

Connecticut Psychological Association, Legislator of the Year from the Connecticut Farm Bureau, the American Lung Association's Breath of Life Award, a Public Service Award from the Connecticut Secretary of State, and Legislative Awards from the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut. Representative Ryan was also named Champion for Community Providers by the Connecticut Community Providers Association and received a Community Service Award from the Norwich NAACP. He was a Henry Toll Fellow and a winner of the William Fitzgerald and Senator Chris J. Dodd Awards.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Ryan's loss is felt by his colleagues in Connecticut and across the country as well as his constituents in Ledyard, Montville, and Norwich. Kevin's irreverent humor and tenacious work ethic won't soon be matched. Representative Ryan championed the needs of his constituents to his last days, proving his commitment to his constituency. Despite how monumental a chasm is left by his death; I take solace in the knowledge that Representative Ryan's memory and example are survived by the countless lives he touched through his decades of service. I ask my colleagues join me in honoring Kevin's life and legacy.

REMEMBERING FRED HAMPTON, SR. AND THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IN CHICAGO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, December 4, 1969 is a part of history that many Chicagoans would like to forget especially the family and friends of Fred Hampton, Sr., who was killed by Edward Hanrahan Cook County States Attorney and his band of police raiders in an apartment on W. Monroe Street. Although people were outraged and mourned they also used the atrocity as a rallying point, they agonized, they organized, they advocated, they registered people, they voted, they voted Edward Hanrahan out of office, they elected Jane Byrne, they elected Harold Washington as mayor, they projected Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lu Palmer, Nancy Jefferson, Tim Evans, Danny Davis, Bobby Rush, Mariam Stamps, Jim Compton, Rev. Ray Evans and others as leaders, they changed the culture and the history of Chicago.

As a result of the murder of Fred Hampton, the city of Chicago will never be the same. One could go so far as to say that the country will never ever again be the same. Chicago produced individuals who contributed significantly to America, especially Black America becoming what it is today.

Home of Rev. Jesse Jackson, and home of Barack Obama when he was elected President. Illinois is a progressive state, with Chicago leading the way. Not nearly as progressive as it could and should be; but much better than what it was and Chairman Fred Hampton's life and death played a great role in causing Chicago to become what it is today.

RECOGNIZING WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUDY HOOVER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the dedicated public service of Ms. Judy Hoover, a distinguished member of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors who celebrated her final meeting as Secretary and Supervisor on December 4, 2025. Her six-year commitment to Warminster Township has been marked by leadership, promise to strengthening local government, and an unwavering focus on the residents of Warminster Township.

Throughout her service, Judy witnessed and helped guide Warminster through a period of transformation when the Township faced financial challenges in 2019 when she was first elected. Under her leadership and a committed Board of Supervisors, Warminster established a more stable, professional, and forward-looking municipal environment by 2025.

Judy played an influential role in decisions vital to Warminster's fiscal health and infrastructure. Highlights of her service include transforming greater expertise into local water authority and making improvements at Five Ponds Golf Course. Judy maintained the standard of being thoughtful and resident-focused in her approach to governance. Ms. Hoover has been especially proud of the work of Library Director Peter Lehu, whom she praised as "the best Library Director the township has ever had." She hopes to continue supporting the library and other community institutions in the years ahead.

Her advice to the incoming 2026 Board is to support newly elected Supervisor Mary Owens, "hold tight" to the Township's financial stability, and examine every issue with the care required to secure a better future for Warminster residents.

Beyond her elected service, Ms. Hoover has been an invaluable resource to constituents in her part-time role with the Office of State Representative Brian Munroe. In that capacity, she has assisted residents of Warminster Township and the 144th Legislative District with questions, concerns, and access to government services.

Her long professional career reflects a deep commitment to public service and organized labor. Ms. Hoover served the City of Philadelphia as a Real Property Evaluator and later as Legislative Coordinator for AFSCME District Council 47. She has held numerous AFSCME leadership roles over decades—including Business Agent, Delegate, Trustee, Steward, Legislative Coordinator, and Health & Welfare Fund Trustee and has received substantial training in fiduciary responsibilities and public employee benefit trusts.

Her community involvement has been no less impressive. Ms. Hoover has served as a Township Auditor, a Township Supervisor, and Secretary. She remains active with the Warminster Parks and Recreation Board, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Parks, and numerous nonprofit groups. She lives in the Meadow Woods section of Warminster with her two grandchildren, who attend Willowdale.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Judy Hoover. Today, we

honor her in return for all she has done for the community. Warminster Township, Bucks County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are better because of the service, dedication, and integrity that Judy Hoover has brought to every role she has held. May we wish her continued success as she remains engaged in the civic life of her community.

RECOGNIZING BYUZAND YEREMYAN

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Byuzand Yeremyan, President of Armenians of Colorado, for his exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to our community.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Mr. Yeremyan's volunteer service with Armenians of Colorado. Armenians of Colorado is a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving and promoting Armenian culture and heritage in our state.

Over the last decade, Mr. Yeremyan has devoted his time and leadership to the community, including through the establishment of the Armenian School of Colorado in 2017. Through this initiative, students learn about Armenian language, literature, history, and culture, ensuring they continue to be passed down to future generations.

