

HONORING SUSAN BAXMEYER

HON. RUDY YAKYM III

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my sincere gratitude for the extraordinary service and cherished friendship of Susan Baxmeyer, whose decades of dedication have strengthened our community and enriched public life across Indiana.

Susan began her political involvement in 1980, volunteering for John Hiler's congressional campaign. Her skill and dedication were immediately evident, and after his election, she joined his staff as District Secretary and Scheduler. She quickly became a trusted contact for constituents and a reliable support to the office. Whether at county fairs, fish fries, Lincoln Day dinners, or state conventions, she immersed herself fully in the work and built lasting relationships throughout the former 3rd Congressional District.

After leaving the congressional office in 1987 to join her husband Carl in their planning and consulting business, Susan remained deeply engaged in public service. She has served continuously as a Precinct Committeeman and held key leadership roles at both the district and county levels, including positions within the Indiana Republican State Committee and the St. Joseph County Republican Women. Her service as a delegate to state and national conventions and her recognition as a St. Joseph County Republican Woman of the Year nominee reflect the respect she has earned across our community and our state. She lifts others up simply by being who she is, and she has strengthened every organization and every effort she has touched.

On a personal note, I want to express my deep appreciation for her friendship. In public life, the support and kindness of people like Susan mean more than can be measured. Her counsel, encouragement, and loyalty have been invaluable, and I am honored to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Susan Baxmeyer for her outstanding contributions, her unwavering dedication to our community, and her lifelong commitment to service. Indiana is better because of her, and we are grateful for all she has given.

**RECOGNIZING LIBERTY CENTER
HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE
DIVISION V STATE FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school football team in Ohio's 5th Congressional District. The young men of the Liberty Center High School football team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division V State Football Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division V State Football

Playoffs, the Liberty Center Tigers overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Liberty Center Tigers defeated the Wheelersburg Pirates to win the state football championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the field in achieving this accomplishment, is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Liberty Center High School football team. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS
O. HICKS**

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Thomas O. Hicks.

Thomas O. Hicks, of Dallas, Texas, was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, a patriotic American, and a respected leader in business, philanthropy, and civic life.

Mr. Hicks served his country in the United States Army Reserve and later as a presidentially appointed Commissioner of the American Battle Monuments Commission, helping to honor and preserve the memory of United States service members at military cemeteries and memorials around the world.

Mr. Hicks was widely regarded as a pioneer in American private equity, co-founding Hicks & Haas in 1984 and later Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst in 1989, and helping to advance the "buy-and-build" strategy that transformed the leveraged buyout model and created tens of thousands of American jobs in consumer products, broadcasting, and food and beverage industries.

Mr. Hicks made extraordinary contributions to the city of Dallas and to the State of Texas, including helping to develop the American Airlines Center, supporting the construction of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, and championing education initiatives such as the land donation that became Thomas O. Hicks Elementary in the Lewisville Independent School District.

Mr. Hicks brought distinction to American sports through his ownership and leadership of the Dallas Stars from 1995 to 2011, including the 1999 Stanley Cup Championship, and the Texas Rangers from 1998 to 2010, during which the team won multiple American League West Division titles and reached the World Series.

Mr. Hicks remained deeply committed to higher education and to the University of Texas, where he served on the Board of Regents from 1994 to 1999 and helped establish the University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), which has grown into the largest public university endowment in the Nation.

Above all his accomplishments in business, sports, and civic life, Mr. Hicks was proudest of his role as a family man, dedicating his life to his wife, children, and grandchildren, and instilling in them a deep love of family, country, and community.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Cinda Cree Hicks, and his six children, Thomas Ollis Hicks, Jr., Mack Hardin Hicks, John Alexander Hicks, Robert Bradley Hicks, William Cree Hicks, and Catherine Forgrave Hicks.

Each of Mr. Hicks' children carries forward his example through their own work, families, and contributions to the lives of Americans.

The House of Representatives recognizes and honors the life, legacy, and service of Thomas O. Hicks; recognizes his service to the United States as a member of the Army Reserve and the American Battle Monuments Commission; acknowledges his lasting contributions to American business, sports, education, and civic life, particularly in Dallas, Texas; expresses its gratitude for his philanthropy and commitment to strengthening communities and creating opportunity through job creation and investment; and extends its deepest condolences to his wife, Cinda, to his children—Thomas, Mack, Alex, Bradley, William, and Catherine—to his grandchildren, and to all who mourn his passing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am not in Washington, D.C. due to family matters and missed the vote on passage of S. 1071, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 319.

**HONORING ROBERT "BOB" HARVEY
WITH A CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION**

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Specialist Robert "Bob" Harvey of Celina, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Specialist Harvey honorably served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1955 to 1956 and in the United States Army from 1957 to 1963, dedicating his career to the defense of our nation with distinction and commitment.

During his military service, Specialist Harvey served as an Engineer and was a proud member of both the 101st and 82nd Airborne units. He began as Assistant Platoon Leader and was later promoted to Assistant to the First Sergeant for B Company, demonstrating leadership, responsibility, and dedication to his fellow soldiers. His service took him to the Naval Base in San Diego, California, Fort Bragg, and Fort Campbell, and to participate in operations in Lebanon. For his service, he earned the Parachutist Badge and the Good Conduct Medal, reflecting his skill, dedication, and professionalism.

