

helped his peers, neighbors and the Damascus community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MIKE DOYLE

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mike Doyle. Throughout his life, Mike demonstrated his unwavering devotion to service and empowering his community. Mike was born in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania and left his hometown at the age of 17 to join the United States Air Force. He was promoted to Sergeant and was posted to Erding Air Base in Bavaria, Germany, where he served as Chaplain's Assistant, providing aid to U.S. airmen, German citizens, and displaced individuals. He was then reassigned to Parks Air Base in Pleasanton, California where, after stopping for directions at Elliott's Bar in downtown Danville, he stumbled upon his future hometown. From there, Mike fell in love with the Town of Danville and began raising his family there in 1955.

Mike dedicated his life to serving his community and improving quality of life for Danville residents. He was first elected to the Town Council in 1991, served as Mayor for five terms, and devoted over 25 years of service to the Town. Throughout his tenure, he played a crucial role in guiding the town as it grew while helping to maintain Danville's small-town charm. He was admired for his commitment to fiscal responsibility and support for Danville's businesses, faith communities, and schools. Additionally, he represented Danville for more than 20 years on the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities.

Sadly, Mike passed away on October 19, 2025 at the age of 96. He will be remembered for his outstanding leadership, honesty, and for the indelible mark that he has left on our community. Please join us in honoring Mike Doyle for his invaluable contributions to the Town of Danville and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MAYOR GARY FULLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama.

Mayor Fuller has tirelessly served the City of Opelika for over 20 years. He served on the City Council from 2000 to 2004 and was first elected Mayor August 24, 2004.

As Mayor, he established Opelika as the first gig city in Alabama. He helped establish a first-class Pre-K program and helped with plans to renovate Opelika High School. He led the charge for a new sports complex, library, fire department, police building and municipal court facility.

He was instrumental in the development of the Tiger Town shopping district and revitaliza-

tion of Opelika's downtown. Because of the influx of citizens, over 2,500 new single-family homes have been built. He created the Commission on Crime & Violence in 2018 to help decrease crime.

A graduate of Southern Union State Community College, Fuller was President and CEO of Fuller Broadcasting Company, Inc. from 1985 until 1998. His six stations (WKRR, WMXA, WZMG, WTLM, WCJM and WPLV) received numerous awards for community service and local news coverage. In 1988, WZMG and WKRR became the first stations in Alabama to earn the National Association of Broadcasters Crystal Award for community service. He was also Managing General Partner for Fuller Properties, LTD and former host of the Lee County Report.

He's served as past President of The United Way of Lee County, Opelika Rotary Club and The Opelika Chamber of Commerce. He has served as past director of Opelika Dixie Youth Baseball, Opelika Main Street, Opelika Utilities Board, Opelika Arts Association, Lee County Salvation Army, Achievement Center Easter Seals, Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America, Chattahoochee Historical Commission and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County.

Mayor Fuller has served the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (Chairman), Alabama League of Municipalities (Past President), Alabama Monument Protection (Vice Chair), Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau, Lee-Russell Council of Governments, Opelika Planning Commission, Auburn University Regional Airport, Master Mason and member of Twin City Lodge No. 76, Emeritus Certified Municipal Official by League of Municipalities, National League of Cities Christian Public Officials Caucus, Julius E. Talton Endowed Program Support Fund and University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences.

He received the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, Opelika Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award, Opelika Chamber of Commerce, "Small Businessperson of the Year" and Chancellor's Award Outstanding Alumni—Southern Union State Community College. He is married to his wife, Laura, and has two children. The Fullers are active members of First Methodist of Opelika.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing my friend, Mayor Fuller, and thanking him for his service to the City of Opelika. Congratulations to Mayor Fuller.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF BRIAN ESTES

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend, CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Chief Brian Estes. Brian has been a solid partner in public safety and fire protection for many years, and I am grateful that we became friends along the way. Always a man of deep integrity, I know I could trust his judgement and clarity in any issue before us. He will be missed by myself and my office. Despite being a Los Angeles Dodgers fan, we have much in common and I wish him the

very best in his retirement. I do hope our paths cross, and I look forward to seeing what his incredible artistic talent creates in this next chapter of his life.

