issue-related organization, her passion inspired others to excellence. Called by her unwavering faith to Jesus Christ, Jaci was a staunch defender of the unborn and an activist in the pro-life community. She was a champion of Israel and the Jewish community here in St. Louis where she made numerous friends and touched countless lives through her advocacy.

Jaci was a fighter for those in need, a deeply caring coworker, and a loving mother. My heart breaks knowing she is no longer with us. She made us all better people and we will be forever grateful to have known her.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MICHAEL AUGUSTINE GUTIERREZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Michael Augustine Gutierrez, who passed away surrounded by his loved ones at age 86.

Michael was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, family member, and friend. Born in 1938 and hailing from Brea, California, he proudly served as a private first class in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963. He often recalled this period of his life with humor and affection, and loved to share stories of his service.

After leaving the military, Michael spent his career working for the City of Anaheim. A gifted artist at heart, Michael loved to spend his free time painting, drawing, building models, and doing woodworking.

He also built a beautiful family alongside Virginia Gutierrez, his beloved wife with whom he shared 59 wonderful years of marriage. Michael was a loving father to his daughter, Sharon Siegel, and son, David Gutierrez, as well as a proud father-in-law to Randy Siegel. He especially cherished his role as a grandfather to his granddaughter, Anna Siegel, who brought immense joy to his life.

Michael's love for storytelling, his lively wit, and his generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and creativity that will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Please join me in celebrating the life of Michael Augustine Gutierrez, a patriot and loving father who brought love, joy, and laughter to his family and our Anaheim community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT ANNA CAMPBELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Campbell of Rockwall, Texas and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Anna has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community.

Anna Campbell was born in the Panama Canal Zone to an American soldier and a Panamanian teacher, where she was raised until the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty. She then moved to the United States, growing up in the Florida Keys before moving to the great state of Texas in 1990. Anna is a proud graduate of Texas A&M Commerce, where she earned a double degree in English and Spanish. Now entering her 25th year as a teacher, she continues to proudly fulfill her passion for sharing her love of the Spanish language and culture, while helping students achieve their college degrees. In June 2020, Anna was appointed to, and then elected to the Rockwall City Council for 3 terms. She has also served as Council Liaison of several City Boards and continues to serve the wonderful citizens of Rockwall with honor. Her dedication to public service was recognized when she was awarded Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year, the Hawk Award-Most Influential Teacher of the Year twice, Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the year, the Multi-Cultural Secondary Teacher of the Year, and many others.

Anna's love for North Texas has motivated her to serve the public in several capacities, sitting on several boards of non-profit organizations that focus on raising money for college scholarships for the youth in our community. She's also served as a board member of the Rockwall County Republican Women's Club and has held additional leadership roles with the Boys and Girls Club. As the founding member and former President of the Rockwall County Hispanic Republican Club she actively reached out to the Spanish-speaking community in Rockwall with several forms of outreach. I commend Anna for her dedicated service to the people of our community and wish her continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Anna with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING FRANK RIZZO

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Frank Rizzo of Surprise, Arizona.

Frank is a hardworking and dedicated leader with an outstanding track record of supporting the community and serving in Republican Party leadership roles. Frank is a strong advocate for conservative principles and works diligently to educate and train citizens on civic engagement.

His support for elected officials, candidates, and the Republican Party has been instrumental to their success.

I am thankful for Frank's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate his service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING BOB HOUSER
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks and to congratulate Bob Houser on his well-earned retirement.

2024 marks the 60th and final year that Mr. Houser is adding something sweet to the community through his Bob's Sno Balls business. The 76-year-old York County resident has been running Bob's Sno Balls since he was just 16. In his six decades running the business, Mr. Houser has become a staple in the York County community. His classic white truck and ringing bell have attracted patrons from all over the York area during the summer months.

While the summers are spent selling snow cones, Mr. Houser spends the rest of the year as an accountant. Mr. Houser remarked "I've got two professions . . . People aren't usually smiling when they come to the tax office. Sno ball truck's a whole different operation. People are happy. Kids are happy."

It has been the smiles and happiness that has brought Mr. Houser back for the past six decades. He stated that being able to make people, especially the children, happy has been his biggest joy in all his years of business.

