

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES  
COAST GUARD CWO4 JAMES  
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ERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the distinguished service of Chief Warrant Officer 4 James McInnis, United States Coast Guard, as our Veteran of the Month for December 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His more than two decades of dedicated service exemplify the highest traditions of our Armed Forces.

CWO4 McInnis devoted more than 24 years to honorable service in the United States Coast Guard after enlisting in 1980 and completing basic training in Cape May, New Jersey. He began his career aboard operational cutters in the Great Lakes, supporting essential missions including fisheries enforcement, search and rescue, icebreaking, and aids to navigation. These missions were vital to the safety of mariners and the protection of our waterways.

As he advanced through the enlisted ranks, CWO4 McInnis served in increasingly responsible operational and supervisory roles. He supported buoy tending and lighthouse operations throughout the Great Lakes and later coordinated extensive search and rescue efforts across large maritime regions, overseeing thousands of cases while leading and mentoring Coast Guard personnel.

Upon promotion to Chief Warrant Officer, Mr. McInnis assumed officer-level responsibilities across multiple Coast Guard missions. He led law enforcement teams supporting international drug interdiction operations aboard United States Navy and allied vessels, deploying to the Caribbean, eastern Pacific, and the Middle East. He also served as an Aids to Navigation Officer in several major ports, supervising cutters and crews responsible for maintaining critical waterways and restoring navigation systems following hurricanes and other emergencies.

In the later years of his career, CWO4 McInnis returned to senior sea and staff assignments, conducting offshore buoy tending, environmental response, and complex recovery missions. He concluded his Coast Guard service in the Great Lakes region, overseeing operations, training, and navigation systems while supporting the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Throughout his distinguished career, CWO4 McInnis earned numerous awards, including four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, five Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the 9/11 Medal, two Southwest Asia Campaign Medals, the Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait, six Sea Service Ribbons, three Good Conduct Medals, and both the Expert Pistol Medal and Expert Rifle Medal.

Following his retirement in July of 2004, Mr. McInnis continued his commitment to service through education. Using a degree earned while on active duty, he taught in Wisconsin's prison system and later, as Education Director, led the introduction of an associate degree pilot program within state prisons for the first time since 1994. That program has since ex-

panded statewide and continues to provide life-changing educational opportunities. He retired from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in 2024 and returned to Michigan with his wife, Anne, to enjoy traveling and cheering for the Detroit Lions.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer 4 James McInnis' lifetime of service reflects steadfast dedication to our Nation and our communities. His military leadership and postservice contributions have strengthened lives and protected our freedoms, and it is my distinct honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month for December 2025.

COMMENDING THE HONORABLE  
GENE DODARO

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my fellow Pennsylvanian, the Honorable Gene Dodaro, whose term as U.S. Comptroller General comes to an end this month.

For 52 years, Gene Dodaro has served the American people as part of the Government Accountability Office. During his 17-year tenure as head of the agency, he has embodied GAO's core values of accountability, integrity, and reliability, leading work that has resulted in more than \$1 trillion in taxpayer savings and other financial benefits. His dedication to fighting fraud, waste, and abuse has helped shape the federal civil service for more than half a century.

Gene joined GAO as an entry-level analyst in 1973 after graduating from Pennsylvania's Lycoming College with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He went on to lead GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division, which focused on financial management, computer technology, and budget issues. He served in that role until 1999, when he became GAO's Chief Operating Officer, the agency's number-two position, helping guide the direction and long-term vision of the workforce.

After 35 years of service, when many might have chosen to step away, Gene accepted an appointment as Acting Comptroller General in 2008. He was later confirmed by the Senate in 2010 to serve a 15-year term as Comptroller General. Under his leadership, GAO continued its impactful work on the federal government's long-term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce overlap and duplication across agencies, and the High-Risk List, which highlights programs and operations vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, or in need of transformation. As Comptroller General, Gene also spearheaded the creation of GAO's Innovation Lab, which has strengthened oversight capacity through the use of data science, artificial intelligence, and other emerging technologies.