Chief Estes earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Chico, in Information and Communications Studies with a minor in Fine Art. In 1991 he would make a pivotal career shift graduating at the top of his class from the Butte Fire Academy, beginning his lifelong commitment to public safety. His first assignment in San Diego County at a bustling fire station along the international border would further his enthusiasm for public safety.

Chief Estes would join a CAL FIRE Helicopter crew in Tuolumne County in 1995. This assignment would ignite a passion for fire aviation, where he would coordinate with California National Guard's Blackhawk and Chinook Squadrons. He would then be promoted and assigned to the Amador-El Dorado Unit. In 2000, he advanced to the rank of Captain and then Battalion Chief in 2005 overseeing the Unit's Training and EMS Bureau before transferring to the Headquarters Field Battalion Chief Position.

Chief Estes would continue to rise through the ranks serving as Assistant Chief of Operations, overseeing a Fire Crew Camp, Deputy Chief of Operations, and ultimately Unit Chief for the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit and Fire Chief of Placer County Fire Department. In these roles, he led over 450 personnel in one of CAL FIRE's most complex units, managing operations, administration, and a \$100 million budget across 1.7 million acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA). During his career Chief Estes has prioritized professional development, serving on department committees and instructing the next generation of firefighters.

Chief Estes, as a key member of the 2006 branding committee, would transition the department from CDF to CAL FIRE, designing the department's patch logo, apparatus fleet identity, and aviation fleet livery. This rebranding efforts elevated CAL FIRE's public image and highlighted the professionalism of its more than 10,000 firefighters. For over 15 years Chief Estes has chaired the statewide uniform and standards committee, further reinforcing the department's professional standards.

Chief Estes' impact and leadership in public safety will be felt not just in California but far beyond. In 2023, he was deployed to Maui, Hawaii, for incident management for the devastating Lahaina fire. He would also travel to Germany, building partnerships with fire services in over 10 cities and speaking at a major Western European fire symposium.

On behalf of Northern California and our grateful rural communities that Chief Brian Estes has fought tirelessly to defend throughout his career, I thank him for his dedicated service and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN GUY W. EASTEP

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Guy W. Eastep's 100th birthday and his dedicated service to our Nation during World War II. Mr. Eastep was born on August 31, 1925, in Crandall, Texas. In November 1943, Mr. Eastep was drafted into the United States Army and was activated on December 13, 1943, as a Rifleman. Private Eastep was deployed to the European Theater as an Infantry Replacement and served with I Company, 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division.

During his combat deployment to the European Theater, Private Eastep received multiple service decorations, including the European Theater Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and a Purple Heart, which he was awarded for wounds received in September 1944. Later, in March 1946, Mr. Eastep was honorably discharged from military service at the rank of Technician 4th Grade. It is my honor to recognize his valiant service and long life. I congratulate him on this amazing milestone.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSE OF HEROES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 25th Anniversary of the House of Heroes, a remarkable organization founded by Rev. Wayne Anthony in 1999, in Columbus, Georgia. The organization celebrated this occasion with an event that was held on November 6, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

For the past quarter-century, House of Heroes has been dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of our military and public safety veterans by providing essential home repairs and support services to them and their families. Through its tireless efforts, the organization has restored dignity and safety in the homes of over a thousand deserving veterans across our Nation.

Rev. Wayne Anthony had a vision—a vision to ensure that those who have bravely served our country are not forgotten, and that they receive the assistance they so rightly deserve. This organization grew from a single humble initiative into a national movement, fueled by the commitment of volunteers, local chapters, and countless community partners who have rallied in support of these heroes.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, let us remember the countless lives that House of Heroes has changed for the better. From repairing leaky roofs to building wheelchair ramps, their work goes beyond mere physical improvements. They restore hope, instill a sense of pride, and affirm the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families. Currently,

the organization has a presence in 18 states and has repaired over 2,400 homes in the last 25 years. These repairs were valued at more than 24 million dollars, but there can be no value placed on what our Veterans have meant to our country.

