

events, and meeting coordination to office administration, she consistently demonstrated precision and professionalism. She also greatly contributed to the culture and environment of my office by bringing her dog, Moose, in on out-of-session days. While working in my office, Kathy continued her education at the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and received a Master of Arts in Global Security Studies in May of 2025.

Kathy has returned to Michigan to continue her career in public service and is currently the Digital Strategy Director for Speaker Matt Hall in the Michigan House of Representatives, where I have no doubt that she will continue to lead and serve with purpose in this new role.

Although Kathy has moved on to new challenges, her impact on my office and on the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District continues to be felt in the work we do every day. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the constituents I proudly serve, I want to thank Kathy Zhu for her years of loyal service, her commitment to excellence, and her patriotic spirit. I wish her the very best as she continues her journey in public service.

COMMENDING THE MU MU LAMDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation commending the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. on its 50th Anniversary.

Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, stands as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, committed to developing leaders, promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, and providing service and advocacy for communities nationwide; and

Whereas, the mission of the fraternity is to stimulate the ambition of its members and prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the causes of humanity, freedom, and dignity through scholarships, leadership, service and advocacy; and

Whereas, for fifty years, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter has lived this mission with distinction—strengthening communities, mentoring youth, awarding scholarships, advancing civic engagement, shaping leaders, and uplifting humanity through service, advocacy, and brotherhood; and

Whereas, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter was chartered on April 14, 1976 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, by twenty-two visionary brothers whose leadership established a lasting legacy of excellence and impact; and

Whereas, the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter has demonstrated the fraternity's motto "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All," and it aims—Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind—through five decades of transformative programming, community partnerships, youth initiatives, and leadership development activities; and

Whereas, the chapter's Golden Anniversary in April 2026 marks a momentous milestone for the Chicagoland community and the broader fraternity; and

Whereas, the chapter's presidents from 1976 to 2026 are recognized for their dedication and leadership in advancing the mission and sustaining the chapter's legacy: Ernest Gibson (1976), Mickey S. Brown (1977), Arthur Thompson (1978), James H. Ivory (1979–1981), Walter R. Bauldrick, Sr. (1981), Clarence R. Lewis (1982–1984), Robert L. McMillian (1984–1986), Harold W. Kelly (1986–1988), Fred L. Miller (1988–1990), Roland E. Wesley (1990–1992), George A. McCrowey (1992–1994), Isiah P. Ward (1994–1996), Austin V. Harton (1996–1998), Kenneth R. Watkins, Sr. (1998–2000), Warren G. Smith (2000–2002), Norman P. Fleming (2002–2004), Michael J. Bates (2004–2005), Undray Wilks (2005–2007), David A. Lewis (2007–2009), Rahmad D. Bauldrick, Sr. (2009–2011), Seth L. Wilson (2011–2013), Leonard C. McKinnis, Jr. (2013–2016), Eddie H. Reynolds (2016–2018), Decature Tounsel (2018–2019), David A. Lewis (2019–2020), Ashton L. Clark (2020–2022), Rahmad D. Bauldrick, Sr. (2022–2024), L. Bernard Jakes (2024–2025), and Robert O. Harris Jr. (2025–2026);

As a proud member who share brotherhood with this outstanding group of distinguished men, some of whom I met as a freshmen in college (Kenneth R. Watkins and Ernest Gibson) and one (Isiah P. Ward) who was my line brother when we joined Mu Mu Lambda.

As a member of the chapter, and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I take great pride in congratulating the officers and members past and present of the Mu Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. The chapter is commended for its steadfast commitment to the fraternity's mission and its unwavering dedication to leadership development, community upliftment, youth empowerment and social advocacy. Best wishes to all of them for their continued success, brotherhood, and impactful service for decades to come.

HONORING OFFICER JAMES "XY" BROWN

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Officer James "XY" Brown of the Jacksonville Police Department. A well-recognized icon in Onslow County, Mr. Brown, after 68 years of selfless service and dedication to the City of Jacksonville, is retiring this December.

Prior to his service to Jacksonville, he served our country in the Army during WWII. Following that, he began volunteering in 1957 with the Jacksonville Police and officially joined the force in 1971. In his devoted and generous fashion, he currently serves as a crossing guard and public service officer, helping ensure the safety of the residents and children of Onslow County. He is well known for his positive demeanor and professionalism.

