

streets of Calexico to the halls of power in Mexico, where he fearlessly worked to dismantle the Guadalajara Cartel. His groundbreaking work led to the discovery of massive drug plantations and the arrest of high-ranking cartel members.

Tragically, Kiki's life was ended by the very criminals he sought to bring to justice. His brutal murder in 1985 shocked our Nation and sparked a renewed commitment to the battle against the Mexican drug cartels.

The recent capture of Rafael Caro Quintero, one of the masterminds behind Kiki's murder, is a testament to the tireless efforts of our great men and women in law enforcement. It's a reminder that justice may be delayed, but it will not be denied. Not to the United States of America.

As we honor Kiki's memory, we also reaffirm our commitment to continuing his vital work. We will not rest until our communities are safe from the greatest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, which is killing our young people at unprecedented rates.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Kiki Camarena, a true patriot who gave his life in service to our Nation. May his sacrifice never be forgotten, and may his legacy inspire future generations to carry on his courageous work.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I missed an important vote on H.R. 997, the National Taxpayer Advocate Enhancement Act of 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 85.

#### SALUTING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL TERRY WILSON

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and salute a great Texan, Representative Terry Wilson, U.S. Army, Retired, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His life and career reflect hard work and selfless service to his nation and Central Texas.

Enlisting in the Army after graduating from high school, COL Wilson honorably served on Active Duty for 29 years and the Texas National Guard for 3 years. During his career, he courageously served our nation in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His exemplary service earned him numerous awards and accolades, including the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal, among many others. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Ranger School, Airborne School and Pathfinder School.

After his retirement, COL Wilson's dedication to his community did not waiver. He now serves as the Texas State Representative for

House District 20. As Chairman of the House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs, he fights tirelessly for our brave servicemembers and leverages his expertise as an Army Acquisitions Officer to deliver critical capabilities to our warfighters. He is also a champion for expanding vocational education for all students, ensuring they are job- or college-ready upon graduation.

COL Wilson continues to lead with strength, integrity, and dedication for the betterment of his community. Aside from his role as State Representative, he strives to support the next generation, serving as an Assistant Scout Master and regularly speaking to students and working on special projects.

I am honored to join COL Wilson's fiends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements. His commitment to selfless service makes him a deeply respected and honorable recipient of the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

#### RECOGNIZING GREG EDWARDS

### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I honor Greg Edwards, President and CEO of Catch Des Moines, for his outstanding contributions to our community. Since joining in 2000, Greg has been a driving force in tourism and economic development, bringing his experience from Peoria, Illinois, and Overland Park, Kansas. Under his leadership, Catch Des Moines has grown into a premier destination marketing organization, strengthening the region's reputation and economy.

Greg has successfully championed major projects transforming Des Moines, including the Wells Fargo Arena and the downtown Hilton convention hotel. His efforts also helped secure Des Moines as a recurring host for NCAA Division I events, including the first and second rounds of the Men's Basketball Tournament in 2016 and 2019, with another round secured for 2028. Additionally, he played a key role in reorganizing the Des Moines Area Sports & Tourism Commission and served as chair of Destinations International.

Beyond tourism, Greg was vital in revitalizing the city post-COVID and recently helped break ground on 515 Walnut, a 33-story skyscraper set to reshape the downtown skyline. His leadership has left a lasting impact on Des Moines, and we thank him for his service. We wish him success in his next endeavors and are confident he will continue making a difference.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE STEVEN "STEVE" DARGAN, WEST HAVEN'S 2025 IRISH PER- SON OF THE YEAR

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee as well as

city and community leaders as they gather to honor our dear friend, Steven "Steve" Dargan, as West Haven's 2025 Irish Person of the Year. This special award is bestowed annually on a West Haven resident or couple of Irish descent who personifies service in the city's close-knit Irish community.

Steve hails from an ancestry whose legacy is woven into the tapestry of the American story. Like so many of us, his family's story is one of emigration—of leaving the only home you know to search out a better life for yourselves and family. In the mid-1800s, Steve's paternal great-grandparents, Pierce and Ellen Dargan, emigrated from Ireland to the United States and settled in New Haven. His maternal grandparents, John Glacken and the former Margaret McGowan, who left County Donegal and Derry, Northern Ireland respectively, for America at different times in the early 1900s. They met and married, first settling in Norwich before making West Haven their home.

Steve was born in New Haven in 1955 to Margaret and Robert Dargan, Jr. He and his siblings—Robert Dargan, III, Timothy Dargan and Mary Margaret Dargan—were raised by their hardworking parents in a traditional Irish Catholic household on Richards Place in the center of West Haven. Steve attended public schools and graduated in 1973 from West Haven High School, where he ran track. He also attended Quinnipiac College. It was through his parents that Steve learned the importance of giving back to his community and he took those lessons to heart, dedicating most of his adult life to public service. In fact, his late father, Robert, was honored with this same award in 2012, making them the only father/son recipients its 32-year history.

Steve has represented his community as an appointed or elected leader since he was 21 years old. He served on the City Council from 1985 to 1991 and the First Fire Taxation District's Board of Fire Commissioners from 1980 to 2004. As a member of the Connecticut House, Steve represented West Haven's 115th District from 1991 to 2017. For 20 years, he was a co-chair of the General Assembly's Public Safety and Security Committee, which oversees all matters related to civil preparedness, state and municipal police, and the overall safety of residents. He also served on the Gaming Policy Task Force, the Police Pursuit Task Force and the Private Security Personnel Task Force as well as on the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee and the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. In January 2017, Steve resigned to serve on the state Board of Pardons and Paroles, a seat which he still holds.