My Office has had a longstanding relationship with House of Heroes over the years. I have been honored to fly a flag over the United States Capitol in honor of those who have had repairs completed by this great organization.

It is my sincere hope that the spirit of service and compassion that embodies House of Heroes continues to inspire communities across our country for many years to come. I extend my deepest gratitude to Rev. Wayne Anthony, the dedicated staff, and volunteers of House of Heroes, for their unwavering commitment to supporting our heroes. Albert Pike once said that "What we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others, and the world remains and is immortal." What our Veterans sacrificed for us is immortal and what the House of Heroes has done across the country for them builds on that immortality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in honoring the House of Heroes on its silver anniversary and congratulating them on upholding the values of our great country. Furthermore, we know that they will continue to inspire future generations to serve those who have served us.

WELCOMING THE POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF THE C5+1 SUMMIT AND U.S.-CENTRAL ASIA PARTNERSHIP

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the positive outcomes of the C5+1 Summit, held in Washington, D.C., on November 6, 2025. This high-level meeting reaffirmed the United States' partnership with the nations of Central Asia—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan—in promoting regional stability, economic growth, and sustainable development. It also led to valuable strides in our mutual partnership including the announcement of Kazakhstan's intent to join the Abraham accords and commitments to regional partners on critical mineral investment.

Over the years, the C5+1 format has evolved into an important platform for advancing dialogue, strengthening regional cooperation, and expanding opportunities for trade, investment, and connectivity. The recent summit in Washington underscored the mutual benefits of deeper cooperation between the United States and Central Asia from enhancing supply chain resilience and diversifying access to critical minerals, to fostering people-to-people exchanges and educational partnerships.

Looking ahead, we hope to build on this relationship by advancing our efforts to lift the outdated Jackson Vanik amendment, which has long been an irritant in the trade relationship between the United States and the Central Asian nations. Lifting this amendment

would underscore the U.S. commitment to the region, and provide the stability needed to foster mutual investment and growth. We also hope to build on the momentum of the summit with continued high-level engagements and visits between the U.S. and Central Asia.

Mr. Speaker, the outcomes of the C5+1 Summit reaffirm our shared vision of a stable, prosperous, and interconnected Central Asia, one that contributes to global security and economic opportunity. The United States stands ready to continue working hand-in-hand with our partners across the region to turn this vision into lasting results.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SHIRLEY KROHN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shirley Krohn and congratulate her on earning the first ever California Senior Legislature "Legislator of the Decade" award.

Shirley's advocacy and dedicated policy work have improved the lives of countless seniors in our community. She served on the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging, including serving twice as President, where she worked tirelessly to ensure the voices of Contra Costa's seniors were heard. Shirley also worked to combat elder financial abuse in her role as Chairman of the Board at Bechtel Credit Union, where her efforts led to landmark reporting laws which are now emulated across the country. She also served in the California Senior Legislature, working to improve quality of life for California's seniors. Shirley has been a life-long champion for the dignity, safety, and well-being of older Americans.

Shirley's leadership has shaped state policy on dementia care, end-of-life decision making, and protections for our vulnerable populations. I would also like to commend her for her mentorship of the next generation of advocates, cementing her legacy of service for years to come. Shirley's service is a true example of outstanding public leadership and advocacy.

Please join me in thanking Shirley Krohn for her decades of exemplary service on behalf of older adults throughout the State of California.

HONORING FAMILYCORE ON ITS
125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 125th anniversary of FamilyCore. For more than a century, FamilyCore has served as a pillar of support for families in Central Illinois, and now provides counseling, foster care, adoption, youth outreach, and family preservation services to more than 17,000 clients each year.

Founded in 1900 in the Assembly Room of Peoria's City Hall, FamilyCore began as Associated Charities and Philanthropies with the