

business administration, Mr. Engel further honed his expertise through the Owner President Management Program at Harvard University. For over 50 years, he has applied his knowledge and vision to every aspect of business management, including operations, acquisitions, divestitures, and financial performance improvement.

Before founding Engel and Associates, LLC, a management consulting firm, Mr. Engel served as President of Airgas Southwest, Inc., overseeing operations across Texas, New Mexico, and Northern Mexico. Under his leadership, the company thrived as a subsidiary of Airgas, Inc., the largest distributor of welding supplies and packaged gases in the United States.

Mr. Engel's influence extends well beyond the private sector. He currently serves on the board of Susser Bank and the advisory board of Heldenfel's. He has also served as Chairman of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Commission, the CHRISTUS Spohn Health, and the Lexington Museum, leaving a lasting impact on economic development, healthcare and cultural preservation in his community.

During Mr. Engel's chairmanship at the Port of Corpus Christi, the Port of Corpus Christi experienced record-breaking tonnage in 2024 and the first half of 2025. Under his leadership, the Port of Corpus Christi achieved transformative milestones including the successful completion of the new Port of Corpus Christi Executive Administration Building, the opening of the Port of Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue at the Texas State Aquarium, and the completion of the new Harbor Bridge. Mr. Engel worked closely with the Port Authority's commissioners, executive leadership, staff, industry partners and the federal government to complete the milestone of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project, which increased the depth of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel from 47 to 54 feet and widened it from 400 to 530 feet, ensuring that the Port of Corpus Christi will continue to advance its position as America's energy export gateway to the world.

Through his career, David Engel has demonstrated unwavering commitment to excellence, strategic leadership, and service to others. His efforts have strengthened businesses, enhanced regional development, and enriched communities across South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, Chairman David Engel embodies the highest values of leadership, dedication, and civic responsibility.

I commend him for his outstanding career and thank him for his continued commitment to our Nation.

HONORING CHIEF BRIAN LAYTON 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 Chief Brian Layton on his retirement from the Fredericksburg Police Department after more than three decades of dedicated service.

Over 30 years ago, Chief Layton joined the Department and has served with honor since

becoming Chief in January 2020. During his tenure, he has strengthened recruitment and retention, modernized departmental operations, and set the City's Emergency 911 Center on the path to achieving national accreditation.

Under Chief Layton's leadership, the Fredericksburg Police Department experienced significant growth and success. He guided the agency through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; launched the Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT), which places law enforcement officers with mental health providers to support residents in crisis; and secured and managed more than \$6 million in grant funding to enhance officer wellness, expand community programs, and strengthen training initiatives. These accomplishments capture only a portion of his distinguished record over the course of his service.

I want to personally congratulate Chief Layton on his endless dedication to ensuring our 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 Chief Layton for his unwavering service and dedication. His impact on our community will be felt for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DANNY MILLER AS CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF FRESH AIR

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Danny Miller on his retirement as Co-Executive Producer for WHYY's Fresh Air with Terry Gross & Tonya Mosely, one of the most successful national public radio shows in the Nation.

Miller, who joined the Fresh Air team in 1978 as an intern, has been an integral part of the show's tremendous growth, now reaching over 6 million weekly listeners across 138 different countries. Miller's leadership and judgement is apparent in the more than 20,000 segments he helped produce. This expertise was especially critical as he led the program through unprecedented periods of technological transition.

Thanks in large part to Miller, Fresh Air has become a tremendous success, with two Peabody Awards under its belt and recognition as one of TIME Magazine's top 100 podcasts ever. Miller's indispensable relationship with Terry Gross, the show's host, has laid the foundation for Fresh Air's characteristic sound and production style, enabling the program to reach its current levels of recognition.

Under Miller's creative watch, Fresh Air has accumulated an extremely impressive list of guests across all industries, including Johnny Cash, Maya Angelou, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Robin Williams. Without Miller's intellectual curiosity, detailed nature, and vigorous collaboration, none of this would be possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that the House recognizes Danny Miller for his exceptional career and congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DEBRA AND EDWARD SULLIVAN

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mark 50 years of enduring marriage between Debra and Edward Sullivan. High school sweethearts who married on September 27, 1975, at St. Joseph's Church in Babylon, New York. Today, we honor a love that only a very few are fortunate enough to celebrate in their lifetime.