Mr. Brown is currently the oldest serving police officer in the Jacksonville Police Department at a resounding 98 years old. In 2022, he was recognized by the NC Lead Project, a statewide organization whose mission is to bridge socioeconomic gaps and strengthen the community through leadership and education with a lifetime achievement award, highlighting his leadership and service to his community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and congratulating Mr. Brown and his service to Jacksonville and the country. I thank Mr. Brown for his commitment, and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL CANFIELD

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael Canfield, the President and CEO of IPMI, Inc. and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Over the last 30 years, Mike's leadership built the businesses and operations of this cultural landmark owned by the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. The Cultural Center and tribal businesses are on land that was once a boarding school, with the historical complexities that the boarding school era represents. The transformation of the land into a thriving business center, a world renowned cultural center, and a world class Native American charter school, exemplifies the possibilities when Native Americans exercise self-determination and control over their own destiny and resources. He oversaw a restructuring of the museum so that the voice that told the history of the Pueblos was Puebloan, he professionalized the historical archival work, and education department and the restaurant at the cultural center is not only a place for delicious post contact food, but also itself a teaching kitchen. The Cultural center is the most visited site in Albuquerque. The former Albuquerque Indian School campus is a place of spirited community and family.

The distinguished Legacy Circle also honors the name of Michael G. Canfield because of his work elevating IPCC to a place of national recognition. This honor exists now as he has helped create endless opportunities for Pueblo people. These visionaries to receive this honor through new IPCC estate plans ensure the strength of the culture and economic stability for generations to come.

His leadership focused on his people, the preservation and celebration of Pueblo culture. Visitors steam into the dance circle at the cultural center to watch Puebloan and other indigenous dancers from around the world share both culture heritage and creativity, where the drums reverberate under our turquoise skies. But the Indian Pueblo Marketing, Inc., which is the economic arm of the 19 Pueblos stewardship of their land now boasts two hotels, two major office buildings, restaurants and business centers. The financial return helps fund not just the cultural center activities but also the 19 Pueblos themselves, who in turn use the funds to meet their governmental needs.

I had the benefit of working with Mr. Canfield as the attorney for IPMI and can attest to the wisdom and diplomacy he brought to every board meeting, every finance discussion, and every entrepreneurial expansion he proposed. He always balanced the cultural heritage that needed to be preserved and honored and the economic opportunities that beckoned.

His impact on the IPCC and the Native American community will be remembered forever. The Pueblo people have always lived on

these lands, and their descendants have found another home at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Canfield so history will remember his name. There is strength in culture and tradition, there are leaders we will follow to show us the way. Let Mike Canfield be remembered as one of those leaders.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN IVEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the first vote today due to my participation in the shadow hearing, “Kidnapped and Disappeared: Trump’s Detention Abuses,” where I was discussing the impacts of this administration’s immigration policies on constituents in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 313.

HONORING THE IRVING PARK
YMCA’S 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Irving Park YMCA’s 100 years of service and support in Chicago’s Northwest side.

Since its construction in 1925, the Irving Park YMCA has averaged 10,000 members per year assisting in youth development and serving Chicago’s adult populations. Through summer camps, outdoor experiences, sports programs, life-saving swimming lessons, Leader’s Club, Girls on the Run and more, the Irving Park YMCA has fostered lifelong healthy habits, leadership skills, and success for city children and teens.

The YMCA has served Chicago families by offering drop-in childcare services, FitStart, a personalized 12-week program to support wellness goals, SilverSneakers, a fitness program for older adults, affordable accommodations, and support services, promoting stability, safety, and healthy habits. Through its centennial, the Irving Park YMCA has been a hub for health, wellbeing, and youth development.

From hosting world events and international expositions in the 1920s and 1930s, to providing one of the first strength training facilities in the NFL to the Chicago Bears, to offering childcare for first responders, and essential workers during the COVID–19 pandemic, the Irving Park YMCA remains a pillar to the city of Chicago.

As the Irving Park YMCA enters its next 100 years of service, it will continue to pursue its mission to strengthen community by connecting all people to their purpose, potential, and each other.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in celebrating this remarkable contribution.

