

her distinguished 44-year career, she worked under ten supervisors—from Bob Ellery, who hired her, to her son-in-law Mike Boulter, under whom she retired on November 19, 2024.

Joyce also witnessed and supported significant growth and development in the Township, including the construction of residential neighborhoods, such as Blue River Gardens, River Ridge, River Pointe Estates, Diamond Meadows, and Golfside, as well as commercial developments like the Mobil Gas Station, Love's on Wadhams Road, and the Dollar General stores on Gratiot and Range Roads. She also saw the expansion of the Township's water and sewer district from a single corridor along River Road to the many subdivisions that exist today.

Beyond her official duties, Joyce devoted herself to building community spirit. Beginning in the early 1980s and continuing until 2020, she organized and hosted a monthly senior luncheon at the Township Hall, held on the third Tuesday of each month. This cherished tradition brought neighbors together for food, fellowship, and friendship.

After 44 years of service, Joyce retired with the respect and gratitude of her community. She leaves behind a legacy of professionalism, kindness, and steadfast commitment to public service. In retirement, she continues to enjoy reading and cherishing time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joyce Skonieczny for her many years of outstanding service and dedication to her community. Her name, now permanently affixed to the Township Hall, will continue to inspire future generations of public servants.

REMEMBERING DANNY BUCKMAN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Danny Buckman.

A native of Lebanon, Kentucky, Danny Buckman was born on February 2, 1954, to Robert "Bobby" Ray and Mary "Pauline" Buckman. Danny was a lifelong farmer in Marion County who truly loved what he did—growing corn, soybeans, and tobacco, and raising hogs and beef cattle. Farming wasn't just his work; it was a way of life he took great pride in.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who found great joy in his family. Danny and his wife of 39 years, Sheliah, raised six children—Emily, Olivia, Ben, Katie, Laura, and Elizabeth—and were blessed with two grandchildren, Mia and Finley Ray.

Danny was a man of quiet faith and deep roots, a lifelong member of Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Finley, Kentucky. Friends and family often said the same simple and powerful sentiment: "Danny was a good man." One friend put it best—"He may have been a small man, but he was a big man when you needed him to be."

On August 27, 2025, Danny Buckman passed away at the age of 71. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children, grandchildren, and all those who loved him as we remember and celebrate a life so well lived.

RECOGNIZING TIM HAUSER AS THE CHAMPION OF THE WEEK FOR OHIO'S 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tim Hauser as the Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Tim was recently named the Veteran of the Year by the Veterans Service Commission of Summit County. He is a Gulf War veteran and founder of the Veterans Assurance Network, which provides advocacy, support, education, services, and resources to veterans and their families.

In 1982, Tim joined the U.S. Air Force, where he was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. There, he was exposed to toxic burn pits and oil well fires purposely set by Iraqi forces.

The Department of Defense estimates 3.5 million service members were exposed to toxic burn pits during their time serving abroad. Exposure to burn pits and other toxic airborne substances has been linked to serious health effects, including certain cancers.

Tim worked closely with federal lawmakers to help get the PACT Act signed into law. This landmark law expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

Tim is also passionate about veteran suicide prevention, and even helped advocate for September 22 to be recognized as Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day in Ohio.

With this award, and all the hard work that came before it, Tim is a shining example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions." He has certainly made our community proud.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE DAN MAGARIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Steve Dan Magarian, a devoted father, friend, and public servant, who passed away on September 22, 2025, at the age of 82.

Born in Fresno California, on October 13, 1942, Steve was the son of Dan and Alice Magarian and grew up, steeped in the values of hard work, service, and community. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees with distinction from California State University, Fresno.

Steve's early career was altered by a motor vehicle accident that ended his pursuit of military aviation in the United States Air Force. Instead, he returned home and rejoined the grocery business, becoming a store manager in his twenties. But it was his role as a reserve deputy with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office that would change the trajectory of his life.

In 1968, he became a full-time deputy sheriff, beginning a career in law enforcement that

would span more than three decades. He served numerous assignments, including jail, courts, patrol, and steadily rose through the ranks. In 1986, Steve was elected as Fresno County's 23rd sheriff, taking office in 1987. He was reelected twice, unopposed, and served until his retirement in 1999.

Under Sheriff Magarian's leadership, the department secured several milestones, including the construction of the Main Jail and North Annex Jail, the creation of the Air Support Unit, and the implementation of one of the Nation's first computerized field reporting systems. He also spearheaded the formation of the Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC).

After retiring from law enforcement, Steve continued to serve the community as a professor at California State University, Fresno, teaching part time for 20 years and shaping the next generation of law enforcement professionals with a focus on ethics and integrity, which were his characteristic traits.

He also served as Chief of Investigations for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office, and most recently, as a Trustee of the Fresno Sheriff's Memorial Foundation, where he helped lead efforts to honor fallen officers with a permanent memorial.

