

Ms. Wilson became CEO of Cornerstones in 2001 after a distinguished career at the American Cancer Society, where she focused on cancer prevention for medically underserved communities and ultimately served as the organization's national vice president for government relations. During her tenure at Cornerstones, she has guided the nonprofit through a period of remarkable growth and strengthened its role as an indispensable resource for our region.

Her leadership has been defined by a deep commitment to social justice, equity, and collaboration. She played an instrumental role in expanding access to affordable housing, advancing supportive services, and forging strategic partnerships that empower individuals and families toward long-term stability. In 2023, Cornerstones extended its reach with the opening of the Free from Hunger Center, a 10,000-square-foot facility that strengthens food distribution networks throughout the region.

Ms. Wilson's many contributions to public service have been recognized throughout her career, including receiving the Katherine Hanley Public Service Award for her extraordinary impact on Fairfax County and her dedication to improving the lives of others, and Leadership Fairfax's Non-Profit Leadership Award for her tireless commitment to strengthening the region's non-profit sector.

Mr. Speaker, Kerrie Wilson's retirement marks the culmination of nearly a quarter-century of visionary leadership that has transformed and strengthened an institution central to the well-being of our region. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Kerrie Wilson for her years of devoted service and wishing her a joyful, fulfilling, and well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING MS. NINA
MARTINEZ ON WINNING THE
LONE STAR EMMY AWARD

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Nina Martinez for winning the Lone Star Emmy Award in the Historical/Cultural—Short Form or Long Form Content category. This outstanding achievement is a testament to her dedication to telling meaningful stories that educate, uplift, and empower viewers throughout Corpus Christi and the entire Coastal Bend region.

Ms. Martinez began her journey in journalism at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi and has since devoted more than two decades to television broadcasting and news reporting. Since joining KAJA Telemundo Corpus Christi in 2015 as the main evening anchor, she has become a trusted and respected voice—consistently delivering accurate, compelling, and community-centered reporting.

Throughout her career, Ms. Martínez has demonstrated not only excellence in journalism but a deep commitment to public service. She has established herself as a strong advocate for the Latino community, particularly on issues related to immigration, economic opportunity, and social equity. In addition to her

work on air, she serves on the Board of the West Side Business Association, where she helps support local businesses and advance community-driven initiatives that strengthen the region.

Ms. Martinez is equally dedicated to shaping the next generation of journalists. Through mentorship, training, and professional guidance, she has invested countless hours in helping young media professionals develop their skills and pursue successful careers in broadcasting.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ms. Nina Martinez for her exceptional career, commitment, advocacy, and her well-deserved Lone Star Emmy Award. She represents the very best of South Texas, and I congratulate her on this remarkable achievement.

CONGRATULATING MEMORIAL
MEDFLIGHT ON ITS 20TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone for our region. On January 1, 2026, Memorial MedFlight will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of service to the people of northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

For two decades, Memorial MedFlight has provided lifesaving air medical transport to our communities, often responding in the most critical moments when every second matters.

Their pilots, flight nurses, paramedics, and support teams have demonstrated extraordinary skill, professionalism, and courage day and night, in all conditions.

Thousands of families across our region have been touched by the fast, expert care this team delivers. Their work has strengthened our emergency response system, expanded access to advanced medical care, and saved countless lives.

Today, we honor Memorial MedFlight's dedication, their unwavering commitment to the people they serve, and the strong partnerships they have built with hospitals, first responders, and local communities.

We celebrate 20 years of excellence, and we express our deepest gratitude for the lives they have protected and the hope they continue to provide.

I congratulate Memorial MedFlight on this remarkable anniversary and thank them for their continued service.

HONORING CAPITAL ONE'S COM-
MITMENT TO VETERANS, SERV-
ICE MEMBERS AND MILITARY
FAMILIES

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Capital One and its exceptional contributions to our Nation's veterans, service members, and military families.

As one of Northern Virginia's largest employers, Capital One has demonstrated an un-

wavering commitment to supporting those who serve and those who stand beside them.

