

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the over 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District, in congratulating Judge Herbie L. Solomon on his retirement after 20 years of service to the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County. We send him all the best as he begins an exciting next chapter.

RECOGNIZING PAUL
STECHSCHULTE FOR WINNING
THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF
TITLE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 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 athlete from Ohio's 5th Congressional District. Paul Stechschulte, a sophomore at Kalida High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division III State Golf Title. Paul overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the title.

In pursuing the State Championship, Paul defeated his opponents with an impressive final total of 140. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the course, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. He has achieved an impressive season, bringing pride to his school and community.

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

RECOGNIZING THE INDUCTEES OF
OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
2025 HALL OF FAME

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the twelve distinguished inductees of the Omaha Central High School Hall of Fame. On October 9, 2025, the Central High School Alumni Association and Foundation honored alumni for their outstanding accomplishments in the realms of business, education, and public service. In honoring them I hope to inspire students across Omaha to excel in a similar way by building a legacy of excellence and community leadership.

I include in the RECORD, the names of the inductees who embody such dedication:

Hazel Hempel Abel, the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Nebraska; Stuart Oberman, for technological advancement as a computer engineer; Pete Festersen, the longest-serving Omaha City Council member who has demonstrated decades of dedication to public service; Joel Rogers, a courageous veteran and international affairs specialist who is a dedicated volunteer, continuously supporting JROTC students and veterans; Donald Goldstein, who has tirelessly promoted human rights and Holocaust education; Quatesha Kern, who was recognized

as Texas Teacher of the Year and is a prominent advocate of inclusion and civic engagement; Gary and Cheryl Marks Willis, who have shown astounding commitment to Central High's alumni association and advancing nonprofit organizations; the late Paul Semrad, a distinguished educator at Central High for 32 years who mentored students and led his teams to record setting victories; Jeannene Rice Mason and Jeannette Rice Johnson who worked to preserve Central High's history; and Patricia Wright Brown, a renowned civil rights activist.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of this year's Hall of Fame class and thank the Central High School Foundation, faculty, and students who made these awards possible. I am excited to see how these deserving Nebraskans can continue to make a positive impact on our wonderful community.

HONORING NORMAN PODHORETZ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on December 16, 2025, America lost a Devoted Patriot with the death of Norman Podhoretz. As Hugh Hewitt, Fox News contributor said, "What a great American Norman Podhoretz was." I include in the RECORD a grateful review of his accomplishments in his obituary below, published and written by Legacy:

Norman Harold Podhoretz, a towering and often contentious figure in American political thought whose editorial leadership at Commentary magazine helped shape the neoconservative movement, died December 16, 2025, in New York City at the age of 95.

Born January 16, 1930, Podhoretz grew up in New York City, in Brooklyn's Brownsville neighborhood. He was the son of Jewish immigrants.

Podhoretz attended Boys High School in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood and earned his undergraduate degree in English literature from Columbia University in 1950. He also studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and received degrees from Clare College, Cambridge University.

After serving in the U.S. Army in the 1950s, Podhoretz began his career as a promising young literary critic, contributing to Commentary by the early '50s. By 1960, at just 30 years old, he was named editor-in-chief of Commentary, the influential magazine of the American Jewish Committee. Under his stewardship until 1995, he transformed it from a relatively modest journal into a leading platform for neoconservative thought.

His editorial tenure helped launch and elevate the careers of figures such as Jeane Kirkpatrick and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, whose essays in Commentary contributed to their later roles in public service.

Podhoretz authored numerous books, most notably his 1967 memoir "Making It," which candidly recounted his rise from a Brooklyn upbringing to the center of American intellectual life.

His political evolution from liberal literary critic to one of the nation's most vocal conservative commentators marked much of his career. Often provocative, he pressed for assertive U.S. foreign policy and became a leading voice against Soviet détente and later, in the post-9/11 era, global radical Islam.

In 2004, Podhoretz received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor, from President George W. Bush in recognition of his influence on public discourse.

Podhoretz was married to Midge Decter, a fellow conservative writer and editor, from 1956 until her death in 2022. They had two children together: John Podhoretz, a conservative columnist and editor, and Ruthie Blum, a journalist. He also was stepfather to Rachel Decter Abrams, who predeceased him.

In announcing his death, his son said his father was "a man of great wit and a man of deep wisdom and he lived an astonishing and uniquely American life."

HONORING ABRAHAM ISSAC
QUINTANILLA, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Abraham Isaac Quintanilla, Jr., a devoted father and cultural figure whose influence helped shape one of the most iconic stories in American and Latin music.

