

Beyond these contributions, he has left behind him a legacy of technical knowledge, care, and dedication to his work. Mr. Kroszner's work will continue to be a force for good in not only the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, but our Nation through the world class facilities he helped to improve that will continue to empower researchers long after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Konrad Kroszner on his retirement and thank him for 16 years of dedicated work to the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center and Baruch S. Blumberg Institute. His leadership and dedication are sure to leave a lasting mark on the community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT GARY SINGLETON

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Gary Singleton of Bowie County, Texas, and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Gary has dedicated his life to faithfully serving his community and country.

Born in Texarkana, Texas, Gary attended school in the Texarkana and Liberty-Eylau districts before pursuing higher education at Texarkana College, Texas A&M Commerce, and Texas A&M—Texarkana, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business with a minor in computer science. In 1990, he married the love of his life, Lisa Singleton, with whom he has shared many pets, memories, and accomplishments.

After graduating, Gary began his professional career at the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, where he served for 26 years, advancing from IT Programmer to Senior Systems Analyst and ultimately Manager of IT Operations. He later worked for Alcoa Inc. as Site Conversion and Development Lead, overseeing software conversions, and for Cooper Tire and Rubber Company as a Systems Analyst. Gary applied his expertise in healthcare technology at the Collom & Carney Clinic in Texarkana and Willis Knighton Health System in Shreveport, Louisiana, before returning to Collom & Carney Clinic, where he is currently employed.

Beyond his professional career, Gary has demonstrated exceptional dedication to civic and political engagement. Beginning in the 1980's, he served as Precinct Chair, later Vice Chairman, and ultimately Chairman of the Bowie County Republican Party. He served for over 15 years as a Board Member and Vice President of the Bowie County Republicans PAC and held leadership roles with the National Management Association—LSAAP Chapter. Among his proudest achievements, Gary was honored as a Presidential Elector from Texas' 1st Congressional District in 2024, casting his vote for Donald J. Trump in the Texas House of Representatives Chamber in Austin.

Gary Singleton's lifelong commitment to his community, his profession, and his Nation truly exemplifies what it means to be a patriot. It is an honor to recognize his exceptional con-

tributions and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award in appreciation of his steadfast service to the people of Bowie County and the United States of America.

HONORING COLONEL WILLIAM W. BUTLER AS VIRGINIA'S 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S 2025 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel William Woodard Butler, an extraordinary Virginian and the 2025 Veteran of the Year for Virginia's 4th Congressional District. Colonel Butler is an outstanding choice for this honor, having devoted his entire military career to saving and improving the lives of our service members and advancing research in surgery, tropical medicine, hyperbaric medicine, and aerospace medicine.

Colonel Butler has logged over 980 flight hours, including more than 65 hours in combat, and completed two overseas deployments, one to Okinawa and another to Qatar. He concluded his distinguished military career as a Professor of Aerospace Medicine at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, earning the Air Force's special experience identifier of Clinical/Academic Grandmaster in both Hyperbaric and Aerospace Medicine.

Internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in altitude-induced decompression sickness and aeromedical evacuation, Colonel Butler's research has directly improved the safety and survivability of critically ill and injured service members during transport. His contributions have had a lasting, positive impact on the Department of Defense and have almost certainly reduced the overall transport morbidity for tens of thousands of casualties.

Colonel Butler's exemplary service has earned him national and international recognition. In 2019, he was inducted into the National Air and Space Museum's Wall of Honor. In 2022, he received the Aerospace Medical Association's prestigious John Ernsting Award, and in 2024, he was honored with the Chesterfield Education Foundation's BRAVO Award.

Following more than 30 years of combined active duty and reserve service, Colonel Butler continued his dedication to the mission as an Aerospace Medicine Consultant to the Air Force for an additional decade. He has authored over 150 publications, including 29 peer-reviewed articles, 39 peer-reviewed abstracts, and 23 proceedings, technical reports, and textbook chapters, culminating in a definitive 200-page monograph on the safe aeromedical evacuation of critically ill and injured casualties.

