

has been recognized as Bible School Teacher of the Year and Rookie of the Year at Lindale Elementary School. A devoted follower of Jesus, Kay is most proud of supporting Sheriff Lane's career as a public servant and being a role model for her children and grandchildren. I am pleased to commend Kay for her distinguished career as an educator for our youth, and I wish her continued success.

It is an honor to bestow Kay with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED
BRUNER LUNSFORD

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Fred Bruner Lunsford of the United States Army, who passed away on March 1, 2025.

Fred was born on March 7, 1925, and was enrolled as a member of the eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Fred graduated from Andrews High School in Andrews, North Carolina in the spring of 1943 and he and his wife, Gladys, were married on March 17, 1944, before Fred enlisted in the United States Army.

Fred served as a Staff Sergeant during World War II and was deployed to the European Theater, with service at the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge and the Liberation of France. Fred was highly decorated for his bravery, leadership, and courage he displayed during those years of service. These decorations include the Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Fred was honorably discharged from active duty following the war and returned home to Cherokee County, North Carolina where he would go on to be licensed to preach the Gospel on October 23, 1949, by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Murphy, North Carolina and was ordained in 1950.

On behalf of all of Western North Carolina, I would like to take a moment to honor the life of Fred Bruner Lunsford.

HONORING CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Calvary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Calvary Baptist Church is located in Lexington, Kentucky.

On January 14, 1875, forty people stepped out in faith to start a new church in the growing city of Lexington, Kentucky. The church was first known as Second Baptist Church and J.M. Frost was called to serve as the first pastor. As the church membership grew, in 1906 the name was changed to Calvary Baptist Church and a new sanctuary was built at High Street and Rodes Avenue. Growth continued,

and the current location, at High Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard, was built in 1962. Dr. Monty Stallins leads the congregation as the pastor today.

Since Calvary Baptist's founding in 1875, the pastors have changed and the locations have changed, but the mission of the church has remained the same, to invite people into relationship with the Lord. Over the years, members have recognized the call to serve the needs of the community and the world. Significant highlights include organizing the establishment of Central Baptist Hospital, partnering with First United Methodist Church to open the High Street Neighborhood Center, organizing mission trips to Haiti, opening the Interfaith Counseling Center and Mission (Health) Lexington, organizing the Build a Bed Ministry, and establishing the Clothed by Grace clothing closet. The ministry of Calvary Baptist Church has touched thousands of lives in life changing ways over its century and a half history.

As Calvary Baptist Church celebrates their 150th anniversary, it is my honor to lift up this faith community before the House of Representatives. I wish them many more years of faithful ministry serving God.

RECOGNIZING DAVID CRUZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that David Cruz made to our community through his volunteerism with the Knights of Columbus. When Hurricane Beryl hit Texas, Operation Barbeque Relief sent David to Texas. While there, he organized 21 Knights in six days to make 7,500 meals a day. These meals were fed to relief workers and victims of the hurricane. David is the Disaster preparedness Coordinator for the Knights for the Dioceses of St. Petersburg which encompasses Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Hernando counties.

After Hurricane Milton, David was assigned to accompany and work with a Medical Crew from Ohio. Together, they treated over 400 patients providing medical assistance to those in need. The team also worked with Fresh Start for Pasco to feed shut-ins in East Pasco for Thanksgiving. David has worked on bringing together many of the spiritual groups and civic organizations within the community to help hurricane victims. Thanks to these efforts, Our Lady Queen of Peace served 12,000 families during the six weeks after the hurricanes. David still works with Fresh Start for Pasco, Endeavors, and Pinellas Emergency Operations Center to help victims of disasters. Most recently, his volunteerism brought David to muck out homes where the water has finally receded.

It is clear David Cruz has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

RECOGNIZING MR. HAROLD R.
ARVE, JR.

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold Arve, Jr., a lifelong resident of South-Dade and a pillar to the community of Homestead.

Throughout his 47-year career with the Florida Farm Bureau, Mr. Arve has dedicated his career to community service.

From earning the rank of Eagle Scout to coaching on the football field and raising a family with his high school sweetheart Linda, Mr. Arve embodies dedication, integrity, and hometown pride.

Further, his decades of experience in charity auctioneering, show his unwavering community spirit.

Mr. Arve's contributions to local causes and organizations have left a lasting mark on the South-Dade community. It is with great gratitude that I recognize Mr. Arve for his lifetime of service, leadership, and love for our community.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT RALPH O'DELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph O'Dell of Celina, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Ralph has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

Ralph is a veteran of the Second World War and served with the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He participated in the South Pacific campaign, and after being honorably discharged, he joined the Army Reserves in 1948 where he remained until 1985. For his distinguished service, Ralph has received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Southern Philippine Islands Campaign with one Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation Medal and Ribbon with one bronze Star, and many more commendations.

