

and unwavering commitment. Born in Ramallah, George was deeply proud of his Palestinian heritage and actively involved with the American Federation of Ramallah, working to preserve and pass on his culture to future generations. His work transformed lives, and his presence brought comfort and strength to so many.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his beloved wife Itidal Swiss Saba; children Paul (Jomana), Janan (Benjamin), and the late Amjad George Saba; grandchildren Victoria, George, and Natalia; and his entire family. May his memory continue to be a blessing and a source of strength.

CONGRATULATING TOM TEMIN ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Temin on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 48 years in journalism.

Tom has had a storied career in journalism that began with a bachelor's degree in photojournalism from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He also completed the Stanford Professional Publishing Program. While he ended up spending the majority of his career in Washington, he spent 17 years with Cahners Publishing Company, editing magazines in the industrial supply, electronics, and systems integration industries. He also worked in weekly and daily newspapers in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Once in D.C., Tom immersed himself in the federal government market. He has held numerous leadership roles in this space, including editor-in-chief of Government Computer News (GCN) for 15 years, then the most-read and highest revenue business-to-business publication in the market. The publication won several Jesse H. Neal awards from the American Business Media (ABM) editorial program. After the Washington Post Company acquired GCN, Tom became executive vice president, editorial, at the newly formed PostNewsweek Tech Media Group. There he oversaw the content of GCN, Washington Technology—also a Jesse H. Neal award winner—and several other properties.

For the past 16 years Tom has hosted Federal Drive with Tom Temin, weekday mornings on Federal News Network (FNN) 1500 AM. The show covers a range of topics, such as legislation, federal IT, oversight, and the federal workforce. His guests are often federal executives, members of Congress, think tank experts, and attorneys with subject matter expertise on a myriad of federal issues. Podcasts of Federal Drive broadcast interviews garner some 50,000 downloads per month, and Tom has conducted approximately 10,000 interviews over the course of hosting the show.

In addition to his show, Tom organizes and stages a Motorcycle Ride for Charity each year with FNN's support. The event makes contributions to the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA), Friends of Patients at the NIH, and the U.S. War Dogs Association.

Throughout his career, Tom has been a speaker and moderator at events staged by groups such as AFCEA, the Association for Federal IRM (AFFIRM), and ACTIAC.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tom Temin on his retirement. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors and hope he enjoys retirement with his wife, children, grandchildren, and his Harley-Davidson Motorcycle.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF
UNITED DISABILITIES SERVICES

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize United Disabilities Services for their 60th anniversary.

Founded in 1965, United Disabilities Services is one of the leading disability services providers in Pennsylvania helping older adults, individuals with disabilities, and veterans lead more independent and fulfilling lives. What began as United Cerebral Palsy of Lancaster County in 1965, has since expanded its scope to include personal care and care management services, adult enrichment programs, and the modification of homes and mobility equipment such as wheelchairs. Additionally, their advocacy for the inclusion of people with disabilities, their training and placement of service dogs across our communities and schools, and—on a lighter note—their popular puppy calendars have all extended their reach beyond the individuals and families they directly serve.

Today, United Disabilities Services employs hundreds of individuals and touches the lives of 20,000 people each year. Though headquartered in Lancaster County, UDS serves over 50 counties in Pennsylvania as well as nearby states.

As UDS celebrates 60 years of service, I would like to thank the organization and its employees for everything that they do. Their selfless efforts have made Pennsylvania's 11th District a better place for all.

RECOGNIZING SHERI JONES

HON. TOM BARRETT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true legend in Michigan broadcasting, Sheri Jones, who is retiring after nearly 37 years as a trusted voice and compassionate presence on WLNS-TV 6 in Lansing.

Since 1987, Sheri has been more than a news anchor—she's been a steady, reassuring presence in our homes. Her warm demeanor and unwavering professionalism have made her a beloved figure across mid-Michigan. Whether reporting breaking news or moderating debates, Sheri brought clarity, dignity, and heart to every story she told.

Her excellence has not gone unnoticed. Sheri is a proud inductee of both the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. She's

received multiple Emmy nominations, accolades from the Associated Press, and recognition from the Michigan Association of Broadcasting. Sheri is also a proud member of the Silver Circle of the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences—an honor reserved for those who have devoted a quarter-century or more to broadcast excellence.

But Sheri's impact goes far beyond the newsroom. She's been a tireless advocate on the frontlines of some of our most pressing issues—raising awareness about the opioid crisis, mental health, and human trafficking. Additionally, she has used her platform not just to inform, but to inspire change.

Sheri Jones is more than a journalist—she is a storyteller, a mentor, a community champion, and a true public servant. Her retirement marks the end of an era for Michigan journalism, but her legacy will continue in the lives she's touched, the issues she's illuminated, and the community she's helped build.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and a grateful mid-Michigan community in recognizing Sheri for her decades of service and wishing her all the best in this well-earned next chapter.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE NEW HIDALGO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the historic opening of the new Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg, Texas.

I am proud to announce that this new and modern courthouse will house 24 district and county courtrooms, a court of appeals and an additional six future courtrooms to accommodate and serve our growing county.

This courthouse replaces its outdated predecessor, providing Hidalgo County with the modern judicial space it deserves.

