

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 335. I support the bipartisan Congressional Award Program which encourages our youth to develop valuable life skills, foster citizenship, and build self-confidence.

Also, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336. I support the transfer of a vacant parcel of property to Perry County for public use, particularly for youth programs, agricultural education, and conservation efforts.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DR.
SAMMUEL MCKINNEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Rev. Dr. Sammuel McKinney for what would be his 100th birthday on December 28, 2025 for the contributions he made to our Nation as a civil rights leader who fought tirelessly for social justice and racial equality in Seattle and who served devotedly as the beloved pastor of the Central Area's Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The son of a Baptist minister and grandson of a Georgia sharecropper, the Reverend Dr. McKinney was devoted to serving his community throughout his life. McKinney bravely served during World War II in a segregated unit of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta after returning home from war, and then he went on to earn a divinity degree from Colgate in 1952. He settled down in Seattle, where he came to lead the congregation of one of Seattle's oldest and largest African American churches for forty-three years as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church. He was not only a spiritual guide, but a community builder who tripled the size of his congregation during his time as pastor at Mount Zion. McKinney was a founding member of Seattle's First Human Rights Commission, which successfully fought for the Seattle's first Fair Housing Act, establishing protection for tenants of protected classes and marginalized communities. A lifelong champion for racial justice, McKinney founded Liberty Bank, Seattle's first black-owned financial institution which countered racially biased restrictions on loans to African Americans and expanded opportunities for homeownership in Seattle.

McKinney was a friend to many, including the noted fellow pastor and civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The pair had known each other from childhood but grew closer friends at Morehouse College. Dr. King visited Seattle only once, after his old friend requested that he come to give a speech in 1961. During his visit, Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of McKinney's influence in the civil rights movement and his commitment to racial equality.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Rev. Dr. Sammuel McKinney for a lifetime of service to the United States of America and to the city of Seattle. I am deeply grateful for his important efforts towards protecting our country, advancing social justice, and fostering economic development. His legacy will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight travel delay, I could not be present for votes on December 15, 2025. My flight was originally scheduled to arrive at 3:32 pm ET, but it was delayed. My flight arrived at 5:45 pm ET and I could not make it to the Capitol in time for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 335, and YEA on Roll Call No. 336.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY BRIMMER
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HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Molly Brimmer Lolli for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A graduate of the University of Maryland for both a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate degree, Molly began her career on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant for Rep. ANDY HARRIS (MD-01) in 2019, before becoming Senior Advisor on Health Policy and later Legislative Director for Rep. RICHARD HUDSON (NC-09) in 2021. In January 2023, Molly became Counsel for the Subcommittee on Health for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce under Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers while I was serving as Subcommittee Chair. When I became Chairman in January of this year, I knew I wanted to keep her on my team as an expert on health issues.

After serving two Chairmen and three Subcommittee Chairmen, Molly has departed the U.S. House of Representatives to accept another opportunity to continue to serve as a health expert. I wish her the best, congratulate her on her new role, and thank Molly Brimmer Lolli for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the United States Congress. I also congratulate her on the birth of her and her husband Tim's new 6 pound, 2 ounces baby girl Carmela Gray Lolli who was born on October 26, 2025, and wish this young family all the best. I know Molly, Tim, and Carmela's big sister Breslin are very proud to welcome her to the family.

RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEES OF THE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WHO HAVE REACHED 25
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member JOSEPH D. MORELLE and I wish to recognize a special group of dedicated and exceptional employees of the Office of the Clerk, Office of the Sergeant at Arms, Office of Inspector General, and the Office of the Chief Administrative

Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service.

