

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE BROWNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary courage and service of the Brownsville Fire Department's Water Rescue Operations Team, whose selfless actions in the aftermath of devastating storms in Harlingen exemplified the highest standards of public service.

In March 2025, the Rio Grande Valley experienced severe storms that unleashed over 20 inches of rain in just 48 hours. The storms caused widespread flooding and damage, forcing families from their homes and leaving communities in urgent need of help. The city of Harlingen and the surrounding areas suffered some of the worst damages, with Valley International Airport inundated and closed from March 27 to March 29, 2025.

Without hesitation, the Brownsville Fire Department's Water Rescue Operations Team responded to over 70 emergency calls across Cameron County. Through swift and calculated action, these first responders carried out water rescues that saved lives and brought relief to families stranded by floodwater. The Brownsville team's bravery was a critical component in the broader network of mutual aid and collaboration among first responders across the Valley, who together demonstrated the very best of Texas solidarity in the face of disaster.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of South Texas, I wish to express our profound gratitude to the Brownsville Fire Department Water Rescue Operations Team.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT DAVID JACOBY'S 24 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVES AND PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant David Jacoby, a distinguished servicemember, educator, and community leader from Churchville, Pennsylvania. His career represents an exceptional commitment to service to our Nation, to our students, and to our veterans.

A native of Churchville, Staff Sergeant Jacoby is a graduate of East Stroudsburg University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He continued his pursuit of academic excellence, earning a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University and attain-

ing National Board Certification in 2001, which is one of the highest achievements in the teaching profession.

Staff Sergeant Jacoby began his military career in 2002, enlisting in the United States Navy Reserve as an Intelligence Specialist. From 2002 to 2005, he served as an enlisted sailor, supporting Naval Air Station Willow Grove and deploying repeatedly to the Sixth Fleet area of responsibility, including Naples, Italy, and Sigonella, Sicily, in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In recognition of his early contributions, he earned the Navy Achievement Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

In 2006, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve, where he served until 2017. During this period, he was assigned to the EUCOM Joint Analysis Center (JAC 1066), drilling at the Pentagon and later serving in Naples, Italy, with the Standing Joint Force Headquarters. For his support to NATO and Sixth Fleet operations, his unit earned the first of three Joint Meritorious Unit Awards. His outstanding analytical work resulted in the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

In 2009, Staff Sergeant Jacoby was mobilized to Iraq, serving with Army Special Forces Command (CJSOTF-AP) at Balad Air Force Base. His contributions to joint special operations earned him the Joint Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Overseas Service Medal, and qualification as a Rifle Expert. He later served with the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI 1201) and the Chief of Naval Operations N2/N6 Directorate, where he also served as the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) and Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO) advocate.

After completing more than fifteen years of combined enlisted and commissioned service in the Navy Reserve, Staff Sergeant Jacoby continued his military commitment by enlisting in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 2018, where he served seven additional years with the 111th Attack Wing, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ground Transportation Flight.

Over the course of his military career, Staff Sergeant Jacoby has earned the Joint Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and multiple unit and campaign awards.

Beyond his uniformed service, Staff Sergeant Jacoby has dedicated over 30 years to education and currently serves as the Social Studies Department Coordinator at Council Rock High School South. He is active in his community through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Free Masons, Shriners and Scottish Rite. He resides in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant David Jacoby will be honored at his retirement ceremony on Sunday, November 9, 2025. His career reflects the highest ideals of service, leadership, and civic responsibility. On behalf of the peo-

ple of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District, I thank him for his steadfast dedication to our Nation and our community. It is my privilege to recognize him in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING MR. DELVONTE M. ADAMS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mr. Delvonte M. Adams. He has shown what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and a steadfast commitment to change.

Delvonte is a passionate young community leader and the proud owner of Change Lives & Lend A Helping Hand Outreach. Known for his unwavering dedication to service, Delvonte actively works to uplift and support those around him.