Edward, or Eddie as all know him, son of Florence and John Sullivan, and Debra, or Debbie, daughter of Dolores and Ronald Sup, have together built a life grounded in love, patience, and respect.

From Eddie's early beginnings as a clammer on the Great South Bay, together they have shared a lifetime of memories that serve as a model for all of us to follow.

Proud parents to Dr. Lauren Sullivan Goddard, and grandparents to Gavin and Reese Goddard, the Sullivans have always put family first in their lives. Godparents to Matthew Jansen, they have always served as mentors and the glue that keeps their family together and their traditions alive.

Never far from the ocean, the Sullivans' shared love of boating and the sunshine has always kept them active and enjoying all the South Shore of Long Island has to offer.

While many days can seem routine—dinner at 5, dog walks with Debbie's sister Lynn at 6, Jeopardy at 7 followed by Wheel of Fortune—they have always found ways to keep their bond fresh and new. From vacations to the Florida Keys to Montana, Alaska, and beyond, they keep the adventure going.

Mr. Speaker, if you were to crack open a dictionary and find the "American Dream," you would find Debbie and Eddie Sullivan. For decades, Eddie worked tirelessly as a union carpenter and Debbie as a supervisor at Marchon Eyewear—careers that allowed them to build a beautiful home in their shared hometown of West Islip, New York. Together, they put their pride and joy, Lauren, through college and pharmacy school to achieve her doctorate, a milestone that is celebrated universally throughout their family.

Through it all, Debbie and Eddie have upheld their vows to care for each other through sickness and health. No matter the circumstances, they always stand by each other. The Sullivans have survived many trials, but their unwavering care and commitment have defined their 50 years together.

Mr. Speaker, we all could learn something from Deb and Ed Sullivan. They are truly upstanding New Yorkers who carry themselves with the spirit of hard work and pride, and who have perfected this commitment to each other. They are truly blessed to have a strong marriage and family.

At a time when our Nation is so fraught and divided, it is comforting to know that we have neighbors like the Sullivans among us. They are the best America has to offer, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Sullivans on this momentous achievement and in wishing them many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING TWIN BROTHERS KEITH
AND KENNETH PALMER ON
CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH
BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th Birthday of twin brothers Keith and Kenneth Palm on October 11, 2025. Keith and Kenneth are the youngest of 10 children born to Swedish immigrants Alfred and Sigrid Palm. Both are World War II veterans having served in the European Theater with the 103rd Infantry Division. Both Keith and Kenneth are Purple Heart recipients.

Following their military service, both Keith and Kenneth enrolled at the University of Illinois, graduating with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Chemistry. Upon their graduation, both remained in Chicago working for Swift and Company in the edible oil refinery inside the Chicago stockyard. In 1974, Keith and his wife, Patricia, relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Since arriving in Chattanooga, Keith has been very active with his local church assisting Patricia, his wife of 67 years, teaching Sunday School. Keith has said that one of his deepest joys was the opportunity to teach Sunday School to his grandchildren. Keith has dedicated many years of service to various positions in his church. For many years, he drove kids to a Christian camp in Clemson, South Carolina. Today, Keith and his wife have two children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Keith continues to be the foundation of a strong family unit striving to serve others.

I am honored to stand today and congratulate Keith and Kenneth on their 100th birthday. I encourage all to thank them for their service to our country, for being part of the Greatest Generation and to thank Keith for serving tirelessly within our community.

**RECOGNIZING MARY ANN
KECKLER**

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and tireless service of Mary Ann Keckler, a remarkable advocate for her fellow veterans and their families. Hernando County, and indeed all of Florida, were fortunate to benefit from her decades of selfless dedication. Mary Ann served as Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Commander for Hernando County No. 67, and from 2018 to 2019, she held the position of State DAV Commander. Her commitment extended to the national level, serving on the National DAV Executive Committee from 2023 to 2024. In recognition of her exceptional volunteer efforts, she was named National DAV Volunteer of the Year in 2014.

For more than 25 years, Mary Ann devoted her time to the James A. Haley Veterans' Hos-

pital (JAHVH), logging over 11,000 volunteer hours. She played a pivotal role in the creation of both Fisher House I and II, providing families of hospitalized veterans a place to stay during long-term care. She was also instrumental in founding the monthly Operation Helping Hand dinners at JAHVH SCI, ensuring that veterans and their families received nourishment, fellowship, and support.