The House's most important asset is its remarkable and steadfast employees, whose work is essential to keeping its operations running efficiently and effectively. The employees we acknowledge today are distinguished by their hard work, dedication, and professionalism in support of House Members, their staff, and constituents, as well as for their daily contributions to the overall operations of the House. These employees, whose work is often performed behind the scenes, have a diverse range of responsibilities and skills. They support the legislative process, ensure the security of this great institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to a more efficient and productive House. The outstanding contributions and accomplishments of these devoted employees during their years of service, have benefited the U.S. House of Representatives, its Members, staff, and the American public.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of loyal service to the House. Collectively, the employees listed below represent 675 years of service and include their names in the RECORD:

Office of the Clerk: Carla Benson, Ora Branch, Philisha Lane, Bennetta McDuffie, Jenelle Pulis Kenneth Rosen

Office of the Sergeant at Arms: Wendy Benson, Christopher Brown, LaKeisha Commodore, Christopher Fischer, Lynn Hershey, John Looney, Robin Pegues, Diana Rodriguez

Office of Inspector General: Julie Poole
Office of the CAO: Marcus Suydam, Shawn Sessoms, Steve Hunter, Brandon Braxton, Andreall Little, Myrtle Norma, Carol Swan, Richardo Underwood, Lisa Butler, George Vallandingham, Alfonzo Wallace, Jamie Harvey

On behalf of the entire House community, I want to once again congratulate, acknowledge, and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and to the Clerk, the Sergeant at Arms, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Inspector General. Their long hours, hard work, diverse skills, and team spirit are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service and dedication set an example for their colleagues and raise the bar for those who will follow in their footsteps. I applaud all our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and our great Nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

HONORING RONALD "RON" A.
SEGE'S LIFETIME OF IMPACT

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ronald "Ron" A. Sege, a beloved member of our Silicon Valley community who passed away on November 30, 2025. Ron Sege was a respected technology executive, a philanthropist, and a dear friend to many. He leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of leadership, and service.

Born in New York and raised in California, Ron earned his B.A. in Economics from Pomona College and an M.B.A. from Harvard

Business School. He embarked on a remarkable 40-year career in the tech industry, helping to shape the internet and networking revolution of the post-dot-com era. He was perhaps best known for serving as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of Echelon Corporation. Prior to Echelon, Ron served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the 3Com Corporation, a networking industry leader, and he led innovation startups such as Tropos Networks and Ellacoya Networks that advanced wireless broadband and internet technologies. Throughout these roles, he drove cutting-edge advancements across telecom, networking, wireless, and industrial internet sectors, earning widespread respect for his vision and business acumen.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ron was deeply committed to his community. He generously lent his time and expertise to several nonprofit organizations in Silicon Valley, including serving on the executive boards of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, and the Montalvo Arts Center, to improve education, public policy, and the arts in our region.

Ron will be remembered not only for his substantial contributions to technology and the community, but also for his personal qualities that endeared him to all who knew him. Colleagues and friends alike recall him as a wise and thoughtful leader whose steady guidance, sharp instincts, and unwavering integrity earned him deep respect across the industry. I long admired Ron's personal kindness, always making others feel as though they were important enough to have the full attention and concern of a respected tech CEO. Ron lived life fully and fearlessly, he was an avid motorcyclist, a music and photography enthusiast, and an adventurous traveler.

Above all, Ron was devoted to his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Mahasti, and his four children Chris, Jon, Georgia, and Alexi. Ron's legacy of leadership, friendship, and humanity will continue to guide and inspire us in years to come. He will be greatly missed, but his influence endures in the countless lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF JANET NICHOL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janet Nichol, of Royse City, Texas.

For almost three decades, Ms. Nichol has been a devoted and highly visible leader in the Rockwall County and Royse City community. A lifelong resident of Rockwall County, she has dedicated her life to public service, community development, and civic engagement. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to her hometown, earning the trust and respect of residents across the county.

Ms. Nichol's record of civic service is both extensive and distinguished. She began her public service on the Royse City Council, serving from 1995 to 2005 and again from 2009 to 2015. Her steady leadership and dedication to progress led the people of Royse City to elect her mayor—a position she proudly held from

2015 to 2021 and to which she was triumphantly returned in 2025. Between those terms, she served as Rockwall County Commissioner for Precinct 4 from 2021 to 2023, where she championed infrastructure improvements, responsible growth, and fiscal stewardship.

