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HONORING LORNA KIPPHUT WITH  
A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN  
COMMENDATION

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Lorna Kipphut of Rockwall, Texas, and to honor her with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Lieutenant Colonel Kipphut honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1978 to 1998, dedicating twenty years to the defense of our Nation with distinction, leadership, and trail-blazing service.

Lieutenant Colonel Kipphut began her career as an intelligence officer, serving in pivotal assignments across Korea and Germany during the Cold War. She went on to serve as a desk officer for the National Intelligence Center, providing critical intelligence support during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and later oversaw intelligence operations for Operation Southern Watch. Throughout her career, she set a standard of excellence, becoming the first woman officer assigned to the USAF Red Flag Combat Readiness Program and the first female combat operations officer assigned to the Air Combat Command Inspector General Program.

For her exemplary service, Lieutenant Colonel Kipphut received numerous awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one device, the Meritorious Service Medal with three devices, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, the National Defense Service Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one device, among many others recognizing her exceptional performance and commitment to excellence.

Following her retirement from the Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel Kipphut has continued her legacy of leadership and service in her community. Under her direction, the Terry Fisher Boys & Girls State Program grew by more than 600 percent, now over 25 students participate in this nationally recognized civic leadership program each year. She remains an active member of the Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post No. 117, where she serves as Post Adjutant, and is also an engaged member of the Rockwall Republican Women's Club.

I am deeply honored to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Lorna Kipphut for her courage, pioneering leadership, and lifelong dedication to serving her country and community. She represents the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of the United States of America.

HONORING NATIONAL RURAL  
HEALTH DAY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Rural Health Day and to bring attention to the crisis gripping rural communities in Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District. My district is majority Black, deeply rural, and medically underserved. Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress continue to push policies that weaken our health care system, close rural hospitals, and leave families with fewer providers, fewer services, and fewer places to turn in an emergency. Their so called "One Big Ugly Bill" drives 338 rural hospitals nationwide closer to shutting down, including eight in Mississippi and four of them are in my district. Five counties I represent have no hospital at all, and some families must travel more than 90 miles just to see a doctor. These failures have devastating consequences. Harmony Ball Stribling of Humphreys County, nine months pregnant, died on the way to the nearest hospital because the one that could have saved her closed years earlier. When a mass shooting devastated a rural Mississippi Delta town during the 2025 homecoming season, victims were rushed to a hospital that often operates with limited staff and what it needed. Rural America is being left behind. Access is shrinking, costs are rising, and entire counties are without essential care. My constituents are scared, frustrated, and tired of being treated like their lives do not matter. We must act now to protect the health, safety, and dignity of every rural family.

LETTER LED BY THE LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE COM-  
MON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN  
DC ACT OF 2025 (H.R. 5107) AND  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CASH BAIL REFORM ACT OF 2025  
(H.R. 5214)

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives debated the Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025 (H.R. 5107) and the District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025 (H.R. 5214). I include in the RECORD a letter opposing these bills led by The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON  
CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS,

*Washington, DC, November 19, 2025.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong opposition to H.R. 5107, the "Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in D.C. (CLEAN DC) Act of 2025, and to H.R. 5214 the D.C. Cash Bail Reform Act.

H.R. 5107 would largely overturn the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Policing

and Justice Reform Amendment Act (CPJRAA) of 2022, while H.R. 5214 would require mandatory pretrial detention and cash bail for an arbitrary overly broad list of offenses.

These bills are part of a long line of attacks on democracy in the District of Columbia. D.C. citizens pay federal taxes and comply with all the other duties of residence, yet they are deprived of not only any voting representation in Congress, but also of control over their own local governance. With these votes, Congress would yet again micro-manage the affairs of the District and relegate the more than 700,000 residents of D.C. to second-class citizenship—and without a single vote representing D.C.

D.C. autonomy and D.C. statehood are civil rights and racial justice issues. D.C. residents deserve the same tight as residents from any U.S. state to decide the laws that are best for their communities. It remains painfully clear that the right to vote is meaningless if the will of D.C. residents can be overturned by a Congress that gives them no say in the matter. Congress must listen to Mayor Bowser and the D.C. Council and reject this attempt to roll back duly passed D.C. legislation.