HONORING EUGENE OGASAWARA
WITH THE CA–37 PUBLIC SERVICE
HONOR AWARD

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eugene Ogasawara with the CA–37 Public Service Honor Award, a dedicated public servant whose commitment has made a significant impact on the U.S. Department of State.

Eugene, a native of Los Angeles, began his career with the federal government in 2004 with the Department of State as a passport specialist at the Los Angeles passport agency. By 2008, just four years after his first day, Eugene’s dedication had carried him upward—he was promoted to Supervisory Passport Specialist, marking the first of many milestones in a career defined by integrity, growth, and the respect of those around him.

From 2010 to 2019 Eugene served as a passport specialization specialist in Tucson, Arizona overseeing the passport printing contract and ensuring compliance with department standards. In 2019, the road led him home to Los Angeles once again. This time, he returned as the agency’s Customer Service Program Manager, a position he has now held for more than six years. In this role, Eugene serves as both guide and bridge—shaping the agency’s customer service initiatives, coordinating closely with congressional offices, and bringing the Department’s work directly to the community through a wide array of outreach events.

Eugene’s decision to pursue federal service was inspired by his father, who dedicated over 35 years to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. His legacy instilled in Eugene a deep appreciation for public service and the importance of serving the community with integrity.

Each step of the way, he has continued to build on a legacy rooted in service, connection, and the belief that meaningful work touches real people. Eugene’s career reflects a dedication to public service and to the people of Los Angeles. His commitment ensures that the Department of State runs efficiently.

I honor Mr. Eugene Ogasawara for his exceptional service and commitment to his community and recognize the lasting impact he has made on countless individuals.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. KEVIN RYAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of a longtime consummate public servant and friend, Connecticut State Representative Kevin Ryan. Representative Ryan died on November 23, 2025, after a courageous battle against cancer, surrounded in his final days by family, friends and political colleagues. He will be long remembered for his decades of public service and dedication to issues of public health and children’s welfare.

Raised in Montville, Connecticut, Representative Ryan graduated from St. Bernard Boys High School before studying English and Biology at Villanova University. He went on to earn a Doctorate in Optometry and Public Health Certificate from the Pennsylvania School of Optometry and a Masters in Community Psychology from the University of New Haven.

Representative Ryan began his career in government service in 1985, when he was elected to the Montville Board of Education, where he served as Secretary for one year and Chairman for six years. In 1992, he was elected to the State House of Representatives for the 139th District, a seat to which he was re-elected 21 times, a powerful statement of how much the people of that district trusted and admired him. I had the honor to serve alongside Kevin for one term in the General Assembly on the public health committee, which I chaired, and we became friends for life. He had a shrewd understanding of the legislative process from day one, and a wicked sense of humor, which members from both sides of the aisle appreciated and enjoyed. At the State Capitol, during his tenure he served on the committees, which made a difference on the issues he cared deeply about—public health, environment, and appropriations.

Drawing on his educational background and passion for improving the lives of Connecticut’s children, Representative Ryan also served on the Pilot Studies Committee. On this committee, Kevin helped address Medicaid administration and emergency medical services for Connecticut’s youth and conducted a study on the proposed Constitutional Amendment on the Rights of Children. Throughout his career, Representative Ryan’s legislative ability never faltered. Just this year, he sponsored multiple successful bills protecting workers’ rights and increasing access to clean energy.

Ryan’s service to the Montville community extended beyond his role as state representative. He was also a member of the Montville Public Safety Committee and Justice of the Peace and previously served as chair of the town’s Democratic Committee. Kevin Ryan contributed to the Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, Moose Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as the Alliance for Living Board of Directors and Eastern Connecticut Cable Television Advisory Board. He also furthered his interests in children’s welfare and public safety as President of the Board of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeast Connecticut and Chairman of the Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

Representative Ryan made connections with legislatures across the country. He served as Treasurer and President of the National Conference of Legislators from Gaming States, Treasurer of the Summit of Rural and Agricultural Leaders, and National Vice President of the Council of State Governments, where he also sat on the Agriculture Committee.

Representative Ryan also benefited Connecticut’s communities in his private life. He provided care at the Connecticut Visual Health Center in Bridgeport and Mobile Medical Testing Service (now known as Exemplar Health Services). He was also an Adjunct Professor of Physics at the University of New Haven from 1980 until his death.

Representative Ryan earned innumerable commendations and awards, including the Distinguished State Legislature Award from the