

to serve Fresno County's IT Services Department for 21 years before retiring in 2009.

An avid skier and pilot, James embraced life with passion. In retirement, he remained active by caring for his grandson, Sebastian, and staying connected with friends and fellow veterans.

He is survived by his son Christopher and daughter-in-law Cassiane; his son Daniel; his grandchildren Evelyn and Sebastian; his sister Jacqueline and brother-in-law Alan Schwartzman; his nephew Justin Schwartzman; his niece Marisa Schwartzman; and his nephew Michael Mobley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of James Franklin Mobley. Let us celebrate his life and recognize his invaluable contributions to our community and Nation.

**RECOGNIZING COLUMBUS GROVE  
HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DI-  
VISION VI STATE GIRLS' BAS-  
KETBALL**

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 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 basketball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Columbus Grove High School girls' basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division VI State Girls Basketball Title. In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division VI State Basketball Playoffs, the Columbus Grove Bulldogs overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Columbus Grove Lady Bulldogs defeated the Rootstown Rovers to win their first state basketball 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 court, in achieving this accomplishment, is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Columbus Grove High School girls' basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement. Congratulations and go Bulldogs.

**RECOGNIZING THE UTAH PIPE  
BAND**

**HON. BURGESS OWENS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 2025*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Utah Pipe Band and the Barclay School of Highland Dance—two groups that embody the spirit of tradition, excellence, and service.

For over a century, the Utah Pipe Band has honored our heroes, playing at Memorial Day events across our great state, competing in Highland Games, and standing as a living trib-

ute to history. Last year, they marched on the sands of Utah Beach for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Before that, they played in Honolulu for the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Their music isn't just performance, it's a bridge to the past, a reminder of sacrifice, and a call to honor.

Their motto, Act well thy part, is more than words—it's a way of life. And it speaks to what makes Utah special: faith, family, service, and a deep respect for the past.

I thank them not just for their music, but for what they represent. Our state, our country, and our history are better because of them.

**RECOGNIZING ADELE MAYER**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adele Mayer for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adele has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Adele, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adele's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adele Mayer on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

**HONORING THE KILGORE COLLEGE  
RANGERETTES OF KILGORE,  
TEXAS**

**HON. NATHANIEL MORAN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 2025*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kilgore College Rangerettes and to celebrate two remarkable milestones in their storied legacy: the 30th anniversary of the Rangerettes Class of 1995 and the 85th anniversary of this world-renowned team.

Founded in 1940 by the visionary Gussie Nell Davis, the Kilgore College Rangerettes were the first precision dance team in the United States to perform during a college football halftime show. Ms. Davis established the team with a bold vision to elevate the collegiate experience and set a new standard of excellence for performance and presentation.

From their iconic high kicks and jump splits to their timeless red, white, and blue uniforms, the Rangerettes exemplify the best of Texas culture—blending grace, athleticism, and discipline into a performance style recognized around the world.

Over the decades, the Rangerettes have graced stages from the Cotton Bowl and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade to Presidential Inaugurations, Las Vegas stages, and USO tours abroad. Yet it is their commitment to tradition, poise, and teamwork that has inspired generations of young women and

helped shape the landscape of precision dance teams across the country.

The Class of 1995 holds a special place in this legacy, and their 30th anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on their impact, both as performers and as ambassadors of the Rangerette tradition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring all the teammates from the Class of 1995, and the entire Kilgore College Rangerettes organization for 85 extraordinary years.

**HONORING DR. BISHOP T.  
GARROTT BENJAMIN, JR.**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dr. Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, Jr., a true servant leader who has embodied the spirit of advocacy and service. Dr. Benjamin's contributions have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers, and it is with great pride that we congratulate him on receiving the Living Legend Award from Christian Theological Seminary on April 23, 2025.

Dr. Benjamin served as Senior Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis for over 43 years. During his tenure, he mentored and ordained more than 50 ministers, many of whom have earned advanced theological degrees and serve in churches across the nation.

Dr. Benjamin's influence beyond the pulpit earned him the title "City's Pastor," as he consistently advocated for racial justice, youth empowerment, and the well-being of all people. He also co-founded the Celebration of Hope, an interracial and interdenominational worship service, was the first pastor to chair the Mayor's Human Rights Commission, and sit on the board of directors of a local bank. Dr. Benjamin is the only pastor in Indianapolis to receive Indiana's "Sagamore of the Wabash" from four different governors and earn the Indianapolis Whistler Award for community service.

In retirement, Dr. Benjamin remains dedicated to inspiring and educating young ministers through the Tom Benjamin School of Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. A respected author, he has written several books focused on uplifting young Black men and emphasizing the crucial role of fathers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin, whose legacy of service and leadership has made Indianapolis a better place for us all. May God continue to bless his future endeavors and the work he does in service to others.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF RUTH  
CLAPP**

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 10, 2025*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ruth Clapp, one of my earliest employees and a loyal public servant to the constituents of Washington's Ninth District.

Before joining my team, Ruth had already established a life of meaningful service. Her work at the World Association for Children and Parents (WACAP) reflected a lifelong commitment to the belief that families, in all forms, matter. That belief would carry through every piece of work she did from the day she answered the call to join my team as a case-worker.

What was supposed to be a temporary, part-time role turned into seventeen years of relentless dedication. Over those years, Ruth became a cornerstone of the office. Her reputation extended far beyond our district. People from around the country reached out—not to the office, but to Ruth—because they knew she would get the job done.