Washingtonians are best situated to address police reform policies in their own community and deserve to determine these policies without congressional interference. The CPJRAA includes commonsense reforms to increase police accountability and government transparency, and it directly responds to the calls from District communities for additional law enforcement oversight. Many of the reforms in this bill echo provisions in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, as well as President Biden's executive orders on policing—including improving access to body-worn camera recordings, restricting access to military-grade weapons, and creating a public discipline database of information related to sustained allegations of police misconduct. D.C., like many other jurisdictions, initially passed these reforms in response to the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and the need to enact systemic police reform. In the wake of the deployment of the National Guard and surge of federal law enforcement in D.C., there has been an increase in instances of police brutality and unwarranted searches. Congress must not block D.C. from heeding the calls of its residents by rescinding police oversight law.

Legislation like the CPJRAA is not anti-police, rather it helps restore public confidence in law enforcement both by deterring abuses of power and demonstrating that law enforcement is not above the law. Holding police officers accountable for violating the law does not lead to an increase in crime in fact, D.C. saw a 30-year low in violent crime in 2024, after the CPJRAA was enacted. Between 2010 and 2020, Washington, D.C. paid out more than \$91 million in police misconduct settlements. Yet, according to an audit, between 2015 and 2021, D.C. was forced to rehire 37 Metropolitan Police Department officers who were fired due to sustained misconduct allegations, with the city awarding them more than \$14.3 million in back pay. Police oversight is crucial to preventing and holding officers accountable for misconduct against the very people they have sworn to protect.

H.R. 5214 proposes drastic, harmful changes to D.C.'s pretrial laws, which ensure that pretrial release decisions are based on assessments of true risk, rather than wealth. It would impose mandatory pretrial jailing of people who are simply accused of certain offenses, a change that is flatly unconstitutional. Its requirement of cash bail for other offenses would have a devastating impact on

low-income people who are also simply accused. These changes would swing the door wide open to abuses, and they would disproportionately impact people of color.

These bills and other attacks on D.C.'s autonomy are emblematic of larger efforts to allow state and federal legislatures to exert control and authority over Black localities and roll back democratically authorized criminal-legal and police reforms. We call on you to fight this trend and vote NO on H.R. 5107 and H.R. 5214. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rob Randhava of The Leadership Conference or Nicole Zayaz Manzano of The Bail Project.

Sincerely,

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, The Bail Project, Advancement Project, Black Voters Matter Fund, Center for Policing Equity (CPE), DC Vote, Human Rights Campaign, Interfaith Alliance, Juvenile Law Center.

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National Council of Churches, National Education Association, National Organization for Women, NCNW, Pax Christi USA, Prison Policy Initiative, St. Joseph Justice Center—A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Vera Institute of Justice.

#### HONORING JOSEPH LYNCH WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

##### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Three Joseph Patrick Lynch of Rockwall, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. CW3 Lynch honorably served in the United States Army for twenty-three years.

During his distinguished career, Joseph served with honor in both combat and intelligence operations. From 1967 to 1969, he served in Vietnam, including in the Battle of Khe Sanh, before joining the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later spent six years with the 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Pirmasens, Germany, as Officer in Charge of the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and Communications Platoon Leader. His expertise then led him to the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade in Munich, where he oversaw and adjudicated communications security violations across Europe. He concluded his career at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, with the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, serving as Brigade Signal Officer and Officer in Charge of the SCIF.

CW3 Lynch's exceptional service earned him numerous commendations, including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, 17 awards of the Air Medal—including the Air Medal with Combat "V" for heroism—five Army Commendation Medals, including one with Combat "V" for heroism, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Since retiring from the Army, Joseph has been a founding member of the Rockwall Band of Brothers and the Rockwall Veterans' Court. He has been a longtime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Rockwall, and the Purple Hearts Society, while volunteering his time at Lakepoint Hospital to continue serving his community.

