

place in debate. The following year, she became a member of the Napa County Farm Bureau and purchased an agricultural property in Oakville. By 1989, she had terraced the hillside and planted four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon on the property her vineyard crew would later name Tierra Roja for its distinctive red volcanic soil.

After two decades leading M&L Vineyard Management, Ms. Neal turned her focus to her own properties. She operated Mellowood Vineyard in El Dorado County before selling the winery in 2018 to concentrate fully on Tierra Roja. Working closely with vineyard manager Ruben Rubio, Ms. Neal manages every aspect of her four-acre vineyard year-round, with each vine individually tended. She produces about 250 cases annually of highly regarded Cabernet Sauvignon from what has been called "Magic Hill" for its location among Oakville's most celebrated vineyards.

In addition to her professional success, Ms. Neal has been a driving force for agricultural education and community engagement. Twenty-five years ago, she worked with local farmers, including Larry Bettinelli, to establish the Agriculture Program at St. Helena High School, where she served as treasurer, secretary, and fundraiser. What began as a vision for a single classroom has grown into a three-teacher program with more than half of St. Helena High School's students participating. Ms. Neal was also elected by local farmers to serve on the USDA Farm Service Agency Committee, where she advocated for agricultural producers across the region. Throughout her career, she has mentored many young people entering agriculture, giving individuals who are now industry leaders their first start in the field.

Ms. Neal's commitment to service extended beyond our Napa Valley when she joined the Peace Corps in 2018 and served in Morocco until 2020, sharing her agricultural expertise with communities abroad before returning to continue her work here at home.

Mr. Speaker, through decades of work in viticulture, dedication to agricultural education, and commitment to mentoring the next generation of farmers, Linda Neal has made lasting contributions to our Napa Valley's agricultural community. It is fitting and proper that we honor her here today as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2025 Agriculturist of the Year.

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RECOGNIZING THE HIGH PLAINS  
HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. GABE EVANS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate our Nation's brave men and women and to recognize the High Plains Honor Flight Network, which conducts trips for veterans to Washington, D.C., to tour the monuments built to honor their bravery and service. The High Plains Honor Flight gave some of our fellow brave men and women the chance to visit our Nation's Capital. As a fellow veteran myself, I am pleased to honor the High Plains Honor Flight and to recognize the Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War veterans of Colorado who took part in it.

Mr. Speaker, the veterans who participated in this flight are as follows:

Veterans of the Korean War: Howard Kennedy and Robert Kinnison.

Veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars: James Myers.

Veterans of the Cold War: Marvin Clark and Charles Portz.

Veterans of the Vietnam War: Leron Allred, Albert Amen, Walter Anderson, Sammy Archer, John Babich, Clifford Baker, Virgil Barnhart, Weslie Bater, Selby Batty, Richard Block, Louis Branch, Jr., Miles Brekke, C. Brown, Charles Brown, John Bunning, Jens Burnett, Bruce Carlson, Daniel Carson, James Coleman, Bruce Conley, David Cook, Rhonda Corchado, Charles Cowan Jr., Daniel Cutler, Douglas Davenport, Steven Davison, Eugene Dorsey, George Dowell, Jerry Downie, Joseph Eddins, Richard Edens, Rodney Ellner, Bryan Ericson, Daryl Frank, Timothy Fulton, John Goodman, Michael Graff, Lester Greene, Duane Hahn, Gary Hausman, James Hawkins, David Hedgpeh, Joseph Heide, Jr., Larry Hobbs, James Hoefer, David Holm, George Horgan, Richard Horwat, Donnie Huff, Donald Huss, Larry Johnson, Martin Jones, Sidney Keller, Bruce Kemp, Michael Kennedy, Ronald Kessinger, Thomas King, John Knepfel, Bruce Koerwitz, Michael Konshak, Robert Kronberg, John Kupfer, William Langridge, Gerard Lemke, Cecelia Long, Johnny Lorenzini, John Loth, Gary Marison, Karen Marison, Cisco Martinez, Harry Marxmiller, Rudolph Mazur, George McCambridge, Daniel McKinney, Maurice Mertens, Allan Miller, Dean Nelson, Ron Nelson, Wesley Nelson, Joseph Novak, Stephen Olt, Cameron Paterson, Kenneth Pearce, Paul Piper, Thomas Redmond, Randolph Reed, James Rippeth, Rolando Romo, James Ronk, Sylvester Roubideaux, Gail Rowse, Steven Sample, Donald Sanchez, Lyndel Saxbury, Kenneth Schossow, Earl Seahorn, Barry Sittlow, Richard Skinner, Richard Steedley, Marion Stille, Harry Stordahl, Ashley Sumerford, Robert Tramp, Raymon Valdez, Gerald Vargo, Daniel Warren, Floyd Watson, Jr., Larry Weickum, Donald Weightman, James Widlar, Linda Wingate, David Wining, Juan Zavala, Joe Zavala, Jr., Donald Zeidler.