Steve Magarian was deeply devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife Joanne, his daughters Erica Magarian and Gina (Brian) Blodgett, and his cherished grandsons, Brandon and Brayden. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Alice, and his sister, Delores Merlo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Steve Dan Magarian for his extraordinary service to the people of Fresno County and the state of California. May his life continue to inspire future generations to lead with courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service and community.

RECOGNIZING THE DECATUR TELEPHONE COMPANY

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of small-town business owners and the impact they have on local communities and to honor the Bailey family and their locally-run Telephone business.

In 1945, newlyweds William D. "Bill" Bailey and Louise Robinson Bailey returned to Bill's hometown of Decatur and purchased the Decatur Telephone Company. For eighty years Decatur Telephone Company has served the East Mississippi community with connectivity. They have gone from the original 7 individual phones in 1945 to laying fiber-optic cable today for a fully digitalized system privately owned in rural Mississippi. The Baileys have made a massive impact on their local community through their active participation in local groups, their church, and their support for their employees. Mr. Bailey passed away in 2015, and Mrs. Bailey continued in daily assistance of the operation of the company until her passing in 2018.

Today, their daughter Dr. Esther Bailey Smith keeps the Decatur Telephone Company

tradition of service alive. Her dedication to the family legacy ensures continued service for many years to come. I am proud to represent Decatur Telephone Company in my Congressional District.

HONORING THE VALLEY BAPTIST
MEDICAL CENTER FOR REACH-
ING AN EXTRAORDINARY MILE-
STONE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas, for reaching an extraordinary milestone, treating more than 14,000 stroke cases and transforming stroke care across the Rio Grande Valley.

Before Dr. Ameer Hassan joined Valley Baptist in 2012, stroke patients in South Texas had to travel hours to receive life-saving treatment. Today, thanks to his leadership and the dedication of the neuroscience team, our community has access to some of the most advanced stroke care in the Nation.

Valley Baptist established the first Comprehensive Stroke Center in the region and pioneered the world's first "Hub and Spoke" model integrating AI-powered imaging and mobile stroke alert systems. As a result, stroke mortality and long-term disability in the Valley have decreased by more than 50 percent, with many community members now returning home healthy and whole.

I also commend Dr. Hassan's wife, Summer Hassan, and the Stroke Research and Education Foundation for their tireless work to raise awareness and expand community edu-

cation through events like the South Texas Comprehensive Stroke Symposium and the Red Ball fundraiser.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Valley Baptist Medical Center, Dr. Ameer Hassan, and the entire stroke care team for their groundbreaking contributions to medicine and their lasting impact on the health and well-being of families across South Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD
GEORGE LARSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Donald George Larson, who recently passed away at the age of 91. He was a beloved father, grandfather, and a pillar of the Fresno academic and civic communities.

Born on September 5, 1933, in San Francisco to Bengt John and Olive Larson, Donald grew up in Kerman, alongside his twin brother, Phillip and older brother, Galen.

A gifted student, Donald graduated early from Kerman High School and went on to earn degrees from College of the Sequoias, UC Berkeley, and Fresno State. During his time at Berkeley, Donald played in the Cal Band and served as the beloved mascot, Oski the Bear.

Donald found his true calling in education. He began teaching sixth grade in Caruthers and settled his way into a remarkable 35-year career at Fresno City College, where he taught history. Donald also taught current event classes for senior citizens from 1965 to 2010. His passion for civic engagement extended to local television, where he served as

a trusted political commentator beginning in 1980.

Donald believed deeply in the values of sportsmanship, mentorship, and community. He began scoring basketball games in 1948 and worked in the football chain gang at Fresno City College for over 30 years.

Beyond the classroom and field, Donald brought joy to those around him through small gestures and grand traditions, most notably his legendary Christmas light displays, which turned his home into a beacon of holiday cheer and community spirit year after year.

Donald held a lifelong fascination with Worlds' Fairs. His collection is housed at Fresno State's University Library and named in his honor. In recognition of his decades-long support of Fresno State, he was honored as the library's "Top Dog" in 2011.

As a man of deep and steady faith, Donald was a devoted member of First Covenant Church in Fresno, where he taught Sunday school since 1950.

In his final years, he shared a home with his granddaughter Jessica, her husband Trevor, and their children, a time marked by love, laughter and enduring connection.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Carol Kratt Larson. He is survived by his daughter Lynn Roth and son-in-law Daniel Roth; his grandchildren Jennifer Roth and Jessica Bryant, along with Trevor Bryant, husband to Jessica; and his great-grandchildren Rachel, Charlotte, and Isaac Bryant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Donald George Larson. His legacy as an educator, historian, and man of faith will live on in the countless lives he touched. We extended our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers to his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.