

HONORING JANE CAMPBELL FOR HER SERVICE TO CLEVELAND AND THE U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Honorable Jane L. Campbell for her distinguished career in public office and public service. As a Cleveland, a Member of Congress, and a representative of communities across Northeast Ohio, I truly appreciate the varied ways in which she served the people throughout her many years of service.

In 2001, Campbell became the first woman elected Mayor of the City of Cleveland. As Mayor she helped spur economic development in downtown Cleveland and our lakefront, and stabilized the city's finances. And to date, she remains the only female Mayor in Cleveland's history. Campbell's historic mayoralty was preceded by six terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and two terms as Cuyahoga County Commissioner.

Following her time in office, Campbell also served as Chief of Staff for Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Senior Advisor to Senator MARIA CANTWELL of Washington, and worked in leadership roles for the National Development Council, the International Economic Institute, and the National Democratic Institute. Through her years of service, uplifting underserved communities has been a consistent theme.

In 2019, Campbell was appointed as the President and CEO of the United States Capitol Historical Society (USCHS). Chartered by Congress, the USCHS was founded to foster patriotism and to connect the American people with the history that is made inside their Capitol here in Washington. As President, Campbell strengthened and expanded the Historical Society's public events, educational programming, outreach to students, online programming and more.

This week, I join people from across Ohio and the country in celebrating her career and sharing my thanks for her dedication to the ideals of our country.

Jane Campbell made history in Cleveland, and in Washington she led the effort to preserve history. From City Hall to the halls of the Capitol, she championed the virtues of our Republic.

I thank the Honorable Jane Campbell for all the ways she has served. We wish her the best upon her retirement.

HONORING THE LATE VINNIE CARR AS HE IS POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZED AS THE 2025 WEST HAVEN ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with both joy and a heavy heart that I rise today to join the City of West Haven and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee in paying tribute to

the late, great Vinnie Carr as they honor him as this year's Italian American of the Year. This special award is bestowed annually on a West Haven resident or couple of Italian descent who personifies service in the community, celebrating the contributions of Italian Americans to the City and honoring the Italian immigrant experience. Vinnie Carr was indeed a reflection of the spirit in which this honor is bestowed.

The grandson of immigrants from Naples, Vinnie embraced his Italian heritage with a unique zeal and love of family and community. Vinnie's career in music began at the age of five when he began playing the accordion at his parents' restaurant. He joined the United States Army after his graduation from Wilbur Cross High School and during his time in the service he formed a band and began playing the keyboard. Following his honorable discharge from military service, Vinnie enrolled in the Police Academy and served as an officer in the New Haven Police Department. However, his passion for music never waned and he soon began the Vinnie Carr Orchestra and later Vinnie Carr and the Party Band.

Vinnie was best known as an entertainer—the ever-animated leader of Vinnie Carr and the Party Band as well as the Vinnie Carr Orchestra. Both musical groups were known for their renditions of beloved classical Italian standards as well as performing hits from the 40's 50's and 60's. If there was a community event, particularly an Italian heritage event or gathering, in the Greater New Haven area, you could guarantee that Vinnie Carr was providing the musical entertainment. He also served as the West Haven Senior Center's resident musician for more than forty years. For Vinnie, bringing the delight of his ancestral melodies to live audiences, whether a small group at the senior center or a sea of people on the town green, nourished his soul.

We lost Vinnie just a few short weeks ago. His love of music and Italian heritage touched the lives of many and his one-of-a-kind talent that will be missed by many. His loss will be felt by many, but none more so than his beloved wife, Denise, and his two children, Vinnie, Jr. and Daniella. I join many in extending my heartfelt condolences to them as they receive today's honor in his name. Vinnie Carr was an institution, celebrating his Italian heritage through music and sharing his love for both with the community he called home. I cannot think of a more fitting accolade to recognize his dedication and commitment. I am honored to have called him my friend and proud to join the City of West Haven, the West Haven Italian American Heritage Committee, and the many family and friends gathered today in remembering and thanking Vinnie Carr for all that he gave to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID WILLITS SWANSON

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and remember the extraordinary life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel David Willits Swanson, a retired officer of the United States

Army, a decorated patriot, and a beloved mentor and leader.

