

Corky educate constituents on the civic engagement process and are a strong force for conservative causes across Arizona. They have been instrumental in the success of elected officials, candidates, and others in the Republican Party. During my tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, I have been thankful for their leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I sincerely appreciate their efforts and service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING KYLE
HOSTETTLER

HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kyle Hostetler, a first responder and recent winner of The Atmore Advance Readers' Choice Awards. The residents honored Kyle by selecting him as their favorite first responder in the area. The award is chosen annually by the individuals residing within a 60-mile radius of Atmore, Alabama. The ceremony was held on September 10, 2024, to honor Kyle and the recent winners of these awards. Prior to attending his graduation from the Alabama Fire College in 2021, Kyle attended Coastal Alabama Community College's Brewton campus. As a first responder, Kyle bravely goes above and beyond to ensure the safety of Atmore's residents. I am honored to have such a courageous individual residing in and serving the people of the First District of Alabama. I am proud to congratulate Kyle on receiving this outstanding award.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PA-
TRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT JUDGE
TRAVIS RANSOM

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Travis Ransom of Atlanta, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Judge Ransom has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

A distinguished alumnus of Atlanta High School, Judge Ransom attended Texarkana College and earned his Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science at Texas A&M University at Texarkana. He began his career as a legislative aide in the Texas State Senate, a position he held for eleven years. Since May of 2022, Judge Ransom has served as Cass County Judge and was previously the Mayor of Atlanta, Texas, for five years. As Mayor, Judge Ransom lowered tax rates for Atlanta residents and fought for the creation of new jobs, improved public infrastructure, and increased economic development. He concurrently works as a Commercial Insurance Agent for Offenhauser Insurance and is a 27-year veteran of the United States Army Reserves. In the Army, Judge Ransom served as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 505th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Sam Hous-

ton and deployed several times in support of peacekeeping and contingency operations around the world. When he returned from Afghanistan in July 2021, Judge Ransom was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service.

On top of his professional career, Judge Ransom is an active leader in our community and has served in a variety of volunteer positions. He is a current member of the Executive Board for the ARK-TEX Council of Governments and is the past president of the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council and the Atlanta Lions Club. As an Eagle Scout himself and the father of a proud Eagle Scout, Judge Ransom serves on the advisory board for the Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America. He is a devoted man of faith and attends First Baptist Church in Atlanta with his wife, Emily, and their three children. I'm proud of the work Judge Ransom has accomplished, and I wish him continued success for many years to come.

It is an honor to bestow Judge Ransom with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation and the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR RAYMOND
ROBERTS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Major Raymond Roberts of Denton, Texas, who passed away on August 29, 2024. With his celebration of life ceremony being held this week, I would like to share about his tremendous life of service to his country and our great state of Texas.

Since he could first walk, Ray always wanted to be a pilot, which prompted him to join the U.S. military at the young age of 14. Initially joining the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and then transitioning to the Army Air Corps, Ray spent 22 years serving in our Nation's military.

Ray's storied military career included assignments as an airman, mechanic, and flight engineer during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. In 1948, Ray was also one of the few pilots to fly nonstop as part of the greatest humanitarian airlift in history to carry supplies to the encircled people of West Berlin. Despite the great risks and challenges that came with supplying the necessities of food and fuel for thousands of people, he remained dedicated and committed to providing the resources necessary to sustain the men, women, and children in dire need on the ground. Ray played a pivotal role in history and the success of our military.

After leaving military service, Ray did not stop serving his community. Developing a career as an entrepreneur, corporate manager, car salesman, aviation administrator, and private pilot, he ensured our state continued to grow economically. Ray loved his country and numerous times put his life on the line for the future generations of Americans. I am glad to call him a constituent of mine and was honored to nominate his son, Brandon, for the Air Force Academy back in 2012 and see him successfully follow his father in service to his country.

May his extraordinary life be remembered by many in the 26th District of Texas and across the United States. Sending my prayers and love to his family and friends, as they celebrate his life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF TAD
WEBER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tad Weber, an esteemed journalist, and Opinion Page Editor at The Fresno Bee, on his retirement.

Mr. Weber has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to a career in journalism, of which over a decade was carried out here in Fresno at The Fresno Bee newspaper. Before coming to The Fresno Bee in 2013, Mr. Weber worked at newspapers in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo, California. His journey eventually led him to Fresno, where he served as Metro Editor of the Fresno Bee, directing news coverage of the Central San Joaquin Valley. In 2018, Tad was promoted to the Opinion Page Editor, a position which granted him the responsibility of writing editorials shaping opinion on key issues impacts the Valley. He is known for his dedication, fairness, and well-thought-out commentaries.

Over his lengthy career, Tad earned many awards and leaves a legacy of fair and accurate news coverage. The Executive Editor of the San Luis Obispo Tribune, Sandra Duerr, describes Tad as "a key player in strengthening news coverage countywide, producing terrific journalism that has made a difference to readers and won many state and national awards." Most recently, Mr. Weber was awarded Best Editorial in Large Digital/Print for the 2024 George F. Gruner Awards for San Joaquin Valley news outlets.

Tad will enjoy his retirement in Clovis, California, with his wife Donna and adult children, Katie and John, and their family dog, Ginger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the phenomenal career of Tad Weber. May we never forget his contributions and commitment to journalism throughout his life. We hope his legacy of excellence inspires future generations of journalists.

RECOGNIZING LOU SNIDERMAN

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 Lou Sniderman of Sun City, Arizona. Lou is a hardworking and dedicated leader with an outstanding track record of supporting his community.