Born on February 20, 1939, Quintanilla's life paralleled the gradual rise of Mexican American representation in U.S. popular culture. His story is intertwined with the history of Tejano music, a genre that celebrates two cultures by blending traditional Mexican folk sounds and American musical elements. Abraham Quintanilla was a Tejano artist and part of the musical group, Los Dinos. Throughout this time, Abraham had to navigate an industry that routinely dismissed Spanish-language music.

After marrying Marcella Samora in 1963 and eventually settling in Lake Jackson, Texas, he and his wife raised their three children, A.B., Suzette, and Selena, where he created a home that shared a love for music. After economic hardship in the early 1980's, Mr. Quintanilla committed to managing his children as a family band, Selena y Los Dinos, guiding them through years of performances across Texas and the Southwest. He devoted particular care to Selena's development, ensuring she mastered Spanish-language performance in a genre where women were typically overlooked.

Under his management, Selena rose to become the "Queen of Tejano Music." She broke barriers in a male-dominated genre, earned the admiration of millions, and achieved milestones that reshaped the industry, including a Grammy Award and a multi-platinum album. Her career offered representation and pride to Mexican Americans nationwide and demonstrated the power of cultural authenticity.

Following Selena's tragic death in 1995, Mr. Quintanilla dedicated his life to preserving her legacy. Through Q-Productions and the Selena Foundation, he worked to honor her memory and support underprivileged children, ensuring that her impact would endure.

Mr. Speaker, Abraham Quintanilla, Jr.'s legacy highlights the importance of family, perseverance, and cultural appreciation. His life's work helped expand the American musical landscape and uplift South Texas voices. May his legacy continue to inspire others.

CONGRATULATING ANTHONY
“AMP” ELMORE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memphis native, African cultural ambassador, and five-time world heavyweight karate-kickboxing champion Anthony “Amp” Elmore, a resident of the historic Orange Mound neighborhood in Memphis, which was the Nation’s first subdivision planned specifically for African Americans.

Mr. Elmore gave President Obama a custom-made African Mudcloth Tuxedo from Ghana for his inauguration in 2009. Mudcloth is a traditional handmade cotton fabric with geometric patterns made with dyes from fermented mud. I had the honor of delivering the suit to the White House at Mr. Elmore’s request. The White House said at the time that the tuxedo would be displayed at the Obama Presidential Library on the South Side of Chicago when it opened, which is now scheduled for next year. In a note to Mr. Elmore dated July 14, 2009, President Obama thanked him for the gift. “Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated,” the president wrote. Earlier this month, Mr. Elmore learned that a digital picture of the tuxedo is now on display at the National Archives and Records

Administration. Mr. Elmore traveled to Africa for the first time in 1998 and became familiar with its traditional clothing making. He now operates Elmore African Imports from Memphis, selling African artifacts and rugs.

He is also known for “The Contemporary Gladiator,” a film about kick-boxing that Mr. Elmore wrote, directed, and starred in. I have long appreciated Mr. Elmore’s efforts to bridge Africa and African Americans with commerce and made a speech from the House floor in 2009 praising those efforts. I have visited him at his home where African artifacts are on display. I plan to visit the Obama Presidential Library soon after it opens and look forward to being reacquainted with the historic Mudcloth Tuxedo.

HONORING DANVILLE FARMS IN
KILGORE, TEXAS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Danville Farms in Kilgore, which enters its final season this month after 40 years as one of East Texas’s most cherished Christmas traditions.

For four decades, James and Mary Robinson welcomed families from across our region

to their farm in the Piney Woods, offering not just Christmas trees, but an experience rooted in faith, family, hard work, and hospitality. Generations of East Texans built traditions at Danville Farms, walking the fields together, cutting their own trees, riding the tractor, warming up by the fire, and sharing hot chocolate on cold December days. Many families speak of returning year after year, first with their children and later with their grandchildren, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Many of my own staff, who grew up in this part of Texas, fondly recall their childhood trips to Danville Farms. For them, and for thousands of others across East Texas, the Christmas season simply was not complete without that annual visit.

The Robinson family created something truly special. They built a place where relationships mattered, where visitors were treated like family, and where the joy of the Christmas season was shared generously with all who came through the gates. As they step away from the business, we honor not only their dedication, but the countless moments of joy, reflection, and togetherness they provided to our community.

Danville Farms may close its gates, but its legacy will live on in the families it served and in the memories that continue to be passed down from one generation to the next across East Texas.