Following his military career, Specialist Harvey continued his commitment to service in the Celina community. For over seven years, he provided support to his wife, Carolyn, at

every downtown event held in the city, demonstrating his dedication to wife and community engagement. With his engineering background, Bob served eight years on the Celina Planning and Zoning Commission, including two years as Chair, and contributed to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, helping set the vision for Celina's future. In 2011, he was asked to lead the Celina Square Project, overseeing the construction of a pavilion and handicap-accessible ramps, which he completed in time for the city's 100-year celebration.

I am deeply honored to recognize Specialist Bob Harvey for his courage, patriotism, and lifelong dedication to serving both his country and his community. He exemplifies the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RYAN MACKENZIE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on December 9, 2025, because I was attending an event in my district with the President. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 316, and YEA on Roll Call No. 315.

RECOGNIZING ST. HENRY HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE DIVISION VII STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school football team in Ohio's 5th Congressional District. The young men of the St. Henry High School football team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division VII State Football Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division VII State Football Playoffs, the St. Henry Redskins overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the St. Henry Redskins defeated the Hillsdale Falcons to win the state football championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, in achieving this accomplishment, is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the St. Henry High School football team. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF STEVEN KINGSBOROUGH

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Steven Kingsborough of the Middlesex Township Police Department on his retirement upon 40 years of tireless service.

Chief Kingsborough's decorated tenure protecting the Citizens of Middlesex Township began as a patrol officer in August 1985. In 1986, he attended the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in Hershey and graduated as a member of the 49th Municipal Police Training Class. He was promoted to Corporal in January 1987 and served for 10 years before being promoted to Sergeant. In 2017, he was promoted to Lieutenant, where he served for three years before being named Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety on January 1, 2020.

Throughout his outstanding and tireless career, Chief Kingsborough was recognized by Middlesex Township with an Exceptional Service award, a Medal of Honor, a Purple Heart, 2 Meritorious Service awards, 2 Outstanding Arrest awards, an Outstanding Community Service award, 2 Medals of Valor, and a Silver Star.

Chief Kingsborough also finishes his career as the Certified Instructor for First Aid and CPR classes, Firearms qualifications training, Self Defense training, Non-Lethal Force training, and Taser and OC Spray usage training for the Department and for the Municipal Police Officers Training and Education Commission. He is also certified by the federal government in National Incident Management Systems and Federal Motor Carrier Commercial Vehicle Inspections.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to congratulate Chief Steven Kingsborough's selfless, tireless, dedicated, and exceptional career of 40 years of law enforcement service to community, Commonwealth, and Country. He has made a lasting mark on Middlesex Township and its citizens in countless ways, and he embodies the term "servant leader." Chief Kingsborough's service sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025-2026 SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound appreciation to recognize the exemplary work of the 2025-2026 Service Academy Nomination Board, whose service has been indispensable to the success of this year's nomination cycle.

Each year, talented young men and women from Puerto Rico seek a congressional nomination to the United States Service Academies, driven by a commitment to serve our Nation. Evaluating these nomination applications is both an honor and a significant undertaking: one that demands integrity, discern-

ment, and unwavering fairness. This year's Nomination Board carried out that responsibility with exceptional professionalism.

The members of the Board devoted extensive hours to reviewing application packages, assessing academic records, weighing leadership experiences, and conducting thoughtful and rigorous interviews. Their work ensured that every candidate received a fair, comprehensive, and respectful evaluation. Their collective expertise and diverse professional backgrounds were instrumental in selecting nominees who embody the highest ideals of service, character, and leadership.

Beyond the technical demands of their role, the Board demonstrated a profound dedication to Puerto Rico's youth and to strengthening pathways into military and public service. Their contributions have directly expanded opportunities for our Island's future officers, young leaders who may one day command units, pilot aircraft, safeguard national security, or serve our Nation in critical moments.

This year's Board approached its work with seriousness of purpose and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Their service reflects the very values we ask of our applicants: integrity, judgment, discipline, and a commitment to something greater than oneself.

On behalf of the people of Puerto Rico, I extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the 2025-2026 Service Academy Nomination Board: Brig. Gen. Carlos Gorbea; COL. (retired) Marta Carcana; COL. (retired) Michelle Fraley; CW4 (retired) Cristino Lozada; MAJ. Ricardo Herrero; Cpt. Joshua Eldelman; Mr. Héctor Luis Acevedo; Mr. José Cabrera; Mrs. Tasha Endara; Mr. Luis Soto; and Mrs. Wanda Ayala de Torres for their extraordinary work, their professionalism, and their service. Their efforts have strengthened this program, uplifted deserving candidates, and helped shape the next generation of leaders who will proudly represent Puerto Rico and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE MENOMINEE MAROONS: 2025 DIVISION 7 MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Menominee High School football team on winning the Division 7 Michigan State Championship. This remarkable and well-deserved accomplishment reflects these young men's commitment to excellence, their dedication to teamwork, and the steadfast support of their community.

When the Maroons took the field for the MSHAA football Division 7 title game, they carried with them the hopes of bringing a state championship back to Michigan's Upper Peninsula for the first time since 2015. In an impressive display of discipline and determination, the Maroons prevailed with a commanding 34-6 win over Schoolcraft, earning the program its fourth ever state championship while helping to restore "U.P. Power" by bringing a title home to the Upper Peninsula. Under the leadership of head coach, Chad Brandt, the Maroons dominated opponents