In addition to his military service, Ralph has continued to be a fierce advocate for American values and a dedicated community volunteer. He served as the President of Oak Cliff Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a member of Rotary International, the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, the Reserve Officers Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. Ralph also assisted with Salvation Army and Red Cross drives to support those in need. As a result of his outstanding work, he was recognized as Celina's Citizen of the Year several times and received the Key to the City from Celina's mayor. Moreover, the Ralph O'Dell Senior Center in Celina has been established in recognition of Ralph's decades of service as a senior center coordinator. He is also a man of faith, and he regularly attends First Methodist Church in Celina. I am pleased to recognize Ralph today for being an upstanding American patriot and his

ongoing pursuit for freedom, strength, and integrity in our Nation.

It is an honor to bestow Ralph with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA BATES

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joshua Bates for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

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

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

RECOGNIZING CASEY "KC"
GABELLI

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Casey "KC" Gabelli has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, Casey helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Casey was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Casey "KC" Gabelli has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for Casey's service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ETA TAU CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA, INC.

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Eta Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and to celebrate the dedication of a new monument honoring the chapter's enduring legacy and profound impact on the community.

Established in 1970, the Eta Tau Chapter has been a steadfast pillar of service, scholar-

ship, and sisterhood. Over the past five and a half decades, its members have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to uplifting underserved communities, empowering youth, and advocating for social justice. Through a myriad of initiatives, including educational programs, health awareness campaigns, and civic engagement efforts, the chapter has consistently worked to effect positive change.

The dedication of the new monument serves as a tangible testament to the chapter's rich history and its ongoing dedication to community betterment. This monument not only honors the past achievements of Eta Tau but also inspires future generations to continue the chapter's mission of service and advocacy.

I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable contributions of the Eta Tau Chapter over the past 55 years and in celebrating the unveiling of this significant monument. May the chapter's legacy continue to inspire and guide efforts toward community enrichment and empowerment.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT NATE PIKE

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Nate Pike of Prosper, Texas, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Nate has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community.

A native of Denison, Texas, Nate attended Denison High School and graduated from Baylor University in 2003 with his Bachelor of Business Administration. He began his career out of college as a financial advisor and sales representative for multiple firms. In 2014, Nate joined the Utter, Pike, & Dobbs Private Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, where he currently serves as a partner and managing director. In addition to his work in the financial industry, he was elected to serve as the mayor of Anna, Texas, in which his robust leadership transformed the city into one of the fastest growing regions in Texas and the country.

Currently, Nate is the President of the Anna Education Foundation and Treasurer of CASA of Grayson County. He previously served as the President of numerous advocacy organizations, including Grayson County Children's Advocacy Center, the Anna Community Development Corporation, and the Grayson Collin Municipal Alliance. For his important contributions, Nate was named the Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and listed in the Dallas Business Journal and Grayson County's Top 40 Under 40 Business Professionals. He was also named Citizen of the Year in 2024 by the Anna Chamber of Commerce. I am pleased to recognize Nate today for a lifetime of servant leadership, and I wish him continued success.

It is an honor to bestow Nate with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

CONGRATULATING THE NIT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: THE UTC MOCS

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I am excited to congratulate the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga men's basketball team on winning the National Invitation Tournament in an exciting overtime victory to bring the championship trophy home to Chattanooga and East Tennessee.

This nail-biting head-to-head had Chattanooga on the edge of their seat. As Chattanooga Mocs senior Garrison Keeslar drained a jumper with 11 seconds left in overtime, the Mocs' opponent, UC Irvine, launched a Hail Mary pass to their player on the opposite baseline, who missed his shot at the buzzer. This error delivered a well-deserved National Championship to the UTC men's basketball team—the first ever in the program's history.

The UTC Mocs have made Chattanooga and all of Tennessee so proud. I join their families and friends with my immense respect for their talents and new title—National Champions.

Go Mocs.

RECOGNIZING CASEY THIERYUNG

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Casey Thieryung has made to our community as a volunteer for Brooksville Main Street. Casey embodies the spirit of community service and leadership that makes Brooksville a special place. As the dedicated owner of the Red Mule Pub, a beloved local establishment, Casey has created more than just a restaurant—he has built a gathering place where residents feel at home. However, his contributions to the community extend far beyond his business.

Through tireless volunteer efforts, active participation in civic organizations, and a deep commitment to public service, Casey has left a lasting impact on Brooksville and its people. A true public servant, Casey served as a City Council member for the City of Brooksville, where he worked diligently to improve the quality of life for residents. His time on the Council was marked by his advocacy for local businesses, support for community development projects, and dedication to preserving the town's historic charm. He was always accessible, listening to the concerns of citizens and striving to make decisions that benefited the entire community. Beyond his official role in government, Casey has dedicated countless hours to various civic organizations that make Brooksville a better place to live. He is an active member of multiple local groups, always stepping up to help organize community events, support charitable initiatives, and lend a hand wherever needed. His volunteerism