Beyond her service, Mary Ann was a loving mother and grandmother, a loyal friend, and a fierce advocate for those in need. Her legacy is one of compassion, leadership, and unwavering commitment. Through her tireless work, countless veterans and their families have been uplifted, comforted, and empowered. Her life reminds us all of the importance of standing alongside those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mary Ann Keckler for her extraordinary service. She leaves behind a legacy that will continue to impact veterans and our community for generations. May her memory be eternal.

**HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND
LEGACY OF JAMES GOOD**

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of James Good, a devoted community leader and advocate whose life's work has transformed and strengthened the Greater Lowell and Merrimack Valley region. He will retire as Chair of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, an organization he founded over 30 years ago, on December 10, 2025.

James was born and raised in the Highlands section of Lowell, Massachusetts, where his parents, John and Pearl Good, taught their children the importance of generosity, kindness, and service. On Saturdays, James and his father collected newspapers to support families in need, and his mother served as a crossing guard on Stevens Street for over 30 years, greeting every child by name. This devotion to service extended throughout the Good family. His late brother, Jack, was active in his church and community in Essex County and is remembered for his lasting generosity, while his sister, Maryanne, continues the family tradition, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. James's dedication to serving others began when he proudly enlisted in the United States Army, the ultimate commitment that set the course for a lifetime of service to his community and those around him.

After completing his service in the Army, James turned his focus to giving back to the community where he was raised, channeling his compassion to founding Good Friends, Inc. to ensure that children across the region could experience the joy and magic of Christmas. His dedication to helping others soon expanded as he supported the Middlesex Shelter, an effort that laid the groundwork for what would become the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in 1991. Determined to address local hunger and meet the urgent needs of families facing food insecurity, James began by distributing food from the back of a rented truck to

a handful of local agencies. This modest start quickly evolved: by 1993, the organization had incorporated as an independent nonprofit with its own board of directors, and in 1995 it moved into a larger warehouse on Broadway Street, adding refrigeration and expanding its distribution capacity. Under the leadership of its first Executive Director, Irene Reagan, and with the support of dedicated staff, volunteers, and board members, the Food Bank grew from serving two small agencies to partnering with more than 100 organizations and feeding approximately 70,000 individuals each month. Throughout this growth, James's vision, advocacy, and unwavering commitment remained central, enabling the Food Bank to extend its reach beyond Lowell and into communities across the Merrimack Valley. Today, with a renovated facility on Middlesex Street and ongoing efforts like the Feed & Nourish capital campaign, the Merrimack Valley Food Bank continues to honor James's legacy by providing essential support and fighting food insecurity throughout the region.

As the founder of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank and an active leader on numerous boards, James's impact extends far beyond immediate relief. He has fostered lasting change, strengthened nonprofit infrastructure, and uplifted generations of families through leadership, dedication, and compassion. His service includes roles as President and Chairman of the Food Bank, Founder and President of Good Friends, Inc., member of the Chelmsford Planning Board, Chairman of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board, Treasurer of the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments, member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and board service with the Chelmsford Business Association, Southwell Park, and Lowell Five, among many others. James has continuously used each role to advance opportunity, dignity, and care for those in need. James's kindness and wisdom make him a trusted figure for individuals to lean on when experiencing hardship. Through James's leadership and efforts, he has made the City of Lowell a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Throughout his life, James has been widely recognized for his contributions and leadership, receiving numerous honors including the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks Citizen of the Year Award, the Local Hero Award from Community Teamwork, the DeMolay International Legion of Honor, the Lions Club of Lowell Good Guy of the Year and serving as Grand Marshal of the Chelmsford Fourth of July Parade. These accolades speak to the breadth of his service, but those who know him will agree that he has never sought recognition, only results for the people and communities he cares so deeply about.

In a time when many turn inward, James Good stands as a beacon of service and hope. His legacy reminds us that generosity builds stronger communities, that compassion can change lives, and that one individual, guided by values of empathy, humility, and action, can leave an impact that endures for generations. Most importantly, James is known for his love for his wife Paula, his family and friends, his kindness to those around him, and his immense pride in the City of Lowell.