Beyond his remarkable professional achievements, Colonel Butler has remained deeply involved in his community. He serves as a Trustee for the John Randolph Foundation, a member of the Hopewell City Planning Commission, and an active congregant at the Family of God Church in Chesterfield. He also helped establish a permanently endowed scholarship for students in Chesterfield, Hope-

well, and Prince George pursuing medical careers and is an engaged member of the William and Mary Alumni Book Club in Richmond.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Butler's legacy of service, both in uniform and in his community, embodies the best of Virginia's 4th Congressional District. His lifelong commitment to science, service, and community betterment stands as an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel Butler on being named the 2025 Veteran of the Year and in thanking him for his decades of exemplary service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING VALERIE PREHODA ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE MICHIGAN TECH PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF ALUMNAE

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Valerie Prehoda for being inducted into the Michigan Tech Presidential Council of Alumnae. This well-deserved honor reflects her steadfast dedication to her fellow Servicemembers, the communities throughout the Upper Peninsula, and our Nation.

Ms. Prehoda graduated from Michigan Tech in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences, concentrating on archaeology. To help pay her way through school, she worked at the university's copper mine while remaining engaged in many extracurricular activities. She was a member of the soccer, gymnastics, and women's hockey teams while also participating in MTU Aquanauts and assisting in SCUBA instruction.

Following her graduation in 1983, Ms. Prehoda was accepted into the United States Marine Corps as an officer. After 10 years of active duty, she was transferred to the reserves, where she served as museum director and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act coordinator for the Cocopah tribe in Arizona. In 2001, Ms. Prehoda was redeployed following the invasion of Iraq. There she completed two combat tours, surviving a missile attack in northern Kuwait in March 2003, and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2016 after 30 years of civil and military service.

Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Prehoda received a plethora of awards and commendations, including, but not limited to, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, a Navy Unit Commendation with a bronze star, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation for OIF combat support. Upon retiring, Ms. Prehoda continues to serve her country through memberships in various Veteran organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, and many more.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Valerie Prehoda for receiving the prestigious honor of being inducted into the Michigan Tech Presidential Council of Alumnae. I thank her for her enduring commitment to Veterans, her community, and our great country.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 286; YEA on Roll Call No. 287; and NAY on Roll Call No. 288.

## RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT LISA SINGLETON

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mrs. Lisa Singleton of Bowie County, Texas, and to present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Lisa has dedicated her life to faithfully serving her community and country.

Born in Hope, Arkansas, Lisa attended Hope High School, graduating in 1986, and later completed office vocational courses at Texarkana College. In 1990, Lisa married the love of her life, Gary Singleton, with whom she has shared many pets, memories, and successes.

Lisa's professional journey has been as diverse as it has been impactful. She has worked as a receiving clerk for Walmart, a local rental car agent, and in jewelry sales. Yet her greatest professional passion has been in the healthcare industry. She has served her community as a postpartum department unit clerk, an emergency department unit clerk, and as office manager and receptionist for Dr. Petty's Podiatry.

Beyond her professional career, Lisa's dedication to civic engagement has been extraordinary. She has been a volunteer with the Bowie County Republican Party for 35 years, currently serving as Precinct Chair and Volunteer Coordinator, inspiring and organizing others to participate in the democratic process. Her community outreach extends beyond the Party through her work in voter registration and voter engagement at local events and festivals.

Since 1992, Lisa has proudly served as an Election Clerk and Election Judge with the Bowie County Election Administration Office. Among her most notable accomplishments, she has served as Treasurer (two terms), Vice President (one term), and President (two terms) of the Bowie County Republican Women, a chapter affiliated with the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW). Outside of her service, Lisa is also close to completing a personal goal—visiting all fifty states, with only two remaining.

Lisa Singleton's lifelong commitment to her community, her profession, and her Nation truly exemplifies what it means to be a patriot. It is an honor to recognize her exceptional contributions and to present her with the Congressional Patriot Award in appreciation of her steadfast service to the people of Bowie County and the United States of America.