For more than a decade, Capital One's military-service-focused Business Resource Group, known as Salute, has been a cornerstone of that commitment. Today, Salute includes over 6,000 members and continues to grow as a vibrant community for veterans, active-duty service members, military family members, and allies.

Salute's mission is clear: to ensure that those connected to military service can thrive through meaningful engagement, professional development, and support during the unique challenges of military life.

One of Salute's signature initiatives, the Serve the Reserve program, provides personal and professional support to associates and their families during times of deployment or military separation. From care packages and communication assistance to navigating military systems and connecting employees to job placement resources, this program reflects the values of service and solidarity that strengthen our communities.

Capital One has also emerged as a national leader in helping service members transition into civilian careers. As an inaugural founder of the Hiring Our Heroes program, Capital One has helped veterans, military spouses, and caregivers access professional training and hands-on experience in fields such as cybersecurity, analytics, and project management.

Capital One also promotes career tools like "Translate My Skills," which helps applicants align military experience with civilian job requirements.

They consistently appear on the Military Friendly Employer list, and for 2025 it received the organization's prestigious Gold Status. Capital One has also been selected by the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for an Extraordinary Employer Support Award and is a proud member of the Military Spouse Employment Program, underscoring its commitment to hiring and advancing military spouses.

Capital One's impact extends beyond employment. Here in Virginia, they have played a critical role in bringing Terwilliger Place to life, which is the first housing credit development in the Commonwealth with a leasing preference for veterans.

Through a low-income housing tax credit equity investment, construction financing, and pre-development support, Capital One helped create 160 affordable housing units, half of them reserved for veterans. This project stands as a model for community-centered, veteran-focused development.

They also empower veterans to continue serving their communities through volunteerism. From resume reviews and mock interviews to care packages for active-duty service members and support for nonprofits that train service dogs for veterans with disabilities, Capital One helps extend the spirit of service well beyond military life. Their support for veteran entrepreneurship, including partnerships with Bunker Labs and the National Veteran Owned Business Association, has helped veterans build and grow small businesses across the country.

Capital One's dedication to veterans and military families represents the best of what it means to serve one another. I am proud to recognize their contributions and to thank

them for their continued leadership in supporting those who have served our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Capital One for its steadfast commitment to our military community.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 7 REVISITED

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

October 7 Revisited. Prophet Habakkuk's haunting Biblical. Words come true on a sacred turned scarred Day robbed of its joys, "For a stone shall cry out From the wall." Once loving homes where the Divine forged an abode turned Into blackened stones soaked from Hatred—filled wells of blood and fire. With walls of witness wailing in silence Of strewn bodies, young and old bonded. In death as in life, for the land of ubiquitous. Memorials again and again and again, Till when? Of snuffed dreams in a hunting field. Where dancing—davening flowers held. Sway till halted singing from deep within. Surging souls yearning to bond across. Man—made borders—barriers to be. Breached for war or peace, To yet prevail with heightened cadence. Of Shalom's invisible, ever—surviving promise!

RECOGNIZING ALFRED THOMAS LEWERENZ

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Alfred Thomas Lewerenz of Rainbow Springs, Florida, who passed away on September 16, 2025, at the age of 89.

Mr. Lewerenz lived a life marked by service, leadership, and deep devotion to his family and community. In 1952, he enlisted in the Florida Army National Guard, beginning a distinguished 33-year military career that saw him rise from Private to Lieutenant Colonel. As Battalion Commander of the 53rd Infantry Brigade in Coral Gables, he was instrumental in maintaining communication lines and coordinating operations during natural disasters and civil security efforts. His integrity and dedication left a lasting impression on all who served alongside him.

Mr. Lewerenz's commitment to excellence extended well beyond his military service. A

graduate of Lindsey Hopkins Vocational School, the U.S. Army Signal School, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, he combined technical skill with a lifelong love of learning. His passion for electronics led to a successful career in broadcasting, where he worked with WTVJ in Miami, co-founded Omni Video, and later served as Engineering Manager at Telemundo. He also shared his expertise as a Technical Advisor for the Broward County School Board, mentoring the next generation of media professionals.