It is my honor and privilege as a veteran and the United States Representative of the 8th District of Colorado to recognize the sacrifice and service of these men and women and all other members of our Nation's military. I thank them for their bravery and service to our Nation.

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HONORING MARBEYA ELLIS AS  
ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON-  
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marbeya Ellis, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. As Family Resource Center Manager for the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD), Ms. Ellis has transformed three school-based centers—at Anna Kyle, Cleo Gordon, and Suisun Elementary—into trusted community hubs providing essen-

tial support, stability, and hope for local families. Through her leadership, FSUSD's Family Resource Centers have become models of wraparound service, connecting families to vital resources, including hygiene products, school supplies, housing referrals, and financial assistance, all in an environment of dignity and care. Marbeya's innovative approach has expanded partnerships with organizations such as SparkPoint Solano for financial coaching, CommuniCare+OLE for mobile health clinics, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax preparation that helps low-income families secure critical refunds. Beyond her district role, she serves as Board Secretary for the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Solano County Family HealthCare Board, championing equitable access to healthcare and economic opportunity. Her commitment to collaboration ensures that families can find relief and empowerment in the very schools their children attend. Under her guidance, FSUSD's Family Resource Centers have become national examples of how public education can anchor community wellness. Marbeya's work is not just about meeting needs, it's about transforming systems with compassion, cultural humility, and persistence. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Marbeya Ellis for her visionary leadership, her tireless service, and her profound impact on families across Fairfield and Suisun City.

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INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESO-  
LUTION COMMEMORATING OCTO-  
BER 2025 AS HEAD START  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a joint resolution commemorating October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month, recognizing the extraordinary impact this program has had on more than 40 million children and their families over the past six decades.

Since its founding in 1965 under President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, Head Start stands as one of America's most effective and enduring investments in our nation's future—helping children from low-income families build a strong foundation for lifelong success. From early childhood education to health, nutrition, and parental engagement, Head Start has transformed the lives of families in every corner of this country.

Head Start isn't just about education, it's about empowerment. It ensures that every child, regardless of their zip code or background, has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Parents are not just participants, but partners shaping programs that reflect the needs and values of their communities.

Today, nearly 750,000 children are enrolled in Head Start programs across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, tribal nations, and U.S. territories. The results speak for themselves: Head Start alumni are more likely to graduate high school, attend college, and achieve greater economic security as adults.

As we mark this milestone, we must reaffirm our commitment to supporting and strengthening Head Start. For 60 years, this program has enjoyed bipartisan support—a testament to its effectiveness and the shared belief that every child deserves a fair start in life.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution honors the families, educators, and communities who have made Head Start the success story it is today. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in commemorating October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month, and in celebrating the generations of children and families who have benefited from this transformative program.

HONORING THE HONORABLE  
JAMES A. MURPHY, III

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable James A. Murphy, III, for his distinguished and lasting service to Saratoga County and the State of New York.

Judge Murphy served for ten years as Saratoga County Court Judge and as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, where he presided over serious felony jury trials and complex civil litigation. Before his election to the bench, he devoted twenty-five years to prosecutorial work, serving as Saratoga County District Attorney from 1997 to 2014 after being re-elected in 2001, 2005, 2009, and 2013.

As District Attorney, Judge Murphy led with innovation and compassion, establishing drug treatment courts, alternatives-to-incarceration programs, and New York State's first Domestic Violence Integrated Court. He was a vocal advocate for reform of the Rockefeller drug laws and worked closely with the State Legislature to modernize New York's criminal justice system. His leadership extended beyond the county, as Governors Pataki, Spitzer, and Cuomo appointed him to statewide boards including the Commission for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the Forensic Science Commission. He is also a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy and earned a Certificate in Leadership from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Judge Murphy and his wife, Laurie, reside in Saratoga Springs and are the proud parents of two daughters. Outside of his legal career, he continues to serve his community in other ways, including as a certified U.S. Rowing referee.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Judge James A. Murphy, III, for his decades of public service, principled leadership, and unwavering dedication to justice. His career stands as an example of integrity and commitment that has strengthened both the legal system and the community he has served so faithfully.