Mr. Houser's six decades of business in York County have made a lasting impact on the communities and individuals that he has served. Generations of people have been fortunate enough to have someone like Mr. Houser in their community, not only as a business owner but as a friendly face.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Houser on his 60th year in business, and I wish him continued success and joy in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TRUCK
DRIVING AWARD WINNER FROM
MISSISSIPPI JACKIE REED

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fellow Mississippian Jackie Reed for his extraordinary accomplishment of winning the National Truck Driving Championships last month in Indianapolis. Jackie, from Collinsville, Mississippi, was named the Bendix Grand Champion at the 2024 Truck Driving and Step Van Championships. As we celebrate National Truck Driver Appreciation Week this week, I am honored to have the chance to recognize Jackie Reed.

Jackie has over 30 years of professional truck driving experience for FedEx and has

driven more than 3 million miles without an accident. For the third time, Jackie qualified for the National Truck Driving Championships by winning the state title at the Mississippi Truck Driving Championships.

I am proud of Jackie Reed's much-deserved recognition as the 2024 Grand Champion of the 87th National Truck Driving Championships. Jackie's record proves that he has had a career of excellence, and I am grateful for his expertise in this vital profession.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PA-
TRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT
CORBETT HOWARD

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Corbett Howard of Celina, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Corbett has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

Corbett was born in Roswell, New Mexico. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Southern Nazarene University and graduated from Engineer Officer Candidate School in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. After graduation, Corbett commissioned in the United States Army and served with the Military Assistant Command, Vietnam (MACV) as an advisor for the South Vietnamese Army. For his meritorious service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Corbett was first elected to the Celina City Council in 1999. In 2002, he was elected to serve as the Mayor of Celina and was re-elected twice. Under Corbett's leadership, Celina transformed economically through increased job growth and critical business investments. As a result of his advocacy for Celina residents, he was recognized as a top influential leader in Collin County. After his tenure as mayor, Corbett served as the Executive Director of the Celina Economic Development Corporation for ten years. He also served on the Board of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and the McKinney Urban Transit District. He is the past President of the Preston Trail Rotary Club and the current Chairman of Government Affairs for the Celina Chamber of Commerce. Corbett currently serves as the Market President of Lamar National Bank and is a board member of the Military Warriors Support Foundation, which donates homes and cars to wounded veterans. A devoted man of faith, he attends the Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, where he has led Bible study classes for over 33 years. I am proud of the work Corbett has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Corbett with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNION
STATION REDEVELOPMENT COR-
PORATION FUNDING ELIGIBILITY
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to make the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC), a nonprofit, eligible for funding under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Program, the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program and the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program, also known as the Mega Program. Funding under these transportation programs is essential to implement the planned expansion and modernization of Union Station in the District of Columbia, known as the Washington Union Station Expansion Project (USEP). I am pleased Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN has introduced this bill in the Senate.

Union Station is owned by the federal government, and USRC manages and operates the station under a lease with the federal government. The members of USRC's board of directors are the Federal Railroad Administration, Amtrak, Federal City Council, the District of Columbia and the USRC President and CEO. USRC is the only entity exclusively dedicated to the management and operations of Union Station and therefore should be eligible for funding under the FSP Program, the CRISI Program, the RAISE Program and the Mega Program.

Union Station is a vital local, regional and national intermodal transportation hub that, pre-pandemic, welcomed more than 100,000 travelers and visitors each day—more than either Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport or Washington Dulles International Airport. Located five blocks from the U.S. Capitol, Union Station serves as a gateway to the Nation's capital, as well as the backbone that connects East Coast rail lines to the north and south. People rely on Union Station every day to get to work and to visit the Nation's capital.

Despite the vital role Union Station plays in the Nation's capital, it has not undergone major renovation since the 1980s. The USEP represents a historic transportation and economic development opportunity for the Nation's capital and the national capital region, but billions of dollars are needed to carry it out. This bill would give USRC access to critical funding.

RECOGNIZING THE GRASSROOTS
GRANDMAS

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Arizona's 8th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize two special individuals in the Phoenix West Valley, Barbara Wylie and Corky Haynes, otherwise known as the "Grassroots Grandmas." Both Barbara and