Lou 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 Lou's leadership and dedication to conservative principles. I

sincerely appreciate his service to Congressional District 8 and the State of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT
SHAWN TEAMANN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

Growing up in the Texoma area, Shawn graduated from Anna High School in 2000. He then went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University while playing football, on an academic and athletic scholarship. As a high school student, Shawn started a residential/commercial landscaping business. He took this business into college, until he acquired ownership in Nautilus Family Fitness, a local fitness center. Since that time, Shawn has expanded regionally, opening 7 locations all across North Texas. His political career was launched in 2016 when he was elected to the City Council in Sherman, Texas, where he served for 8 years. Today, he continues to serve the public as the Deputy Mayor of Sherman. His decorative career in public service features being awarded Community Leader of the Year in 2018, and the Ambassador of the Month award in March 2019 and February 2022 by the Sherman Chamber of Commerce. He was also named to the Herald Democrat's Texoma 40 under 40.

Shawn's dedication to public service includes serving as the secretary and treasurer of the Texoma Behavioral Health Leadership Team, a board member of the Sherman Kiwanis Club, an ex-officio board member of the Sherman Economic Development Corporations, a board member of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of the Lamar County Coalition of Business and Industry. Shawn is a proud member of Western Heights Church of Christ, where he serves on the Christians in Action team. I commend Shawn for his dedicated service to the people of our community and wish him continued success for many years to come.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION FOR THE TOWN OF HOBSON CITY, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Hobson City's 125th Founders' Day Celebration.

The Town of Hobson City was first known as Mooree Quarters, a Black settlement dating back to 1868 in a section of Oxford, Alabama.

In 1890, a Black man ran for Justice of the Peace in Oxford and the white mayoral candidate vowed if the Black man won, he would go to the State Capitol and have the boundary lines redrawn excluding Mooree Quarters. The Black man won the election, and in 1896 Mooree Quarters Settlement was removed from the Oxford Town limits.

According to the 1899 Alabama Constitution, to be eligible to vote, a resident had to have lived in the county of his residence for 12 months, be a male at least 21 years old, able to read and understand the Constitution, have a steady job for 12 months, own at least 40 acres of land and pay taxes among other requirements. Some Black property owners were allowed to vote in city and county elections. Twenty men responsible for the incorporation of the town qualified to vote under those terms.

For almost three years, Mooree Quarters settlement sat alone in the county. Taking matters into their own hands, a committee of citizens took their concerns to attorney Ross Black in Anniston, Alabama. Black attorneys were not allowed to practice law in Alabama during this time. The attorney advised them to incorporate the territory into their own municipality. On July 20, 1899, approximately 125 Blacks living in Mooree Quarters filed a petition with Calhoun County Probate Judge E.F. Cook to become a separate and distinct municipality. After proper legal proceedings, the town became incorporated on August 16, 1899, making it the first city in Alabama established exclusively for and by Black people. S.L. Davis was elected the first Mayor of Hobson City. Hobson City was named for Richard P. Hobson, a white Naval hero in the Spanish American War and a representative of the Alabama Legislature. Today Hobson City is under the leadership of Mayor Alberta McCrory.

This year's honorees include Dr. David Satcher, 16th Surgeon General of the United States and Alabama State Representative, Dr. Barbara Bigsby Boyd.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Hobson City's 125th Founder's Day Celebration.

HONORING PETER CARNES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Peter Carnes.

With a passion for public service from a young age, Peter first began his extensive career in law enforcement in 1973 as a patrolman with the Wenham Police Department after receiving his associate's degree in law enforcement. Over the next two decades, Peter rose through the ranks, being promoted to sergeant in 1981 and Chief of Police in 1984. Peter continued to serve his home community as Wenham Police Chief for the next 11 years.

In 1995, Peter took on the role of Chief of Police of the Yarmouth Police Department. Throughout his 13-year tenure as Yarmouth Police Chief, Peter helped to implement greater community policing initiatives and grow the department into a technologically advanced public safety organization. After retiring from

the Yarmouth Police Department in 2008, Peter continued his career as Chief of Police and Director of Campus Safety at Stonehill College.

Seeing the challenges that many police departments on Cape Cod faced when having to send recruits to distant academies, Peter took the steps to petition the Municipal Police Training Committee to establish a police academy on the Cape and was appointed Director of the Cape Cod Regional Municipal Police Academy at Joint Base Cape Cod in 2019. The academy was a great success and was eventually replaced by a state-funded police training academy in Falmouth, MA, which Peter played a key role in developing to meet the region's need for law enforcement training.

With a commitment to expanding his knowledge on law enforcement and public safety, Peter continuously sought opportunities to further his education. Peter received his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and master's degree from Anna Maria College in law enforcement. Additionally, Peter completed programs at Babson College's Command Training Institute, Boston University's Law Enforcement Trainers Institute, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

Throughout his career, Peter was a mentor to many and a leader in the law enforcement community. Over the years, he served as President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, Municipal Police Institute, Essex County Chiefs of Police Association, Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, and Cape Cod Chiefs Council. Further, Peter was active in the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Rotary Club International, as well as the Service Academy Nomination Committee for Southeastern Massachusetts.

Sadly, we lost Peter too soon on September 4, 2024, at the age of 71. Above all, Peter was a devoted husband to his wife, Karen, and father to his son, Brendan. From his decades of service in law enforcement to his unwavering dedication to supporting and advocating for the safety and well-being of his fellow officers, Peter's efforts to better the lives of those around him serves as an example to all.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Peter Carnes and ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his lifelong commitment to public safety and serving his community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT RAY HUFFINES

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Samuel "Ray" Huffines of Plano, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Ray has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Ray was born and raised in Texas, graduating from the Schreiner Institute in 1970. He earned a Business Management degree from Texas A&M in 1974 and was a member of the National Champion Freshman Military Drill