

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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

While Dennis has been recognized with numerous distinguished service and leadership awards, he considers his greatest accomplishments to be his three sons growing into dedicated fathers and his enduring marriage to Paula.

Dennis Lewis' 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 contributions and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award in appreciation of his steadfast service to the people of Texarkana his family, and the United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
DAISY EVELYN STEADMAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Liam Steadman and Malia Zaidi on the birth of their new baby daughter, Daisy Evelyn Steadman, who was born on September 28, 2025. She has been born to wonderful parents—Liam has dedicated his career to public service, and Malia is a skilled painter and author. I have no doubt that Daisy will be raised in a home filled with laughter and love and look forward to watching her grow into a beautiful young woman.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to celebrate this new bundle of joy in Liam and Malia's life. Please join me in wishing them well on this newest chapter of their journey together.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER DAVID
HERNANDEZ, JR. OF THE
WESLACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer David Hernandez, Jr. of the Weslaco Police Department in Weslaco, Texas, for his exceptional service and dedication to our community.

Officer Hernandez has long demonstrated not only professionalism, but strong instincts and sound judgement—qualities that were crucial on November 2, 2025.

On that day, Officer Hernandez responded to a routine disturbance call at a local cafe. During the transport, the patient suddenly became aphasic with eye deviation. Relying on his quick thinking and training, Officer Hernandez made the decision to transport the patient to the Knapp Medical Center Emergency Department.

Because of his swift action, the medical team was able to activate a stroke alert upon arrival. The patient was soon diagnosed with a vessel occlusion and was experiencing a life-threatening stroke. Thanks to Officer Hernandez's decisive response, the patient was quickly transferred for higher-level care and given the best chance of survival.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Hernandez exemplifies the courage and commitment to public service

that define South Texas law enforcement. I am proud to represent him in Congress and recognize the exceptional judgement he displayed on November 2, 2025, as well as his continued service to the people of Weslaco and the Rio Grande Valley.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PA-
TRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT STEVE
LEDWELL

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. Steve Ledwell of Texarkana, Texas, and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Steve has dedicated his life to faithfully serving his community and country.

Born and raised in Texarkana, Steve has spent his life building up others and strengthening his community. From a very young age, he has always been the first to lend a hand to anyone in need—and often to those who never even had to ask. Steve has also built a loving, faith-filled family with his wife, their three children, and grandchildren.

Professionally, Steve has had a long and dedicated career at Ledwell & Son Enterprises. Through his work, he has extended his generosity to the entire community—refurbishing and providing trucks for countless local nonprofits and schools. Steve has supported nearly every sports team in town, contributed to Watersprings Ranch, and served as the go-to man behind the scenes whenever help was needed. He even advocated directly with the Army Corps of Engineers to advocate improvements to local flood control and levee systems.

Steve counts among his greatest blessings, his wonderful parents, devoted family, his incredible community, and the opportunity to make a positive difference in so many lives.

Steve Ledwell'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 contributions and to present him with the Congressional Patriot Award in appreciation of his steadfast service to the people of Texarkana and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS HOGAN ON
HIS INDUCTION INTO THE UPPER
PENINSULA LABOR HALL OF
FAME

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Thomas Hogan for being inducted into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. A proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Mr. Hogan brought the same courage, perseverance, and sense of duty he demonstrated in Vietnam to his lifelong commitment to Michigan's working men and women.

Following his service with the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Hogan began his career as

an apprentice with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, ascending through the ranks from journeyman to Business Manager of Local 1070. Over the course of 25 years, he negotiated contracts that improved wages, strengthened workplace safety, and upheld the dignity of electrical workers across Michigan's Upper Peninsula. His dedication towards empowering Michigan's electricians helped strengthen apprenticeship programs, protect pensions, and solidify equal pay for equal work.

Mr. Hogan played an integral role in the creation of IBEW Local 906, which united electrical workers across fourteen counties and laid a stronger, more equitable foundation for future generations of electricians. His steadfast commitment to ensuring the fair treatment of electricians across the U.P. helped eliminate wage disparities, expand training opportunities, and improve cooperation between labor and management with the U.P. Construction Council.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Thomas Hogan for his induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame and thank him for his decades of dedicated service to his fellow electricians, to the Upper Peninsula, and to our Nation.

HONORING GLENDOLA RUNIS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Glendola Runis, of Lexington, Kentucky. She celebrates her 104th birthday on November 20, 2025.

Mrs. Runis was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Mrs. Runis became a nurse and served in the United States Navy. She was stationed at Mare Island Naval Hospital in California and was on active duty from June 13, 1945 until May 14, 1946. One of the many wounded service members that she helped was John Runis, who lost his lower arm during combat. They married in California and moved back to Wisconsin, John's home state.

Mr. and Mrs. Runis had three daughters, Lisa, Linda, and Gloria, and a son, John, Jr. Their son died when he was sixteen. The family moved to Green Valley, Arizona in 1978. Mr. Runis passed away in 1992 and she moved back home to Kentucky to be near family.

Mrs. Runis is to be commended for serving our Nation during World War II. It took great courage and patriotism to leave Kentucky, travel across the country, and treat wounded service members. She and all the men and women who served truly are the "Greatest Generation" as they protected our freedoms that we hold so dear as Americans. We cannot thank them enough for their service and their sacrifice.

It is my honor to recognize, before the House of Representatives, the patriotic service of Glendola Runis during her military career. It is also my honor to wish her a Happy 104th Birthday.