Throughout his career, Gene has been a steadfast defender of Congress' power of the purse. His work has been especially important to the Budget Committee, including oversight of Impoundment Control Act reviews. He also directed the first-ever audit of the consolidated financial statements of the federal government, an annual effort that has significantly improved transparency and accountability.

Gene Dodaro is widely respected on both sides of the aisle as a principled, nonpartisan public servant. He has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the Association of Government Accountants, and the National Academy of Public Administration. Earlier this year, he was inducted into the Government Hall of Fame for his lasting impact on accountability, fiscal responsibility, and public trust in government.

As Gene's term as Comptroller General concludes, his legacy at GAO and in public service is secure. The standards he set, the integrity he brought to the job, and the respect he earned across Congress will continue to shape the institution he devoted his career to strengthening. I thank Gene Dodaro for his extraordinary service to our country and wish him continued success in the next chapter of his public service.

HONORING MISSEY BAILEY

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor Missey Bailey for her impactful contributions to broadcasting and the South Florida community. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Missey Bailey, a South Florida native, discovered her passion for the broadcasting industry at a young age, inspired by her mother's work at WPLG Channel 10 and iconic broadcasters such as Dwight Lauderdale and Ann Bishop; and

Whereas, while pursuing her education at Broward Community College, Ms. Bailey balanced multiple roles as a private duty nurse and an employee at Pages of Life, South Florida's oldest Bible bookstore, exemplifying her dedication to serving others; and

Whereas, Ms. Bailey launched her broadcasting career at WEXY/1520 AM in Fort Lauderdale, where she excelled as an on-air talent and producer of the nightly show "Night Talk with Rob Jackson"; and

Whereas, on Mother's Day in 1999, Ms. Bailey fulfilled her dream of hosting her own show, "Inspirational Yours," on WEDR/99 Jamz, a heritage station that amplified her voice and connection with the South Florida community; and

Whereas, in 2004, Ms. Bailey transitioned to WHQT/Hot 105 FM where she continued to inspire audiences as the host of "Sunday Morning Joy with Paula" and introduced her acclaimed series, "On Assignment with Missey Bailey"; and

Whereas, in addition to her on-air achievements, Ms. Bailey served as Gospel Music Director and Community Relations Assistant for Hot 105 FM, further solidifying her role as a trusted leader and advocate for her community; and

Whereas, her trailblazing career in radio broadcasting and her unwavering commitment to uplifting others have left an indelible mark on the South Florida community; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, on this 25th Anniversary of The Embrace Girls Foundation honor Missey Bailey for her exceptional contributions to the

broadcasting industry, her commitment to community engagement, and her inspiring legacy as a voice of positivity and hope in South Florida.

RECOGNIZING HENRY DAVID  
BOYLAN

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth of Henry David Boylan.

Hank was born on November 24, 2025 at Virginia Hospital Center weighing eight pounds, two ounces to loving parents Ansley and Matt Boylan. Ansley serves as a valuable member of my team on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

I am grateful to have Ansley as a part of the Energy and Commerce family, and I am excited for her and Matt to start their family with their newest addition.

HONORING THE YOLO COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Yolo County Housing Authority, as the organization celebrates 75 years of dedicated service, delivering safe, affordable housing to our community members.

Yolo County Housing was established in 1950 to provide decent and safe rental housing for low-income families, seniors, disabled persons, and migrant agricultural workers throughout our Yolo County. The organization opened its first public housing developments in 1951: Yolano Village in Woodland with 60 units, and El Rio Villa I in Winters with 30 units. Throughout the decades, the organization has expanded with new facilities throughout our Yolo County, including facilities in Esparto, the Riverbend development, multiple El Rio Villa additions, and the acquisition of Las Casitas. The establishment of New Hope Community Development Corporation in 1999 enabled the completion of pioneering community projects serving hundreds more residents.