Lieutenant Colonel Swanson's passing is deeply mourned by his family, his fellow soldiers, and the many communities he served so selflessly throughout his life. His life was defined by duty, courage, and an unshakable commitment to service.

From the beginning, Lieutenant Colonel Swanson lived to serve others. A graduate of the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, he pursued one of the most demanding and honorable callings in our Nation: military service. He underwent rigorous training, completing nearly every combat course available like airborne, infantry, ranger, and more.

During his time in uniform, he answered his country's call not once, but three times—serving multiple tours in both Vietnam and Korea. His bravery and valor on the battlefield earned him some of our Nation's highest military honors: the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, seven Air Medals, and three Meritorious Service Medals. These are more than just decorations—they are symbols of sacrifice, of heroism, and of lives protected through his service.

But Lieutenant Colonel Swanson's commitment to our country did not end on the battlefield. After his combat service, he turned his focus to shaping the next generation of military leaders. He taught at the Command and General Staff College in Kansas, then as Professor of Military Science at the University of Hawaii.

Most notably, he pioneered the first ROTC program at the University of Guam, where his very first freshman class went on to win the Warrior of the Pacific Award. Over the course of his academic service, he commissioned 640 students as Second Lieutenants—young men and women who now continue his legacy in service to our Nation.

We do more than mourn his passing. We celebrate his life that embodied the highest ideals of duty, honor, and country. From every soldier he led, every student he taught, and every life he touched, we salute him.

May we honor his memory by continuing to uphold the values he exemplified, and may his legacy of service forever inspire us all.

HONORING THE BASTROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON RECEIVING OFFICIAL FIVE-STAR ACCREDITATION FROM THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce for achieving one of the highest distinctions a chamber can receive—Five-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

This recognition is more than just an award; it reflects years of commitment, professionalism, and a deep dedication to strengthening our local economy in Texas. A Five-Star Accreditation is awarded to chambers that demonstrate exceptional leadership, hard work, and a clear vision for the communities they serve.

Today, the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce stands as a testament to what can be achieved when businesses foster collaboration, champion economic growth, and come together to ensure Bastrop is a place where both businesses and families can thrive.

I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce for this astounding achievement. I thank them for their exemplary service, their dedication to excellence, and their ongoing commitment to the people of Bastrop.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTER-STARKE SERVICES

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to congratulate Porter-Starke Services as it celebrates its 50th anniversary serving the Northwest Indiana community. Opening in 1975, Porter-Starke Services is a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the community through prevention, treatment, education, and research.

Over the past 50 years, Porter-Starke Services has consistently grown and adapted to serve the evolving needs of communities in Northwest Indiana with adults, families, adolescents, and children with mental health or substance abuse issues. With offices in Valparaiso, Knox, Portage, Gary, Hebron, and La Porte, the nonprofit began by providing partial and inpatient hospitalization, outpatient therapy, and psychiatry in Porter County, and outpatient mental health services in Starke County. Today, Porter-Starke Services serves over 20,000 adults, families, adolescents, and children each year, offering a full continuum of care tailored to specific needs. In addition to being a CMHC, Porter-Starke Services operates an inpatient psychiatric hospital, opioid treatment program, and a federally qualified health center (FQHC).

It is because of the organization's dedicated team of doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, case managers, peer recovery and engagement specialists, medical assistants, administrators, and support staff that Porter-Starke Services is able to provide a comprehensive array of essential mental health services, substance use treatment, crisis care, and primary healthcare services. The passion and commitment of these steadfast team members to address mental illness and substance use within our community is an inspiration to our entire region.