Whether it was an immigration case, an adoption, a visa crisis, or helping someone reunite with family, Ruth took every issue personally. She fought for constituents as if they were her own loved ones—and in many ways, they were. She fiercely advocated for individuals and families caught in the immigration system, helped countless people through difficult legal mazes, and never let up.

And while her professional accomplishments are remarkable, those of us lucky enough to know her personally know that Ruth also had a softer, deeply generous side. She was a talented quilter who would quietly craft beautiful gifts for staff members welcoming new children. She loved her family deeply. Her commitment to immigration work was a natural extension of her devotion to them. And, of course, we'd be remiss not to mention her favorite drink: a strong gin and tonic, a detail that feels just as Ruth as anything else.

Ruth made me and our team better. She made this country better. Her impact isn't measured just in policies or case numbers, but in the lives she touched. Through her work, families were reunited, futures were restored, and faith was renewed in the idea that government can, in fact, work for the people.

So today, we remember Ruth not just as a colleague, but as a mentor, a fighter, and a friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ruth Clapp for her distinguished career and life of service. Her legacy lives on in the work we continue to do, and in every person whose life she changed for the better.

#### RECOGNIZING JAVIER RANGEL

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Javier Rangel for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Javier has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Javier, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Javier's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Javier Rangel on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

#### RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF NATHAN L. HAMMOND

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Nathan L. Hammond for his recent promotion and recognize his distinguished service to our nation in the United States Air Force.

Capt. Hammond began his military career in January 2014 when he enlisted in the Oklahoma Air National Guard. In 2018, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma and earned his commission through their ROTC program. As an officer, Capt. Hammond initially served as a Gold Bar Recruiter before being selected as the Assistant Flight Commander for Air Freight at the 436th Aerial Port Squadron at Dover Air Force Base. In this role, he led 226 military and civilian personnel to ensure efficient flight operations at the Department of Defense's largest aerial port.

For his outstanding service, Capt. Hammond received the Air and Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air and Space Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal. He was also named the 2025 Company Grade Officer of the Year by AFSOUTH and earned the prestigious John Levitow Award in Airman Leadership School for his exceptional academic performance, among many other accolades.

In July 2022, Capt. Hammond earned the rank of captain and began serving as the Special Warfare Mission Support Flight Commander for the 720th Operations Support Squadron in Hurlburt Field, Florida. Since October 2024, he has been the Logistics Flight Commander of the 612th Air Base Squadron out of Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras. I'm pleased to honor Capt. Hammond for his continued excellence in proudly serving our country.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Capt. Hammond's extensive contributions to our nation. Congratulations to Capt. Hammond, and I wish him the very best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SLCC CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

#### HON. BURGESS OWENS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Salt Lake Community College Cross Country Program—a testament to the determination, resilience, and spirit of Utah's student-athletes.

In Richmond, Virginia, at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Cross Country Championships, the SLCC Bruins made history by sweeping both the men's and women's races, capturing national titles on both sides. This remarkable accomplishment speaks to the extraordinary talent and dedication of the student-athletes and coaching staff.

The women's team claimed its second consecutive national championship, dominating

the field and finishing 46 points ahead of their closest competitors. Their impressive victory continued just two days later, as they claimed first place in the NJCAA Half Marathon National Championship, a historic feat for SLCC and a significant milestone in women's athletics at the college.

On the men's side, the Bruins secured second place in the NJCAA Half Marathon National Championship, demonstrating their competitive edge and depth of talent.

These achievements would not have been possible without the leadership of Head Coach Isaac Wood, who was named NJCAA National Coach of the Year, along with Assistant Coaches Kelsey Gilbert, Aiden Carlson, and Tom Gruenewald. Athletic Director Kevin Dustin has also been instrumental in fostering a culture of excellence at SLCC.

Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee and a former athlete myself, I know firsthand the importance of athletic programs in shaping character and building future leaders. The success of the Salt Lake Community College Cross Country Program is not just a win for Utah, but an inspiration for aspiring athletes everywhere.

I applaud the SLCC Cross Country Program for their extraordinary accomplishments, and I look forward to seeing their continued success in the years to come. Their hard work, resilience, and sportsmanship embody the best of what it means to be a Bruin.

#### HONORING CHEF TIM LOVE ON HIS RESTAURANT'S LONESOME DOVE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tim Love on the 25th anniversary of his restaurant, Lonesome Dove, a cornerstone of Fort Worth's culinary scene. Since opening its doors in 2000, Lonesome Dove has not only become an anchor of the Fort Worth Stockyards but has also set the stage for Mr. Love's expansion into a thriving restaurant empire. Today, he owns and operates 14 acclaimed restaurants across Texas and Tennessee, each enriching the cities they serve with unique flavors and a vibrant atmosphere.

Beyond his influence on the culinary world, Mr. Love has played a key role in shaping Texas' entertainment industry. His involvement in major music festivals such as Lollapalooza and Austin City Limits has further solidified his reputation as a bold entrepreneur. In Fort Worth, he helped launch the Fort Worth Music Festival and Conference at the Stockyards, an event that advances the city's music scene and cultural landscape.

From Lonesome Dove to Gemelle, Woodshed Smokehouse, and Tannahill's Tavern and Music Hall, Mr. Love's restaurants have become landmarks of Fort Worth's culinary excellence. Through his commitment to bold flavors and innovative dining experiences, he has helped establish Fort Worth as a premier destination for both residents and visitors.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Mr. Tim