I am deeply honored to recognize Chief Warrant Officer Three, Joseph Patrick Lynch for his extraordinary courage, patriotism, and lifelong commitment to service. He exemplifies the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of our great Nation.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM "BILL" KNAPP

##### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William C. "Bill" Knapp, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, a devoted husband and father, and one of Iowa's most influential builders of opportunity and community.

At the age of seventeen, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy during the final year of World War II. He deployed to the Pacific theater as a landing craft pilot during the Battle of Okinawa, where he carried Marines ashore under fire and returned with the wounded and fallen. That experience, faced at such a young age, instilled in him a lasting sense of duty and courage.

After the war, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Irene, and began a life marked by hard work and vision. He moved to Des Moines in 1948, attended AIB College of Business, and soon founded Iowa Realty. Under his leadership, the company expanded into commercial development and hospitality, becoming the largest real estate firm in the state and helping shape modern Iowa.

Bill believed success came with a responsibility to serve others. He gave generously to strengthen Iowa's communities, supporting institutions such as Drake University and the Iowa State Fair, as well as numerous local efforts to expand opportunity and civic life. A proud veteran, he never forgot those who served, donating the land for the Iowa Veterans Cemetery and sponsoring a Central Iowa Honor Flight so that fellow veterans could visit the memorials built in their honor.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Knapp's legacy is one of service, generosity, and enduring love for Iowa. He is survived by his wife Susan, his daughter Ginny, stepdaughters Sara and Anna, his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He leaves behind a state shaped by his vision, strengthened by his leadership, and made better by his unwavering commitment to others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of William C. "Bill" Knapp, a patriot, a community leader, and a faithful servant of the people of Iowa.

#### TRIBUTE TO DONALD L. CARLSON

##### HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Donald L. Carlson, who passed away peacefully at his home in Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Carlson was a native of rural Davis County, Iowa, but I believe

he would have considered Nevada his true home. His son, Sev Carlson, shared that his father described Nevada as "the land of opportunity, not only for others who migrated to the Silver State, but particularly for himself."

He moved out west in 1974 to pursue a career in education, specifically a professor of sociology at Western Nevada Community College. During his tenure, he served on WNCC's Faculty Senate, was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member in 1991, and received the Nevada Board of Regents' Academic Advisor Award in 2003.

Mr. Carlson also owned Survey Research Systems, a political opinion research company, to study and analyze what motivates voters. While he agreed to represent clients all over the Nation, his particular interest was polling the needs of Nevadans and ensuring their policy goals for elected officials were heard.

I owe immense gratitude to Mr. Carlson, who played a pivotal role in both my personal and professional life. He was deliberate in choosing whom to support, and I am deeply thankful for his support of me over the years. While we did not always see eye to eye, I always valued his insight, honesty, and the lessons he shared. He was an exceptional teacher, not only in the classroom, but also to countless individuals he inspired and guided with principle in their pursuit of public service throughout our great state.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I want to recognize and honor the extraordinary life of my friend Don Carlson and the lasting impact he made on our community. He was a remarkable man, and while he will be deeply missed, his legacy will not be forgotten.

#### HONORING JOHN KISIC WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

##### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2025*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant John Kisic of Cooper, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Staff Sergeant Kisic honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1983 to 1986 and in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1986 to 1989.

During his time in the Air Force, Staff Sergeant Kisic served as a loadmaster and was actively involved in transportation coordination and operational logistics. His responsibilities included overseeing the safe loading and unloading of cargo and equipment, managing flight line support operations, and serving as both a vehicle operator and vehicle commander. He played a key role in repositioning aircraft on active flight lines and preparing aircraft for long-term storage, ensuring all operations were conducted safely, efficiently, and in support of mission readiness. He was stationed at Altus Air Force Base, and Carswell Air Force Base, and achieved the rank of Senior Airman in the active force and Staff Sergeant in the Air Force Reserve. For his service, he received the Air Force Training Ribbon and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Since separating from the Air Force Reserve, Staff Sergeant Kisic has continued a