This year, he hosted a successful Homecoming Tailgate and a week-long series of community events, bringing people together and fostering a spirit of unity. Delvonte also takes the time to host an annual Thanksgiving dinner, providing a warm and welcoming space for those in need.

In addition to his community events, Delvonte is committed to education and personal development. He offers after-school tutoring classes to children in his community, helping them to succeed in their studies. He also makes it a point to visit local schools, checking in on students and identifying any additional support they may require.

Delvonte's commitment to his community extends beyond education. He has been a loyal partner with the Toys for Tots program for three years, providing essential gifts to those who need them most. And, for the past three years, he has hosted a Trunk or Treat event in the local baseball pit, creating a safe and fun space for children to celebrate Halloween.

Furthermore, Delvonte is a dedicated trainer and mentor, offering group training sessions at the 180 Career Center. His expertise and guidance help individuals to build skills, gain confidence, and achieve their goals.

For his tireless efforts and commitment to his community, Delvonte was recognized with a prestigious award: a Key to the Community from the Best of Mississippi 2024. This honor is a testament to his selflessness, compassion, and dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Delvonte M. Adams for his dedication to service to his community, and for reminding us all that true leadership begins with courage, compassion, and the will to act on behalf of others.

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RECOGNIZING THE U.S. MARINE
CORPS ON ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the brave members of the U.S. Marine Corps as they celebrate their 250th birthday today.

The Marine Corps was born in Philadelphia on November 10, 1775, when two battalions of Continental Marines were established as a service branch of infantry troops capable of fighting both at sea and on shore. Two hundred fifty years later, it remains the maritime land force service branch of the United States Department of War.

Over the years, Marines have been called by many nicknames, including "leathernecks" due to the stiff leather collars worn in their 18th- and 19th-century uniforms, which protected against sword slashes and encouraged good posture; "jarheads," which was initially due to the appearance of their high-collared dress uniforms that made their heads look like a mason jar in the early 1900's and has since evolved to also reference the popular "high and tight" haircut; and "devil dogs" from the German nickname given to them during the Battle of Belleau Wood in World War I. The term originated from the German soldiers' perception of the Marines' tenacious and fierce fighting style.

However, I merely call them patriots and believe the words of the Marine Corps Anthem best describe their character and their mission and I hereby include them in the RECORD:

From the Halls of Montezuma To
the shores of Tripoli;
We will fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title Of
United States Marine.

Our Marine Corps men and women—both our veterans and those in active service—deserve our eternal gratitude for the battles they have fought to keep Americans free. I would like to congratulate all the Marine Corps members serving across America, especially those in Detachment No. 993 in Missouri's 7th District, for their commitment to God and country, and to serve and protect us against our enemies. They serve a noble cause. May they ever carry the torch of liberty and continue to serve honorably for the next 250 years.

RECOGNIZING ANNA KATHLEEN
CUMMINS KENNEDY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Kathleen Cummins Kennedy of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, whose life exemplified service to country, devotion to family, and tireless commitment to community. Born on January 1, 1925, near Falmouth, Kentucky, Anna Kathleen was the seventh of ten children on her parents' farm. When her moth-

er died at age 12, she immediately assumed the duties of running the household, caring for her younger brothers, cooking, and keeping the home, all while continuing her education and graduating from Falmouth High School in 1942. During those formative years she became an extraordinary cook, an immaculate homemaker, and a steadfast caretaker to her family.

After contributing to the wartime labor force in Cincinnati, Ohio, she enlisted in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service in early 1945 and trained in New York. She served with the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps at Naval Air Station Memphis, Tennessee, where she ministered to service members during the final months of World War II. She was honorably discharged in January 1946 after devoting service to her country.

In the closing days of her service, she met Ardell O. Kennedy at the Memphis Naval Air Station. They married in January 1946 and began their family in 1947. Ardell and Anna enjoyed 71 amazing years together welcoming their four children: Karen Delleen, Bonnie Lee, Mark Alan, and Douglas Ray. They both made education a priority, ensuring each child completed college and pursued careers in nursing, teaching, and law.