Porter-Starke Services' leadership, including its Board of Directors, work collaboratively to address public health issues and disparities that impact residents. Working with local hospitals, health clinics, social service providers, non-profit organizations, schools, law enforcement, and local businesses, Porter-Starke Services values community collaboration to respond to the health needs of the community. For their efforts to provide care to the most vulnerable in our communities and improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana, Porter-Starke Services is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the contributions of Porter-Starke Services on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

HONORING YAJAIRA RUBIO MACHADO AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yajaira Rubio Machado as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year in tribute to her visionary cultural leadership and tireless dedication to her community. Her work has left a lasting impact in Vallejo, California, and beyond. As the Founder and Director of Moon Azteca Dance and Art School, has elevated Mexican heritage and indigenous traditions, bringing their richness to the forefront of community life. Even during times of financial hardship and through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, she remained steadfast in her mission of ensuring that young people stayed connected, creative, and proud of their cultural identity. Among her most notable accomplishments was her leadership in formalizing the Sister City agreement between Vallejo and Ensenada, Mexico. This diplomatic and cultural achievement exemplifies her ability to turn vision into sustained international partnerships bridging communities through shared heritage and mutual respect. Yajaira's service spans numerous civic, business, and cultural organizations, where she continues to empower others and advocate for inclusion and representation. Her contributions have preserved and promoted cultural expression, created pathways for youth development, and inspired civic pride. Yajaira's leadership stands as a shining example of how cultural diplomacy and grassroots engagement can strengthen and transform communities. Her unwavering resilience, community-first mindset, and creative spirit serve as an inspiration to all who know her. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Yajaira Rubio Machado for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD J. VOLINO

HON. GEORGE LATIMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary honoring the life of Dr. Ronald J. Volino:

Dr. Ronald J. Volino, lifelong resident of the City of Yonkers and beloved husband, father, grandfather and podiatric physician and surgeon, went home to the Lord on June 25, 2025 at the age of 83. Ron's sincerity, warmth and genuine care for his fellow man made him widely respected and loved. With his infectious smile and exuberance for life, Ron spread joy wherever he went, leaving an

indelible mark on so many lives. Everyone in his presence felt special.

Born on January 18, 1942, to Dr. Liborio A. Volino and Palma (Trafficante) Volino, Ron attended St. Barnabas Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament High School and Manhattan College. Ron grew up spending fabulous summers in the Catskills with his parents, brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles, and the family summer home was filled with laughter, music, food and swimming. After losing his older brother at the tender age of 9, followed by both his parents before the age of 23, Ron showed a remarkable resilience and commitment to live life to the fullest, knowing that tomorrow is never promised. On July 10, 1966, he married his neighborhood sweetheart, Annette Musco, and together they were blessed with four children, the first of which became their special angel shortly after birth.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Liborio Volino, a family medical doctor who practiced in Yonkers for decades, Ron became a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1971 and dedicated his office to the memory of his father with a beautiful commemorative plaque. Just like his father, he set up a home office to be close to his children so that he could spend more time with them. On breaks, he would take off his white coat and have a tea party in the backyard with his daughters or play basketball with his son. Also like his father, Ron took exceptional and compassionate care of his patients who appreciated his dedication and kind, gentle approach to their care. Ron was proud and happy to make house calls to the homebound with his father's medical bag in hand and cared for his patients until he became physically unable to do so.

Despite his professional demands, which included the addition of two offices in New York City and his role as an attending physician at Mount Vernon Hospital, Ron always prioritized his family. As a father, he was in the audience at his daughters' dance recitals, and his roaring voice was heard from the sidelines at football games cheering on his son. There was always time to talk after a long day at the office or to roll up his sleeves to work into the wee hours of the night to get a school project completed with his children. Ron loved to celebrate life's special moments with elaborate parties that brought family and friends together in love and joy.

When his five grandchildren came along, his joy and loving heart only multiplied and each one of them grew a special bond with their "Pop Pop." When his children asked him how they could ever repay him for all the love and support he offered them, Ron told them that all he wanted was for them to do the same for their children. As Ron's parents did not have the privilege of meeting his children, Ron felt great satisfaction at having met and shared his love with each of his grandchildren whom he absolutely adored. He relished hugging and kissing them, surprising them with smiley-face bakery cookies, and taking them to Carvel for his favorite "frozen custard."

Ron felt great pride in his Italian heritage and had enormous respect and admiration for his ancestors who overcame obstacles to provide him a life filled with opportunities. He gave them credit for his success and had a moving experience with his wife and children visiting the Italian town his grandfather emigrated from to obtain his grandfather's birth certificate from the town hall. He was a member of the Order of the Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (John D. Calandra Lodge) and served as Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade for the City of Yonkers in 2012. He was recognized as "Man of the Year" by the Congress of Italian