

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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.

HONORING ANDRE JACKSON WITH
A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN
COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Andre Jackson of Rockwall, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Jackson honorably served in the United States Army from 2000 to 2007, dedicating nearly a decade of service for the defense to our Nation with distinction, leadership, and selfless service.

During Sergeant Jackson's seven years of service, he served as an Information Systems Operator, Analyst, and Maintainer. In this role, he oversaw and managed networks and help desks for all information technology functions for over two-thousand users. Sergeant Jackson was deployed to Iraq for both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, where he demonstrated outstanding character, organization, and communication in performing his duties at the highest level.

For his exemplary service, Sergeant Jackson received numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon, among many others recognizing his exceptional performance and commitment to excellence.

Following his retirement from the Army, Sergeant Jackson has continued his legacy of leadership and service in his community. In 2012, he became involved with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, which led to his participation with Heroes on the Water, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He currently serves as the Interim Post Commander and District Chaplain for Rockwall Veterans of Foreign Wars. Sergeant Jackson also serves as the President of Operation Frontline Warriors Foundation, which works to address food insecurity among active-duty service members, veterans, and first responders. He also founded the Rockwall County VET Together Facebook group, which promotes fellowship and camaraderie with local veterans, while also connecting them with local resources.

I am deeply honored to recognize Sergeant Jackson for his courage, pioneering leadership, and lifelong dedication to serving his country and community. He represents the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
LINDA LEWIS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Linda Lewis of Jasper,

Alabama, wife of Ray Lewis and longtime President of the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, for her decades of service, leadership, and steadfast commitment to the people and businesses of Walker County.

A proud graduate of Walker High School, Class of 1974, Mrs. Lewis has dedicated much of her life to making Walker County a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Since assuming the role of Chamber President in 1996, she has been instrumental in leading Walker County through transformative growth and economic development. Under her leadership, retail across the county has flourished, from the revitalization of downtown Jasper to the expansion of Interstate 22.

Mrs. Lewis has guided the Chamber in launching critical programs focused on leadership development, community engagement, and technical advancement. She has strengthened partnerships with regional and national bass fishing organizations, boosting tourism and supporting business recruitment. Through her efforts, nationally recognized brands in lodging, dining, and retail have chosen to invest in Walker County, creating hundreds of new jobs and expanding opportunities for families throughout the region.

Most recently, the Walker County Chamber of Commerce unveiled plans for a major new development near Walker Baptist Medical Center in Jasper, a project made possible by Mrs. Lewis's determination to continue advancing the county's economic future.

Mrs. Lewis's contributions to our communities cannot be overstated. Her vision, commitment, and unwavering work ethic have left a lasting impact on Walker County and will continue to shape its success for generations to come.

On this day, November 18, 2025, Linda Lewis will be honored as the recipient of the 2025 Jamie Wallace Award, the highest recognition that a chamber of commerce executive in the State of Alabama can receive. In recognition of her dedicated service, I am proud to present Mrs. Lewis with a flag flown over the United States Capitol in her honor.

It is my privilege to congratulate Linda Lewis on this well-deserved award and to commend her for nearly three decades of exceptional leadership and devotion to Walker County. Her contributions demonstrate the very best of public service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE 102ND ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 102nd anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Türkiye. On October 29, 1923, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk proclaimed the establishment of the Republic, ushering in a new era of modernization and progress for the Turkish people. Today, we honor more than a century of friendship, alliance, and cooperation between the United States and Türkiye.

The relationship between our two nations has been anchored in shared strategic inter-

ests and enduring partnership, particularly through our joint commitment to NATO. As allies, the United States and Türkiye have worked together to promote regional stability, strengthen transatlantic security, and advance the values of freedom and democracy. Our collaboration continues to play a vital role in addressing global challenges—from counterterrorism and defense cooperation to humanitarian efforts and energy security.

Our bilateral economic relationship is also significant and growing. Trade between the United States and Türkiye reached nearly \$33 billion in 2024, underscoring the strong commercial ties that benefit both nations. Here in Michigan, Turkish-American trade and investment have contributed to local growth and job creation—totaling approximately \$545 million in 2024 alone. From advanced manufacturing and automotive partnerships to agricultural exports, the economic link between Michigan and Türkiye continues to strengthen our state's role in the global economy.

Equally important are the contributions of Turkish Americans to our society. Turkish Americans enrich our communities through their entrepreneurial spirit, cultural traditions, academic and scientific achievements, and civic engagement. Their success reflects the shared values of opportunity and perseverance that define both our nations.

Mr. Speaker, as we mark this milestone in the history of the Republic of Türkiye, I extend my best wishes to Turkish Americans in Michigan and across the United States, and to the people of Türkiye. May the friendship between our nations continue to grow stronger in the years ahead, rooted in mutual respect, shared prosperity, and a steadfast commitment to peace and security.

HONORING ASHTEN WALDREP
WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VET-
ERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer Third Class Ashten Waldrep of Whitewright, Texas, and to honor her with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Petty Officer Waldrep honorably served in the United States Navy from 2008 to 2015, demonstrating integrity, discipline, and dedication to duty as a Master at Arms.

During her military career, Petty Officer Waldrep was stationed at Naval Station Everett in Washington, where she played a vital role in maintaining security and readiness, ensuring the safety and effectiveness of her fellow sailors. Serving during the post-9/11 War on Terrorism, she contributed to the Navy's global mission to protect the Nation and combat terrorism both at home and abroad. For her honorable service, she received the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal—each recognizing her commitment and professionalism in service to our Nation.

Following her military career, Petty Officer Waldrep has continued her dedication to others through her work with the Military Veteran