HONORING MALAYSIA GALLON AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Malaysia Gallon, recognized as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. At only 24 years old, Malaysia has already devoted more than a decade to community service, embodying compassion, leadership, and resilience far beyond her years. Since the age of 12, she has dedicated her life to uplifting others through her involvement with Keyz 2 the Future and Motivated 2 Help Others (M2HO), organizations committed to providing food, mentorship, and trauma-informed support to those in need. As Secretary for Keyz 2 the Future, Malaysia helps lead youth mentorship and art therapy programs that empower children and teens affected by gun violence. Through her service with M2HO, she has been on the front lines of feeding the unhoused and ensuring that vulnerable community members are met with dignity and care. Alongside her tireless volunteer work, Malaysia is building a career in healthcare as a licensed EKG Technician and Unit Assistant, while pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. Despite facing profound personal loss to gun violence, Malaysia has transformed her grief into purpose, becoming a role model for young women navigating hardship. Her dedication has resulted in thousands of meals served, hundreds of youths mentored, and a legacy of empathy and service that continues to grow. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize Malaysia Gallon for her extraordinary compassion, her unwavering community spirit, and her outstanding contributions to Solano County.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL JAMES E. LIVINGSTON, USMC, RETIRED

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 2025*

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Medal of Honor winner Major General James E. Livingston, USMC Retired, and the University of North Georgia's permanent dedication of the North Plaza at the Gen. William "Lipp" Livsey Drill Field as the 'Major General James E. Livingston Medal of Honor Plaza'. This permanent naming is in recognition of Major General Livingston's lifelong service to America, his commitment to the mission and work of the University of North Georgia—The Military College of Georgia, and his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" for which he earned our Nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor.

A native of McRae, Georgia, in Telfair County, James E. Livingston attended North Georgia College (NGC) from 1957 to 1958. He departed NGC to study engineering and was

commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1962 from Auburn University. His early assignments included service as a platoon commander, intelligence officer, and as a Recruit Training Regiment series commander. Major General Livingston served as the Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS *Wasp* and then joined the 3d Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam in August 1967. On May 2, 1968, while serving as Commanding Officer, Company E, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces at the Battle of Dai Do, Republic of Vietnam.

The following is a (short) excerpt from his actions that day:

"Ignoring hostile rounds impacting near him, he fearlessly led his men in a savage assault against enemy emplacements within the village. While adjusting supporting arms fire, Capt. Livingston moved to the points of heaviest resistance, shouting words of encouragement to his marines, directing their fire, and spurring the dwindling momentum of the attack on repeated occasions. Although twice painfully wounded by grenade fragments, he refused medical treatment and courageously led his men in the destruction of over 100 mutually supporting bunkers, driving the remaining enemy from their positions, and relieving the pressure on the stranded marine company." For his incredibly heroic actions on that fateful day, Major General Livingston earned the Medal of Honor which was presented to him on 14 May 1970 by President Richard Nixon in a ceremony at the White House. Today, Major General Livingston stands as one of only 61 living Medal of Honor recipients. Although, he only attended North Georgia College for one year, to this day he credits his North Georgia experience with setting the foundation for his life by instilling timeless leadership principles, fostering maturity, and making him tough. This quote is from Major General Livingston in a recent interview in late 2024: "One of the greatest things to ever happen to me in my life was the opportunity to come to (attend) what was then North Georgia College. . . let me assure you I would have never been successful in what I learned about myself, what I learned about what I needed to know and needed to reinforce through my whole life. Those values of understanding how to live your life, how to be successful in your life, how to achieve in your life . . . all values I learned at North Georgia."

His foundational experience at North Georgia was evidenced by his donation of one of his original Medals of Honor which he received from President Nixon in 1970 to UNG in October 2024. Of note, each medal of honor recipient receives only two medals—Major General Livingston is leaving one to his family and the second to the University of North Georgia, in perpetuity. In a speech to the UNG Corps of Cadets—America's Corps in September 2024, he emotionally shared how the Corps' rigorous training shaped his philosophy of leading by example and maintaining discipline under pressure, qualities evident in his heroic actions at the Battle of Dai Do. Major General Livingston's formative experience in UNG's Cadet Corps laid the groundwork for his distinguished 33-year Marine Corps career. He is the epitome of the UNG Cadet Corps and the mission and work of the University of North Georgia—The Military College of Georgia. As UNG delivers the Corps of the Future—America's Corps, it will be the legacy of leaders like Major General