

service to the people of Langhorne Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We extend our best wishes to him and his family as they embark on this next chapter, knowing that his impact will continue to shape Langhorne for generations to come.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
JOSEPH RYAN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General Joseph Ryan on his appointment as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), one of the most critical and consequential leadership positions in the armed forces.

Lieutenant General Ryan brings to this role an exceptional record of service, distinguished by years of operational experience, thoughtful leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the Soldiers and families of the U.S. Army. He has led at every level, from company through division, including service as the Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division and as Chief of Staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps. Most recently, he served as the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, responsible for overseeing operations, plans, and training across the entire force.

As he assumes command of FORSCOM, Lieutenant General Ryan takes responsibility for the Army's largest component and is charged with preparing our Soldiers to rapidly deploy and win our Nation's wars. This role demands clarity of purpose, humility, strategic foresight, and a steadfast dedication to the mission. Lieutenant General Ryan has demonstrated each of these qualities throughout his career, particularly during multiple combat deployments and in senior leadership posts that shaped Army policy, modernization, and global operational posture.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I am proud to welcome Lieutenant General Ryan back to Fayetteville. Now more than ever, our Nation faces evolving security challenges and increasing demands on our force. I am confident that under the leadership of Lieutenant General Ryan, we will rise to meet those challenges.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Lieutenant General Ryan and wishing him success as he leads the men and women of the U.S. Army Forces Command.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND
CAREER OF NELDA OLIVO

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Nelda Olivo, a dedicated public servant and the Director of Government Affairs for the Port of Corpus Christi, who has spent more than three decades advancing the economic and strategic interests of South Texas.

Ms. Olivo joined the Port in 1993, and since that time she has played a vital role in strengthening one of our Nation's most important energy and commerce gateways. She is responsible for developing, implementing, and managing the Port's government affairs program, serving as a trusted liaison with local, state, and federal legislators, governmental agencies, and community organizations. Her work has helped build broad support for key port initiatives that enhance regional mobility, security, and economic development.

Throughout her career, Ms. Olivo has demonstrated deep expertise in pursuing government funding across appropriations, transportation, homeland security, and critical grant programs. She is known for identifying emerging issues affecting ports nationwide and for leading new initiatives that strengthen the Port of Corpus Christi's role as a global leader in energy exports and maritime commerce.

Her leadership extends well beyond the Port. Ms. Olivo serves on multiple national, state, and regional committees, including the American Association of Port Authorities Government Relations Committee, Gulf Ports Association of the Americas Government Affairs Committee, Texas Ports Association, the United Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, and the Port Industries of Corpus Christi. Her efforts have helped shape policy discussions and strengthen collaboration across the maritime industry.

Before joining the Port, Ms. Olivo served the City of Corpus Christi in its Housing and Community Development Department, contributing to programs that improve quality of life and community resilience. A proud native of Corpus Christi, she is a graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, where she earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, Nelda Olivo's decades of commitment, expertise, and outstanding public service have made a lasting impact on the Port of Corpus Christi and the entire Coastal Bend region.

I commend her for her distinguished career and thank her for her unwavering dedication to advancing South Texas's economic vitality and national security interests.

HONORING SHERIFF SCOTT FOSTER
FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Scott Foster for his 31 years of outstanding service in law enforcement and his commitment to the safety of the Fredericksburg community.

Sheriff Foster began his career in 1994, advancing from the rank of Deputy to Captain. On September 15, 2022, he was appointed Sheriff of the City of Fredericksburg by the Honorable Gordon F. Willis, Circuit Court Judge, and was sworn in shortly afterwards.

Since taking office, Sheriff Foster has worked to improve the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office by updating operational plans, building policies and procedures, and improving train-

ing and record-keeping. Under his leadership, he also established a Career Development Program to support employee growth and recognize professional excellence within the department.

Beyond his leadership duties, Sheriff Foster has remained active in the community helping with school safety, participating in the D.A.R.E. program, and supporting mental health transports. He has also worked closely with Fredericksburg City Public Schools by attending safety board meetings and school events. I want to personally congratulate and thank Sheriff Foster for his endless dedication to ensuring our Fredericksburg communities stay safe and have access to the resources they need.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the City of Fredericksburg and its residents, I extend our deepest gratitude to Sheriff Foster for his unwavering service and dedication. His impact on our community will be felt for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH AL
FRACASSA

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Coach Al Fracassa, a Michigan high school football coach that shaped generations of young men in Metro Detroit. Coach Fracassa began his career as a professional athlete in 1951, playing for Michigan State University in the National Championship and the Rose Bowl. Shortly after graduating, Al decided to use his skills to uplift future generations and began coaching football at various high schools around Metro Detroit. He served as head football coach at Royal Oak Shrine and Brother Rice High School, coaching over 40 seasons of high school football and leading his teams to nine state championships. He was more than a football coach, he was a guiding figure for his players, encouraging them to reach their full potential and pushing them to success. Known for his high expectations, Coach Fracassa consistently urged his players to "do things better than you've ever done them before." Over the course of his career, Coach Fracassa sent over 300 players to college and 13 players to the NFL.

Beyond his contributions to the athletic world, Fracassa was a devoted husband, married to his high school sweetheart, Phyllis. Together, they raised four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He left his mark on the world in more ways than one, from his military service in 1956 to building up Brother Rice High School shortly after its formation. While he will be deeply missed, his legacy and love live on in the many lives he touched.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to recognize the life and contributions of this great titan, Coach Al Fracassa, who dedicated his life helping hundreds of young men find their place in the world. Please join me in celebrating this incredible individual and the lessons he shared with us.

HONORING BEN TUCKER, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Ben Tucker, Jr.