## RECOGNIZING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF T1 ENERGY'S OPERATIONS IN WILMER, TEXAS

**HON. JAKE ELLZEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the one-year anniversary of T1 Energy's operations in Wilmer, Texas. On November 1, 2024, production began at its state-of-the-art facility. In just twelve short months, the company has already created more than 1,200 good-paying Texas jobs, including 200 held by proud residents of Texas' 6th Congressional District.

By all accounts, the Wilmer facility is exceeding expectations, surpassing production goals and selling out its entire 2025 inventory. This success story is more than numbers; it is an American story. T1 is reshoring the solar supply chain, reducing dependence on Southeast Asia, and making the United States stronger.

Recently, T1 signed a partnership with Corning, a historic American company, to supply solar wafers, linking the innovation of Michigan and Texas in a powerful new supply chain that will support upwards of 6,000 jobs. T1 delivers domestic energy and energy dominance.

This investment in American energy will strengthen our national security, bolster our economic competitiveness, and power the future, including the technologies of tomorrow like artificial intelligence and data centers. I congratulate T1 Energy on this milestone and look forward to their continued growth and contribution to our Nation's energy security.

## RECOGNIZING DONALD MAKI ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA LABOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Donald Maki for being inducted into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor reflects Mr. Maki's remarkable impact and contributions to worker dignity and workplace fairness.

Throughout his life Mr. Maki has embodied integrity, diligence, and a steadfast commitment to fairness. Growing up on his family farm, he worked diligently for hours on end to ensure the success of his family's business. It was those early mornings and hours spent bailing hay that he said contributed to the strong work ethic he carries with him today.

After graduating from Hancock Public Schools in 1975, Mr. Maki earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Suomi College, followed by a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northern Michigan University. While at NMU he worked multiple jobs as a student building supervisor, apartment manager, and at Public Service Garage to help finance his studies. Upon graduating from NMU in 1979, he began a dedicated career as a full-time police officer with the Norway City Police Department. He was elected chapter

chair of Norway City Employees, a chapter of Local Union No. 1176, a testament to his deep-rooted commitment to workplace fairness and worker dignity.

Following his service in law enforcement, Mr. Maki began working with AFSCME, where he mentored countless workers, negotiated contracts, and strengthened the voice of public employees. At the turn of the 21st century, he continued his service working as a Federal Mediator and Conciliation Services Commissioner. He helped labor and management find common ground through respect, communication, and collaboration. His mediation and training efforts supported fair labor relations, preserved vital jobs, and fostered long-term economic stability across the Great Lakes region.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Donald Maki for being inducted into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. I thank him for his dedication, compassion, and selflessness on behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District.

## RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT DENNIS LEWIS

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Dennis Lewis of Texarkana, Texas, and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Dennis has dedicated his life to faithfully serving his community and country.

Born in Texarkana, Texas, Dennis attended Maud High School, graduating in 1970, before pursuing higher education at United Electronics Institute, Texarkana College, the University of North Carolina, and Army Management Staff College, Army Logistics Management College, where he completed the Leadership Management Program and Logistics Management program. In 1971, he married his high school sweetheart, the love of his life, Paula Graham Lewis, with whom he has shared 54 years of marriage, three kids, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

After graduating, Dennis began his professional career with the Department of Army at Red River Army Depot in 1972, where he would serve for 39 years until his retirement in 2011. He applied his expertise in electronics by working on cobra helicopter systems and subsequently advanced from technician to senior management.

Beyond his professional career, Dennis has demonstrated exceptional dedication to civic and political engagement. He gave back to his hometown of Maud by serving as a school board member and city councilman. He served for 20 years as Chairman of the Selective Service Local Board, as a member of the Military Services Nomination Board for Senator CRUZ, as a Director for the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, and currently as Chair of the Red River Credit Union Supervisory Committee.

In 1986, Dennis was awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award by the Army and later received the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award.