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HONORING DANIEL MCCALL 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 Captain Dan McCall of Denton, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Captain McCall honorably served in the United States Army from 1997 to 2005, demonstrating exceptional leadership, courage, and commitment to the defense of our Nation.

Captain McCall began his military career as an Air Defense Artillery Officer, serving at Fort Bliss, Fort Campbell, Fort Bragg, and Fort Polk. He excelled in every officer position from Second Lieutenant to Captain, including Platoon Leader, Staff Officer, Company Commander, and Joint Readiness Training Center Observer/Controller. As a qualified Jumpmaster, he displayed exceptional skill and discipline in airborne operations. Captain McCall deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, leading with integrity and professionalism in demanding environments and earning the respect of those he commanded.

For his exemplary service, Captain McCall received numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star Medal with second award, the Meritorious Service Medal with second award, the Army Commendation Medal with second award, the Army Achievement Medal with third award, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge. Each of these honors reflect his valor, skill, and unwavering dedication to our country.

Following his eight years of active duty, Captain McCall continued his service to others by becoming a recruiter, helping hundreds of veterans transition to successful civilian careers. His post-military life remains defined by his commitment to the veteran community. As an active life member of VFW Post No. 8273 in Frisco, Texas, he serves as Post Surgeon and Ruck Squad Chairman, focusing on veterans' health and wellness. Captain McCall also represents the VFW as a member of the Post Color Guard and as the liaison to the City of Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee, ensuring that the voices of veterans are heard and their needs are met.

I am deeply honored to recognize Captain Dan McCall for his outstanding courage, patriotism, and lifelong devotion to serving others. He exemplifies the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of the United States of America.

COMMEMORATING THE 120TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE NATIONAL AU- DUBON SOCIETY

HON. MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Ms. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the National Audubon Society, one of our Nation's oldest and most enduring conservation organizations. For over a century, Audubon has been driven by a simple but profound truth: what is good for birds is good for people and the planet.

Audubon was founded in 1905 in response to the destruction of birds for the feather trade. Since then, Audubon has helped secure landmark conservation protections, from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act to the ban on DDT. These achievements reflect a legacy of science-based advocacy and bipartisan action that has safeguarded countless species and habitats.

They also understand that it all begins with birds, because if birds are in trouble, it's a sign our environment is too. By centering conservation efforts on birds, Audubon has been a leader in smarter, more sustainable solutions that help both wildlife and people. These efforts in turn have helped species such as the Bald Eagle, Brown Pelican, and Whooping Crane, all once on the brink of extinction, make remarkable recoveries.

Our Nation's 26th President, Teddy Roosevelt, was a passionate conservationist and from an early age, had a deep appreciation for birds. In writing to renowned ornithologist Frank Chapman, President Roosevelt remarked, "Spring would not be spring without bird songs, any more than it would be spring without buds and flowers, and . . . besides protecting the songsters, the birds of the grove, the orchard, the garden and the meadow, we could also protect the birds of the seashore and of the wilderness."

Both my constituents and I agree with President Roosevelt—we must make serious efforts to protect as many birds as possible. That is why I led the introduction of the Neotropical Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act during the 118th Congress. Signed into law in April 2024, this bill reauthor-

ized the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which provides financial assistance for projects to promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. By protecting birds, we can protect our environment and the natural beauty that surrounds us.

As Audubon marks 120 years, its mission remains as vital as ever to protect birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. The legacy of the women and men who built this organization continues in the conservationists, volunteers, and community leaders who carry its work forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the National Audubon Society for 120 years of unwavering leadership, innovation, and impact. Audubon is not just part of conservation history; it is a leading champion for the future of our Nation and planet.

HONORING AKBAR T. SALAAM FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO NEWARK AND NEW JERSEY

HON. LaMONICA McIVER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Akbar T. Salaam, a distinguished entrepreneur, statesman, and community leader whose decades of service have made an extraordinary impact on the people of Newark and the broader New Jersey community.

For more than 58 years, Mr. Salaam has owned and operated the Unity Brand Halal Beef Sausage Company, a landmark institution in Newark that he has used not only as a business, but as a vehicle for social service and opportunity. He has partnered with Volunteers of America to support inmates returning to society, offering employment, skills training, and community service opportunities that help them rebuild their lives. He has also invested deeply in Newark's youth, providing high school students with job training and career mentoring to prepare them for the future. His tireless work has earned numerous honors, including induction into the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Alumni Hall of Fame (2014), multiple "Businessman of the Year" awards, and the Excellence in Business and Community Service Award from the New Jersey Senate, Assembly, and Newark Municipal Council (2018). Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Congress honors Akbar T. Salaam for his remarkable contributions to the community, his unwavering commitment to social justice, and his significant impact on the Halal industry.

I congratulate Mr. Salaam. He makes New Jersey proud.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JANE L. CAMPBELL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jane L. Campbell on her retirement after an extraordinary career as the U.S. Capitol Historical Society CEO, former Mayor of Cleveland, and influential staffer in the Senate.

Campbell made history as the first and still only woman to serve as Mayor of Cleveland. Her impact went beyond City Hall. She held six terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and served as a Chief Staff and Staff Director at the U.S. Senate. During her time with the Senate, Campbell championed recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina, supported small businesses, and opened doors for women entrepreneurs across the country.