Yolo County Housing's commitment to our community is clear from the scope of their programs. Funded through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the California Department of Housing and Community Development Office of Migrant Services, the organization administers 431 public housing units, serving approximately 920 residents throughout our region. Yolo County Housing also manages 2,005 housing vouchers that serve around 3,000 residents, including specialized vouchers for veterans, disabled persons, and those in need of emergency housing. The organization provides seasonal housing at three migrant centers, supporting more than 830 agricultural workers and their families annually.

The organization has rightfully been recognized for its service to vulnerable members of our community. Through strong partnerships

with nonprofits, service agencies, and local governments, Yolo County Housing helps provide our residents with stability, opportunity, and support. In addition to its core programs, the organization oversees community-based properties that house more than 450 individuals. Its supporting organization, New Hope Community Development Corporation, expands this work by developing low-income housing and offering social, educational, and enrichment programs for youth and seniors living in public housing communities across our Yolo County.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Yolo County Housing for their 75 years of leadership in affordable housing and our community's development. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today for their contributions to our district.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MIAMI

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Miami on its 100th anniversary. The U, as it is affectionally called, was first chartered in 1925, and it has grown from humble beginnings into a premier research university and an anchor of opportunity for not only South Florida, but for the entire Western Hemisphere.

As Miami-Dade County's second largest employer, the University of Miami sustains tens of thousands of jobs in our region and powers our regional economy. Its top-tier health system—UHealth—is home to the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, the No. 1 ophthalmology hospital in the United States, the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center in South Florida, the Miller School of Medicine, which is actively training our next generation of doctors and health care professionals, and is nationally recognized in other program areas including neurology/neurosurgery, geriatrics, urology, and rehabilitation. In addition to its cutting-edge health care research, University of Miami investigators conduct hundreds of studies in other areas, including marine science, engineering, education, and psychology. All-in, the U is responsible for nearly \$500 million in research and sponsored program expenditures on an annual basis.

"The U's impact extends far beyond laboratories and clinics. Its scholars, educators, and students drive progress in other fields including engineering, business, law, communications, architecture, music, and the arts. And on the field, the Miami Hurricanes have brought pride to generations of sports fans, capturing five NCAA football national championships, four baseball championships and two in swimming and diving while excelling across other men's and women's sports including basketball, golf and track and field, to name a few.

As we look to the next century, the world faces increasingly complex challenges—public health threats, infrastructure resilience, technological disruption, and the need for stronger democratic institutions and international co-

operation. The leaders trained at the University of Miami will be exceptionally well-positioned to meet those challenges with rigor, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to service.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the University of Miami's Centennial, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to its Board of Trustees, Presidents past and present, faculty, staff, students, alumni, patients, and supporters. Their shared dedication has transformed a 100-year-old bold idea into a global force for discovery, education, and impact. May The U's second century be defined by even greater excellence, opportunity, and service to South Florida, our Nation, and to the world.

Go 'Canes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GARY J. PALMER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I am certain I cast my vote but it did not record. I voted "Yea" on final passage.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 349.

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL  
JOSEPH

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I, Congresswoman FREDERICA S. WILSON, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, rise today to recognize Mayor Michael Joseph for his philanthropy and commitment to helping at-risk youth.

I am pleased to deliver this message on behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, presenting him with the Congressional Award in recognition of his exemplary leadership and commitment to the North Miami Beach community. We honor him as a distinguished Role Model Mentor and a graduate of our program, acknowledging his remarkable accomplishments as the first Haitian American mayor and first Black mayor of North Miami Beach.

His statement, "God has a plan for me," reflects his purpose-driven leadership, and his actions exemplify his dedication to improving educational opportunities and empowering youth. His commendable efforts to foster an environment where young people, particularly young men of color, can thrive have made a significant impact. His initiatives to enhance education, promote mentorship, and advocate for social equity resonate deeply with our mission. The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project values his vision and partnership in empowering youth. His collaboration with local organizations has been instrumental in creating pathways for success and inspiring others to strive for excellence.

We extend our gratitude for his commitment to enhancing the quality of life in North Miami Beach. I congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition; we look forward to continuing our partnership in making a meaningful difference in the lives of youth.