Nourishing younger generations, supporting Armenian Americans in Colorado, and engaging the broader community are just a few of the ways Mr. Yeremyan shows up for Coloradans. He also previously served on the boards of the Lone Tree Arts Center Fund and the U.S. Bank Development Network, and currently contributes his time and expertise as a board member of the Coalition Against Global Genocide (COAGG).

I commend Mr. Yeremyan for years of devoted leadership, service, and commitment to the Armenian community and to the people of Colorado. His efforts embody the spirit of civic engagement and cultural stewardship.

HONORING RUBEN J. SALDAÑA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruben J. Saldaña, a dedicated public servant whose retirement marks the culmination of thirty-seven years of distinguished service to the state of Texas and the Texas A&M University System.

Dr. Saldaña's career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, community leadership, and the advancement of opportunities for families across South Texas. A native of Mercedes, Texas, he began as a young leader in FFA and 4-H before earning degrees from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, ultimately completing his Doctor of Education at Texas A&M. His professional journey took him from the classroom to the field, serving as a science

teacher, county extension agent, project manager, and ultimately the long-serving District Extension Administrator for District 12, where he guided programs that strengthened agriculture, youth development, and community health.

Throughout his career, Dr. Saldaña earned a reputation as an innovative thinker and a builder of partnerships. He helped launch impactful AmeriCorps programs, expanded 4-H opportunities, advanced applied research for producers, strengthened local governments through collaboration, and championed diversity, civil rights compliance, and employee development within the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. His service earned statewide and national recognition, including honors from the Texas A&M Board of Regents and the Governor of Texas.

What distinguishes Dr. Saldaña most is not only his accomplishments but the heart he brought to them. He is widely respected for his integrity, his mentorship, and his steadfast commitment to the people of the Rio Grande Valley and all of Texas. His work has touched thousands of lives and will continue shaping communities long after his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Dr. Ruben J. Saldaña for his extraordinary career and to thank him for his decades of service and leadership. I wish him the very best as he begins this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING
GRATITUDE TO FORMER CHIEF
OF STAFF BRYAN BRODY

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my gratitude to my former Chief of Staff, Bryan Brody of Highland Village, Texas, for his exceptional service, tireless dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Texas' 13th Congressional District. Bryan has been with my office since the beginning. As a trusted advisor, he helped build and lead Team Jackson from

the ground up. His leadership and insight were invaluable as we worked daily to deliver results for the constituents of Texas' 13th Congressional District.

A proud Texan through and through, Bryan graduated summa cum laude from Houston Christian University, where he was a standout both on the soccer field and in student government. During his college years, he pursued two internships on Capitol Hill, where his curiosity, dedication, and love for our Nation's values stood out.

Bryan began his career in Washington as a Staff Assistant for Senator JOHN CORNYN and quickly earned a reputation for being a hard worker who was quick on his feet. He went on to serve as a Military Legislative Correspondent for Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe, where he developed a deep understanding of defense policy and America's military.

This expertise became critical when he joined my office as a Military Legislative Assistant, where his policy and procedural knowledge across both chambers of Congress helped advance key legislative victories for Sheppard Air Force Base, the Pantex Plant, and the many defense equities and military families I represent. Bryan's sharp, strategic mind was also instrumental in getting my first piece of legislation signed into law—the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act. Whether serving as Legislative Director, Deputy Chief of Staff, and eventually my Chief of Staff, Bryan was essential in helping me become a leader on the House Armed Services, Intelligence, Foreign Affairs, and Agriculture Committees.

His accomplishments continue to be recognized by his alma mater, receiving the 2024 Houston Christian University Emerging Leader Award, an honor bestowed upon alumni from the past decade who have achieved early career success and made a positive impact in their communities.

Today, Bryan continues to serve our country as a Special Assistant to President Donald J. Trump. In this role, he will continue to fight for our America First agenda and the hardworking men and women of this great Nation.

Although Bryan has taken on new challenges, his impact on my office and the people

of Texas' 13th Congressional District will be felt for years to come. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the constituents I proudly serve, I want to thank Bryan Brody for his years of loyal service, his commitment to excellence, and his patriotic spirit. I wish him the very best as he continues to work diligently for the American people.

CONGRATULATING RWANDA ON
HISTORIC PEACE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to President Donald J. Trump and the governments of the Republic of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the signing of what has been widely described as a “historic” peace agreement—brokered by the United States—to bring stability to eastern Congo and chart a new course for regional cooperation signed today at the Donald J. Trump United States Institute for Peace.

This accord, signed in Washington and set to formalize measures first agreed in June, stands out as a bold and necessary step toward ending decades of conflict that have devastated communities, displaced millions, and hindered development across the region.

The leadership displayed by Rwandan President Paul Kagame to choose dialogue over division, collaboration over conflict, deserves recognition and respect. President Trump and President Kagame's dedication to Peace is admirable and the facilitation of Rwandan Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana is appreciated.

Today, we celebrate not just a document, but a renewed hope: hope for stability, for prosperity, hope for a future where war no longer defines entire generations. I congratulate President Trump for fostering enduring peace for the region.