The Kennedys made Poplar Bluff their permanent home in 1950. For two decades Kathy raised her children while serving as a devoted wife and mother and as an active leader in her church and community. She was a charter member of Fellowship General Baptist Church and served as Den Mother, PTA member, Vacation Bible School director, Sunday School teacher, and participant in mission and quilting societies. She devoted herself to food, clothing, and fund drives and served Eastern Star for more than 50 years, holding local and state offices.

Once her children were grown, Kathy worked for more than 25 years as a clerk at livestock auctions across Missouri and Arkansas. She cherished family gatherings, hosted Sunday dinners, and traveled with relatives to nearly every state. She was a talented craftswoman whose creativity touched every part of her life. She enjoyed bowling for both fun and friendship, and her love of reading kept her mind curious and engaged. She became grandmother to 10 and great-grandmother to 16, creating cherished quilts and paintings for each and continuing to nourish her family with homemade meals as long as she was able.

It is my honor to recognize Anna Kathleen Cummins Kennedy for a life defined by courage in service, devotion to family, and enduring generosity to her community. Her legacy of care, craftsmanship, and commitment stands as a model of the quiet, steady contributions that strengthen families and towns across our Nation. On behalf of myself, Congressman JASON SMITH and the community she served, I offer profound appreciation for her remarkable life.

HONORING THE S.S. EDMUND
FITZGERALD

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* on the 50th anni-

versary of her sinking. The S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* was launched on June 8, 1958, in River Route, Michigan. She was the largest ship on the Great Lakes for thirteen years, at 729 feet and over 13,000 gross tons. Her normal course often took her between Minnesota, where she would load on taconite ore, and the steel mills in Michigan and Ohio.

On November 9, 1975, the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* left Burlington Northern Railroad Dock No. 1 in Superior, Wisconsin. Carrying a load of taconite ore, she set sail for Zug Island, Detroit, Michigan, but weather conditions rapidly deteriorated, and soon the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* was fighting one of the most violent storms the Great Lakes region has ever seen. Reports suggest the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* was fighting steady winds of 58 knots with gust winds of up to 70 knots and seas of 18 to 25 feet.

On November 10, 1975, the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* sank in Lake Superior approximately 17 miles from Whitefish Point, Michigan. It took the lives of all 29 crew members aboard, including Captain Ernest M. McSorley.

Today, the legacy of the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* lives on in the Great Lakes region and beyond. Her legacy is shared through community ceremonies, museums, and other maritime organizations, both in story and in song, including the well-known 1976 ballad by Gordon Lightfoot, "The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*."

As a representative from and lifelong resident of northern Minnesota, I will continue to do my part in sharing the story of the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald* so that her legacy may live on forever.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF STEVE KENNEDY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have always believed that a strong city is like a well-planted tree: deep roots give you staying power, sturdy branches let you grow, and a good neighborhood street, well, that's your main limb. So today, I'm pleased to recognize a man whose roots run deep and whose work on roots and limbs alike has brought new life to Green Cove Springs, Florida. I rise to honor the retirement of Steve Kennedy, longtime City Manager for the City of Green Cove Springs.

Steve joined the city as City Manager on October 1, 2018, following more than 38 years of exemplary municipal service in Georgia. During his nearly seven-year tenure here, he led with vision, steadiness, and a keen sense of public service, culminating in an impressive 48-year career in local government.

One of Steve's signature achievements for Green Cove Springs is the redevelopment of Walnut Street, where he oversaw the major redesign and reconstruction project that is now helping the city both preserve its historic charm and position itself for future growth. This project reflects Steve's commitment to the everyday quality of life for residents, business owners, and visitors alike.

Under his leadership, the city also advanced the Harbor Road Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and established the city's first