Outside of his professional achievements, Mr. Lewerenz was known for his generosity, energy, and love of life. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he found joy in hosting family gatherings, camping trips, and community events. After retiring to Rainbow Springs, he cherished time spent golfing, playing pool, and attending Meadowbrook Church with his beloved wife Marilyn.

Mr. Lewerenz is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn; his children Lorraine Berg, Stephanie Hanks, Jennifer Brant, and Stephen Lewerenz; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be remembered as a patriot, mentor, and friend whose legacy of service, faith, and love continues to inspire those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Alfred Thomas Lewerenz for his lifetime of service to Florida and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING OMICRON KAPPA KAPPA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC. FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT WEEK AND HON- OREES

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Omicron Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for its Achievement Week and Honorees.

Since 1925, Achievement Week has been an annual, internationally mandated program of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The purpose of the program is to inspire race, pride, and public appreciation of the Negro's potential. Chapters celebrate their communities and engage the public through exhibits, activities, meetings and forums in schools, churches, and public halls.

The fraternity's 2025 International Achievement Week is from November 10, 2025, to November 17, 2025. This year's Achievement Week theme is "Impactful Service Through Intentional Friendship."

The Omicron Kappa Kappa (OKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. received its

graduate chapter charter on December 14, 1996, and serves primarily the Fairfax, Herndon, and Reston, Virginia areas.

The fraternity's Annual Achievement Week Awards Luncheon serves as an opportunity to recognize our youth and members of the community for their contributions to the chapter and the community over the past year.

I include in the RECORD the following OKK awards recipients:

Trailblazer Award: Lieutenant General (Retired) R. Scott Dingle, U.S. Army

Trailblazer Award: The Honorable Robert R. Rigsby, Associate Judge, District of Columbia Superior Court and Colonel (Retired), Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserves

High School Essay Contest First Place Winner: Gabriella E. Celestine, James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School

Brigadier General Charles Young Military Leadership Award: Major Justin Brown, Engineer, U.S. Army Reserves

Citizen of the Year Award: Dr. Mamie Parker, PhD

Dr. Ronald E. McNair Award for Excellence in Aerospace and the Arts: Imani C.O. Nzekwe, Thomas A. Edison High School

Dr. Charles R. Drew Award for Excellence in Medical Research: Hernan Bekele, Carter G. Woodson High School

Dr. Ernest Everett Just Award for Excellence in Biology: Shreya Soni and Peyton Tran, South County High School

Dr. Oscar James Cooper, M.D., Award for Excellence in Biomedical and Health Sciences: Chloe Giglio, McLean High School

Professor Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Physics and Astronomy: Leona Agyepong, Lake Braddock Secondary School

Dr. Edgar Amos Love Award for Excellence in Biomedical Engineering: Aaryasinh Vaghela and Rishik Puli, Basis Independence School

Charles "Chuck" Smith Award for Excellence in Computer Science and Mathematics: Eamon O'Leary, South Lakes High School

Founders Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Dennis Humphrey, PhD

Omega Man of the Year: Sanford Crenshaw Superior Service Award: Brian Bond

Service Pins: Gerald Hamilton, 55 Years; Howard Foard Jr., 50 Years; Gerald Curry, 45 Years; Robert Drummer, 40 Years; Julius Reynolds, 40 years; Earl Smith Jr., 40 Years; Shun Williams, 40 Years; Michael Craghead, 35 Years; Michael Kennebrew, 25 Years; Joseph Nelson, 25 Years.

Basileus Bricks: Michael Welch, Chairman, Charles Drew Blood Drive; Sanford Crenshaw, Vice Basileus; Vince Jones, Vice Chairman, Charles Drew Blood Drive; Zachary Canady, Keeper of Records and Seal; Jeremiah Davis, Chairman, Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the men of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. and the honorees for this year's Achievement Week.