Mr. Tucker retired from the United States Military after 35 years of distinguished service, attaining the rank of First Sergeant. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and serves as Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He is also the First Vice President of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Tucker is a member of Clover Hill Masonic Lodge No. 13. He is a devoted member of Daughters of Zion Baptist Church, where he sings in the senior choir and serves as a deacon and the treasurer of the Sunday School.

He is a Layman with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Association and serves as a Commissioner for the Adams County Soil & Water Conservation District, District 3. In his spare time, he enjoys being a goat farmer.

He is married to Mrs. Gloria Tucker, and together they are the proud owners of G.J.'s Space Jumps, Inc. Mr. Tucker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education with a minor in Science from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He also earned a master's degree in Athletic Administration from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Ben Tucker, Jr. for his extraordinary service and contributions to the Natchez, Mississippi community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL JAMES SULLIVAN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel James Sullivan of Chicago—a veteran, a man of deep faith, and above all, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Daniel served our country during the Korean War, enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1946. Even in uniform, his compassion stood out—once building a false-bottom delivery truck to secretly deliver bread to nuns at a nearby orphanage. That act alone captures who he was: quietly brave, endlessly generous, and guided by compassion, even in uniform.

Daniel brought that same spirit to his family, his church, and his community. He was a devoted parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago, where his service was recognized with the Christifideles Award, presented by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich.

A loyal Chicagoan and proud season ticket holder, Daniel cheered for the White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks, and Notre Dame football. But nothing gave him more joy than the time he spent with his six grandchildren. Of his six grandchildren, I had the pleasure of working with Catherine Flannery, who interned in my Washington D.C. office. Daniel's home was a

place where family traditions were made, where patience was endless, and where every grandchild knew they were deeply loved.

Though Daniel never sought the spotlight, he lit up every room he entered—with humor, humility, and grace. His legacy lives on in the family he raised, the faith he lived by, and the quiet example he set every single day.

We remember and honor Daniel Sullivan not just as a veteran, but as the kind of American we should all aspire to be. May his memory be a blessing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask everyone to join me in recognizing Daniel James Sullivan for his service to our country and honoring his legacy.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE YMCA OF METRO DENVER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the YMCA of Metro Denver. This is an extraordinary milestone for an organization that has shaped the lives of countless Coloradans and helped build stronger, healthier, and more connected communities for a century and a half.

The YMCA of Metro Denver was founded in 1875, shortly before Colorado became a state. Since then, the Y has been committed to meeting the needs of a growing and changing city, offering a supportive environment for all who need it.

Over the past 150 years, the YMCA's success has been driven by the people who bring its mission to life, including its members, volunteers, donors, and staff. Every achievement, every milestone, and every moment of progress reflects their dedication, compassion, and belief in the power of community. This anniversary is, above all, a celebration of them.

Guided by its core values of respect, caring, honesty, responsibility, and innovation, the Y continues to evolve to meet the needs of our Mile High community. Their programs are focused on supporting youth development, promoting healthy living, and advancing social responsibility.

It is a place where families find support, where neighbors connect, where children learn and grow, and where people of all ages and backgrounds discover a sense of belonging. Whether through wellness programs, early childhood education, mentoring, swim safety, or community partnerships, the Y is fostering relationships, inspiring achievement, and promoting equity and well-being across our region.

The YMCA of Metro Denver has been woven into the fabric of our community for 150 years. As we celebrate this remarkable anniversary, we honor its proud history and its bright future, one where the YMCA will continue to uplift, empower, and strengthen our community for generations to come.

I congratulate the YMCA of Metro Denver on 150 years of transformative impact and thank all those who have contributed to its enduring mission.

HONORING THE AVE MARIA PARISH CHOIR

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our very own Ave Maria Parish Choir, hand-selected by the White House to participate in a performance in our Nation's Capital. Their performance this week honors not only their flourishing parish, but our entire Southwest Florida community.

From its inception, the Ave Maria Parish Choir—directed with vision and care by Marian Mandy—has embraced a calling to elevate worship through the universal language of sacred music. This ensemble embodies the Parish's commitment to forming hearts, minds, and voices for the glory of God.

The Ave Maria community itself provides the rich foundation from which this choir and its ministries have grown. Since its establishment in 2007, between Naples and Fort Lauderdale, Ave Maria has become a spiritual home for countless Catholics who have sought a community like this one. In the heart of Collier County, the town reflects a way of life centered on faith, family, and fellowship. Children ride bicycles to the parochial school, neighbors walk to the grocery store, and the iconic parish church stands as the community's centerpiece. Across the street, Ave Maria University brings youthful energy and academic pursuit. With the Gulf Coast beaches to the west and the vibrant cities of Miami and Fort Lauderdale to the east, Ave Maria is as connected as it is serene.

This parish community's hospitality extends far beyond its sanctuary walls. Ave Maria Parish has always warmly welcomed newcomers and long-time residents alike. Through its ministries, activities, and open invitations to explore parish life, Ave Maria continues to gather people seeking deeper communion with God and neighbor.

As we celebrate the contributions of the Ave Maria Parish Choir and the broader community they represent, we recognize a church alive with faith, service, and song. It is an honor to acknowledge their devotion and talent today, and I look forward to witnessing the continued impact they will have on the lives of countless more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV. EREND DR. J. ALFRED SMITH, SR.

HON. LATEEFAH SIMON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a long-time leader of the Oakland faith community, Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., who passed away on September 19, 2025, at the age of 94.

Dr. Smith was born on May 19, 1931, in Kansas City, Missouri. He began preaching in 1948, his first year after graduating high school. Dr. Smith went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Western Baptist College, a Bachelor of Divinity