Her commitment extends far beyond elected office. Ms. Nichol has served on numerous boards and committees that shape the county's future, including 14 years on the Rockwall County Road Construction Board, 15 years on the Royse City Main Street Board, and 13 years on the Royse City Parks Board. She has also contributed to the Rockwall County Historical Commission, helping preserve the county's heritage for future generations. Her dedication to children and education is evident through her service on the Rockwall County Children's Advocacy Center Board, the Royse City ISD Education Foundation, and her active role on the RCISD Rebranding Plan Committee, as well as the Royse City Main Street and Parks Planning Boards.

Throughout her career, Ms. Nichol has exemplified servant leadership—marked by humility, dedication, and a deep love for her community. Her lifelong service has strengthened the fabric of Royse City and Rockwall County and continues to inspire others to serve with purpose and heart.

It is my honor to recognize Janet Nichol for her integrity, her decades of selfless service, and her enduring commitment to strengthening the Royse City and Rockwall County communities.

CONGRATULATING THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BULLDOGS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate the Big Spring Marching Bulldogs from Big Spring High School in Newville, Pennsylvania, on earning the Cavalcade of Bands Liberty A Conference Championship.

This year's Band performed, "Catch Me If You Can," based off the movie, but featured Bon Jovi's "Wanted Dead or Alive," Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal," and Imogen Heap's "Hide and Seek." Their performance highlighted the Band's technical expertise and creativity, character, and joy. They began preparation for the season in June and competed throughout the fall in the Cavalcade of Bands—a regional circuit of nearly 75 bands throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Marching Bulldogs were one of 16 bands in the Liberty A Conference, continually placing near the top throughout the season. On September 13, 2025, the Marching Bulldogs claimed First Place at Greencastle-Antrim High School, earning a score of 75.55. On October 25, they took Second Place at the Manheim Central Baron Invitational with a score of 88.45. At the Championship on November 1, 2025, the Marching Bulldogs took the field with heart, determination, and teamwork—and brought home First Place with a score of 94.063 in a field of 16 incredibly talented bands.

After their victory, the Bulldogs were celebrated upon their return to Newville. Two fire trucks escorted the Bulldogs' buses back to the high school, and well over 200 people were waiting to cheer them and recognize this monumental achievement.

This championship win is a story of perseverance and dedication that has spanned multiple years. The COVID pandemic had a devastating impact on Band membership, which hit a low in 2021 of only 31 members. In 2022, the Band earned a bronze medal in a much smaller division, which piqued more interest and sparked growth. The Band continued to grow and improve into 2024 after receiving a silver medal out of 12 bands in their division. After moving to a larger division featuring bands from 50 to 70 members in 2025, the Marching Bulldogs truly stepped up; this year's well-earned and hard-fought championship was their first in 14 years.

Mr. Speaker, the Big Spring Marching Bulldogs Cavalcade of Bands Liberty A Conference Championship truly showcases their exceptional determination, work ethic, and pride—not only as individuals, but in each other as a team. They stayed focused on their mission, never wavered, and performed at an extremely high level under immense pressure. On behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I'm honored and privileged to commend the Marching Bulldogs on their well-earned victory. Bulldog Pride.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, DR. WENDY WINTERSTEEN

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable leadership and service of Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, President of Iowa State University, who is retiring after years of distinguished service to the university, the State of Iowa, and the agricultural community nationwide.

Dr. Wintersteen's career stands as a testament to the power of education, innovation, and public service. A proud Iowa State University alumna, she earned both her bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the institution she would later lead, showing the next generation of students what it means to enact the Cyclone values of hard work, humility, and service to others.

Before becoming Iowa State's 16th and first female president in 2017, Dr. Wintersteen spent decades advancing Iowa's land-grant mission. Her work in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach program helped strengthen Iowa's leadership in agricultural research and community development. She built partnerships that lasted, connected classrooms to family farms, and ensured that students learned not just from textbooks but from the people who grow our food and fuel our economy. Through her efforts, she ensured that Iowa's innovation in agriculture continues to feed our Nation and fuel the world.

Under her leadership as president, Iowa State saw record-breaking research funding, significant campus improvements, and expanded opportunities for students from all