In addition to his civil service, Steve has dedicated much of his time and energy to a myriad of local organizations. He is a former volunteer for West Haven Hook and Ladder Company 1, a longtime member of the West Haven Irish American Club, a lifetime member of West Haven's Elks Lodge 1537, and a former member of the Knights of St. Patrick in New Haven, Connecticut's oldest continuously run Irish society.

I would be remiss if I did not also take this opportunity to extend a personal note of thanks to Steve for his many years of friendship and support. Steve has always been known for his gregarious nature, ready smile, and big heart. Elected to our respective seats, myself to Congress and Steve to the General

Assembly, in the same year, we have developed a special kinship, rooted in our passion for service and desire to make a difference in the lives of others. I am so proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Steve Dargan on this very special occasion. Steve has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community he calls home, and I cannot think of a more fitting accolade to recognize his dedication and commitment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, on March 31, 2025, I missed votes due to unexpected travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 84 (H.R. 517), and YEA on Roll Call No. 85 (H.R. 997).

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 84, and YEA on Roll Call No. 85.

#### RECOGNIZING HOSKINS DRUG STORE'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone in the history of Hoskins Drug Store & Soda Fountain, a cherished community institution in Clinton, TN. For nearly a century, Hoskins Drugstore has been a cornerstone of the community, providing not only essential services but also a deep sense of connection and tradition.

On April 4, 2025, Hoskins Drug Store will celebrate 95 years of service. Founded by R.C. Hoskins in 1930, Hoskins Drug Store quickly became more than just a place to fill prescriptions; it became a trusted destination where people could count on personalized service, quality products, and a warm, welcoming environment. R.C. Hoskins built a legacy that has endured for generations, one founded on integrity, commitment, and community care.

As the years passed, the legacy of Hoskins Drug Store was carried forward by R.C. Hoskins' daughters, Dudley Hoskins Bostic and Molly Hoskins Scarbrough, who continue to lead the business today with the same dedication and vision that their father demonstrated nearly a century ago. Their hard work and

dedication have ensured that Hoskins Drug Store remains a beloved part of the community, staying true to its principles while adapting to the changing needs of the times.

Today, we celebrate the achievements of Hoskins Drug Store, Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins, and the ongoing contributions of Mrs. Dudley Hoskins Bostic and Mrs. Molly Hoskins Scarbrough. Their enduring legacy is a testament to the power of family, tradition, and the unwavering commitment to serving the needs of the community.

As Hoskins Drug Store enters its 95th year, we recognize and honor the Hoskins family for their incredible contributions to the community and the example they set for future generations of small business owners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hoskins Drug Store on this incredible milestone and in honoring the legacy of Mr. Rolland Carvel "Dudley" Hoskins. May this wonderful meeting place and business serve our community for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 77.

#### CONGRATULATING MAURO REZA, BOOTS ON THE GROUND ALLIANCE'S VETERAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. GEORGE WHITESIDES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mauro Reza, a Vietnam War veteran from Palmdale, California, whose service and sacrifice exemplify the highest ideals of patriotism and dedication to our Nation. Mr. Reza was selected as this year's Boots on the Ground Alliance's Veteran of the Year, an honor his life and service absolutely merit.

Born and raised in Whittier, Mauro was inspired by his uncle, a Korean War veteran, to continue his family's proud tradition of military service. Answering the call of duty, he enlisted in the United States Army in November 1966 and served with distinction as a UH-1C helicopter gunship pilot in the 175th Assault Helicopter Unit's 3rd Platoon Mavericks during one of the most challenging conflicts in American history. From August 1967 to June 1970, Mauro bravely took to the skies, engaging in aerial combat operations where skill and courage were paramount to mission success and the safety of his fellow soldiers.

After years of valiant service, Mauro transitioned out of military life, recognizing the profound impact of his experiences in Vietnam. Yet, his legacy endures—not only through his military contributions but also in the example he sets for future generations about duty, resilience, and honor.

It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Mauro Reza for his selfless service to our country. His story is a testament to the courage of those who have fought for our freedoms, and I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for his dedication.

#### COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Texas A&M University at Kingsville on their 100-year anniversary.

As we celebrate Texas A&M University-Kingsville's 100-year legacy, we must look back at their history and achievements and continue to build upon the university's legacy of Care, Integrity, Pride, Innovation, and Excellence.

On February 24, 1917, the State of Texas passed Bill No. 72, to establish a teacher training institution in South Texas. This institution would go on to be called the South Texas Teachers College. Eventually, in 1929, the school would once again change its name to the Texas School of Art and Industries.

The Texas School of Art and Industries would later grow and expand to provide courses in agriculture and engineering.

In 1941, the school briefly transitioned to a wartime curriculum, teaching national defense courses to support with the war effort. Two decades later it would become officially known as Texas A&I University.

In March of 1972, Texas A&I was selected as one of the first schools in the country to offer ROTC for women, to eventually be commissioned into the U.S. Army as Second Lieutenants. In 1975, Texas A&I would be the first university to offer a doctoral degree in bilingual studies.

In 1989, Texas A&I University joined Texas A&M University System, one of the largest systems of higher education in the country.

The list of achievements is endless, from the establishment of a groundbreaking serpentarium and the National Natural Toxins Center to the Opening of the Music Education Complex.

Throughout its entire history, one thing remains certain, since its inception in 1917, Texas A&M-Kingsville (TAMUK) has played a vital role in shaping the minds of some of our region's leading academics and professionals.

Through their dedication to higher education, they have provided South Texas with an exceptional opportunity to succeed. Thereby, not only nurturing academic success but also molding the minds of the next generation of South Texans.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Texas A&M University at Kingsville for their contributions to our region and congratulate them on this remarkable milestone.