Throughout her career, Campbell brought people together across communities and causes to find real solutions that improved lives. She led the National Development Council's Washington office and guided national efforts to strengthen women's economic opportunities. Campbell has always served with three things in mind: her vision, compassion, and belief in public service.

As she begins this new chapter, I offer my gratitude and congratulations. Jane Campbell's legacy will continue to inspire leaders and communities for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Jane Campbell for her immense contribution.

HONORING CLINTON "CLINT"
DUANE BASS WITH A CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Clinton "Clint" Bass of Trenton, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Sergeant Bass honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1971 as a member of the Air Police and Base Security.

During his military service, Sergeant Bass was stationed at Forbes Field, Whiteman Air Force Base, Da Nang, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, and Kunsan Air Base, Korea, during the USS Pueblo crisis. For his exemplary service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his military career, Sergeant Bass has remained deeply committed to serving his community and fellow veterans. He participates in the Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) and is a proud member of VFW Post No. 6205. He also previously served as Post Commander of the American Legion in Whitewright. Known for his generosity and servant leadership, Sergeant Bass manages the kitchen at his local MVPN, where he and his team prepare meals every Tuesday for more than seventy veterans, their families, and community members who support them. His kitchen—affectionately named—"Clint's Canteen"—has become a symbol of his tireless dedication. His work was recently recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution for his outstanding service to veterans.

I am deeply honored to recognize Sergeant Clint Bass for his courage, patriotism, and lifelong commitment to serving his country and his community. He truly exemplifies the best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and the United States of America.

OPPOSITION LETTER LED BY THE
DC JUSTICE LAB ON THE COM-
MON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN
DC ACT OF 2025 (H.R. 5107)

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). I include in the RECORD a letter opposing this bill led by the DC Justice Lab.

Letter of opposition

RE H.R. 5107 and any related attempts to repeal or weaken the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. HAKEEM JEFFRIES,

House Minority Leader,
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER JOHNSON AND MINORITY LEADER

JEFFRIES: We, the undersigned organizations and individuals committed to public safety and democratic self-governance, urge you to oppose all legislative efforts now before Congress that would repeal, defund, or weaken the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (CPJRAA). This includes H.R. 5107/S. 2687 (the CLEAN DC Act), which is up for a vote this week, and H.R. 5166, §827 (the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act rider blocking CPJRAA implementation).

Together, these bills would dismantle one of the District's most significant public safety and accountability reforms in decades. They would reinstate dangerous practices, reopen pathways for abusive officers to remain on the force, and override a democratically enacted law grounded in research, expert input, and community consensus.

The CPJRAA responds to longstanding gaps in police oversight, transparency, and discipline.

The law strengthened the Office of Police Complaints, expanded the Police Complaints Board, required the creation of a public misconduct database, and required timely release of body-worn camera footage following deaths or serious uses of force. It closed arbitration loopholes that previously reinstated officers fired for serious misconduct. In an 18-month period, the District paid \$5.6 million in back pay to just ten officers who were fired and then returned to duty through arbitration. The CPJRAA corrected this. These bills would take us backward.

The CPJRAA also protects residents from dangerous and deadly encounters.

It restricts deadly force; bans neck restraints; limits high-speed police pursuits in a dense city where bystanders are most likely to be hurt; and regulates the acquisition of military-grade weapons. These reforms were enacted because these dangerous tactics have repeatedly killed District residents, disproportionately Black residents, and endangered children, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other bystanders.

The CPJRAA reduces biased policing and strengthens evidence-based decision-making.

It improves consent search rules, mandates anti-bias and de-escalation training, requires review of an officer's poor misconduct before hiring, and directs independent assessment of possible ties between officers and hate

groups. It modernizes data systems across agencies and ensures transparency around school-based arrests, less-lethal weapons, and disciplinary actions.

Repealing or defunding this law would not make the District safer. It would restore outdated and harmful practices that undermine trust, community safety, and officer morale. It would weaken oversight structures that law enforcement leaders themselves have said were necessary to keep "very bad officers" off the force (see page 173 of the Report by the Police Reform Commission). And it would override the decisions of local officials who are accountable to the people who live in the District.

Congress should respect the District's authority to govern itself, especially on matters of public safety. Allowing these bills to move forward would set a troubling national precedent by permitting federal intervention into local policing policy, even when the local reforms are backed by research, crafted through community input, and aligned with modern public safety standards.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote against H.R. 5107, and any related attempts to repeal or obstruct the CPJRAA. D.C. residents deserve the right to determine the policies that keep their communities safe.

Sincerely,

CLINIQUE CHAPMAN,

CEO, DC Justice Lab.

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ACLU-D.C., Black Swan Academy, Community Shoulders, DC Action, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, DC Democratic State Committee, DC for Democracy, DC Jail & Prison Advocacy Project, Fair Budget Coalition, Free DC, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop, Georgetown Law Center for Innovations in Community Safety, Harriet's Wildest Dreams, Interfaith Action for Human Rights.

Leadership for Justice Innovation, LLC, League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia, League of Women Voters of the United States, Legislation Clinic (University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law), Metro DC DSA, Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid, Miriam's Kitchen, More Than Our Crimes.

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