

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

throughout the fall, with only one game being decided by less than ten points, capping off an undefeated season.

What makes this accomplishment even more remarkable is the extraordinary effort from the surrounding communities to help the Maroons make the trip down to Ford Field in Detroit for the game. Those of us from the Upper Peninsula know that a sudden trip downstate is no easy feat. The Maroons needed funds for a three-day trip, including money for charter buses, two nights of lodging, and three meals per day. The Menominee community rallied around the team and raised nearly \$30,000 in two days. Such generosity and determination speak to the spirit, resilience, and pride that define the people of the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing the Menominee High School football team for winning the Division 7 Michigan State Championship. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the players, coaches, and all those who supported them.

HONORING U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS RONCHESTER MANANGA SANTIAGO

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of Mess Management Specialist Third Class (MS3) Ronchester M. Santiago, who gave this life in the line of duty during the terrorist attack on the USS *Cole* on October 12, 2000.

While the USS *Cole* was refueling at the Port of Aden, Yemen, a terrorist detonated an explosive alongside the ship's port side. This attack claimed the lives of 17 American sailors, and injured dozens more. Among those lost was MS3 Ronchester Santiago, a young man whose unwavering dedication to his country and his shipmates exemplified the highest ideals of the United States Navy.

Born and raised in Kingsville, Texas, Petty Officer Santiago embraced both service and leadership from a young age. A graduate of H.M. King High School and a member of its ROTC program, he answered the call to serve soon after earning his high school diploma. His four years in the Navy were marked by diligence and integrity.

Petty Officer Santiago spent three years stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard as a crew member of the USS *Constitution*, the oldest commissioned warship in the world. His dedicated work as a cook and his cheerful personality made him an uplifting presence aboard "Old Ironsides," and one of the ship's galleys was later named in his honor, a lasting tribute to the legacy he left behind.

Upon joining the crew of the USS *Cole*, Petty Officer Santiago continued to bring professionalism, optimism, and resolve to each mission. He took great pride in serving his country and looked forward to studying electrical engineering at The University of Texas.

His service is a testament to the countless young Americans who step forward each day to defend our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Petty Officer Santiago, his family,

friends, and all who carry his memory forward. May his legacy of courage and dedication continue to inspire future generations of Americans.

RECOGNIZING AVON HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE BOYS SOCCER 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 soccer team in Ohio's 5th Congressional District. The young men of the Avon High School boys soccer team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division II State Boys Soccer Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division II State Soccer Playoffs, the Avon Eagles overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Avon Eagles defeated the Kings Mills Knights to win their first state soccer 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 Avon High School boys soccer team. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF GARY SPARKS AS FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Chief Gary Sparks on his retirement, after more than 40 years of service as a firefighter for the City of Oxford, Alabama.

Chief Sparks began his work with the City of Oxford when he was just 15 years old, washing trucks and cleaning the station. On May 12, 1983, he became an official member of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department.

He later became a full-time member of the Anniston Fire Department on February 13, 1987, rising through the ranks to eventually become Assistant Fire Chief in 2003.

After 20 years of service with the Anniston Fire Department, he retired on February 13, 2007. Chief Sparks became full-time Fire Chief for the City of Oxford on March 3, 2007.

Chief Sparks is involved in several civic organizations in his community. He is currently serving on the Alabama Joint Fire Council. He has served Alabama's fire service for eight years with dedication and insight as a member of the Personnel Standards & Education Commission with the Alabama Fire College. He is a Past President of the Alabama Fire Chiefs

Association and was voted the 2015 Alabama Fire Chief of the Year.

In addition to being a dedicated firefighter, Chief Sparks is also a committed husband to his wife, Monica, a wonderful father to his son Robert (Meaghen) and grandfather to McKenna and Conor.

On February 2, 2026, Chief Sparks will retire.

HONORING ROBERT "ROB" ALTMAN 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 Major Robert "Rob" Altman of Frisco, Texas, and to honor him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Major Altman honorably served for over 25 years in the United States Army, demonstrating exceptional leadership and dedication to our Nation.

At just nineteen years old, Rob began his military career in 1993, serving both as an enlisted soldier and a commissioned officer. Throughout his distinguished service, he held numerous leadership roles, including team leader, platoon leader, company commander, operations cell leader, diplomatic and intelligence advisor, battalion executive officer, and chief of staff. His assignments took him to Germany and included multiple deployments, during which he spent more than 30 months in combat zones. For his exemplary service, he earned the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals.

Rob has also excelled academically. He completed the Leaders Program in Advanced Security Studies at the George C. Marshall Center in Germany in 2011, earned a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University in 2013, and was selected for the Art of War Scholars Program at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 2014. He is now completing Ph.D. coursework in history at the University of North Texas, focusing on U.S. Army mobilization and interwar planning.

In his community, Rob serves as Chair of the Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee and on the National Security Advisory Council for America's Future Series. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a life member of both the VFW and American Legion. Dedicated to developing young leaders, he served six years as Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for Scouting America Troop 45. In December 2024, he continued his public service when he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Denton Central Appraisal District.

I am deeply honored to recognize Major Robert Altman for his extraordinary courage, patriotism, and lifelong commitment to service. He represents the very best of Texas' 4th Congressional District and of our great Nation.