I am honored to represent a thriving community and I am excited to see our infrastructure and local government develop alongside with our population.

This new courthouse stands as a symbol of our growth and continued development in South Texas, and its design proudly reflects the culture, people, and heritage of the Rio Grande Valley. With local designs, architecture and native vegetation, this courthouse stands as a new pillar for South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Hidalgo County on this historic achievement and commemorate the opening of the New Hidalgo County Courthouse.

RECOGNIZING REAGAN GRAHAM,
GOLD AWARD

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating

Reagan Graham. Reagan is a member of Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida, Troop 441 and has exemplified extraordinary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a demonstrated commitment to making a lasting, positive impact, by earning the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are recognized as trailblazers who are willing to tackle the most pressing challenges facing their communities and the world with measurable, sustainable, and far-reaching results. To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, high school-age Girl Scouts must identify and investigate an issue they care about, devise a plan, and then lead a team of experts and community members to implement a project that produces lasting change. Over the course of 1–2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distinguishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Reagan's project, "Heart & Sole," in partnership with Angel's Attic, The Out-of-Door Academy, and Woodland Community Church, was an excellent endeavor to address clothing access for homeless individuals in our community. Reagan took action by educating and training over a dozen volunteers on clothing insecurity among homeless individuals. She guided them in organizing a clothing drive, collecting over 2,000 pairs of socks, and establishing a permanent sock closet. Her efforts will have a lasting positive impact on the community.

On behalf of the 17th Congressional District of Florida, congratulations to Reagan Graham for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Reagan for her leadership and making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ANN
FLYNN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a dedicated professional with the Department of Veterans Affairs on the occasion of her retirement. Ms. Mary Ann Flynn is an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism serving our Nation's veterans.

Ms. Flynn began her distinguished legal career in the United States Navy, where she served on both active duty and in the Navy reserves as an attorney. As a Captain, she served as a military judge on the United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Following her time on active duty, Ms. Flynn joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in its Office of General Counsel (OGC), where, with the exception of a short period when she served as the Deputy Director for Policy and Procedures for the Veteran's Benefits Administration's Compensation Service, she spent the bulk of her more than 32 years of service.

In OGC, Ms. Flynn progressed from a staff attorney to Deputy Assistant General Counsel,

then Principal Deputy Assistant General Counsel, and finally Chief Counsel of OGC's Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Litigation Group, an appellate litigation office of over 125 attorneys representing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Her career in public service is a testament to the importance of selfless service to others.

For the vast majority of her legal career, Ms. Flynn provided guidance and legal counsel to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in cases before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. She has been involved in a remarkable breadth of important legal matters related to veterans' benefits, striving to ensure that veterans, their families, and caregivers get the benefits to which they are entitled. Her contributions to developing and evolving the practice of veterans' law will have a lasting legacy and merit special recognition.

As Ms. Flynn embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she will recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she has made to the United States Navy, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and veterans of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Mary Ann Flynn for her years of service to our armed forces and our Nation. I congratulate Ms. Flynn on her retirement. May her life be filled with health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE STICKNEY POLICE ASSOCIATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Stickney Police Association, the oldest organization in the Village of Stickney, located in Illinois' 4th Congressional District. For a century, the members of this association have been a positive presence in the community. They have raised funds to support youth athletics, clubs, churches, schools, and both the Fire and Police departments.

Beyond their philanthropic work, the Stickney Police Association has played a vital role in building and maintaining trust within our community. They understand the importance of supporting one another and serving all members of the community with respect and care.

Our community appreciates their ongoing efforts to keep us safe and supported.

I thank the Stickney Police Association for their unwavering commitment to service and their dedication to our community and each other. Congratulations on their centennial celebration.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF JAY BYERS

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of President Jay Byers, a true servant leader, devoted father and husband, and proud Iowan whose lifelong commitment to our state inspired all who had the privilege of working with him.

President Byers was a graduate of Manson High School and a proud member of the Simpson College Class of 1993. He earned his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law before beginning his career serving the people of Iowa's 3rd district as a staff member for former Congressman Leonard Boswell.

I came to know Jay during his time at the helm of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, where he spent more than a decade building one of the most respected economic development organizations in the country. Under his leadership, the Partnership gained national recognition, growing to include 24 affiliate chambers, more than 6,500 members, and thousands of businesses across central Iowa.

I saw President Byers' leadership and commitment firsthand while I served in the Iowa Statehouse. He understood intuitively how to unite business leaders, educators, and policymakers around a common vision, always driven by our shared goal to make Iowa a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Although Jay spent much of his professional life expanding opportunities for Iowa businesses, he never left the Simpson College community. He served on the Board of Trustees for 11 years before returning to education full-time in 2023 as the 25th president of Simpson College, where he kindled a sense of pride and community that led the college to its largest freshman class in more than a decade.

Mr. Speaker, President Byers' passion was building a stronger, more connected, and brighter Iowa and that legacy will endure far beyond his years of committed service. He is survived by his wife Katie, and their daughters, Sophie and Charlotte, who remain in our thoughts and our prayers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring President Jay Byers.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
FRANCINE KERNER, CHIEF COUNSEL,
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Francine Kerner, who retired on February 28, as Chief Counsel of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) after dedicating over 50 years of her career to public service.

On September 11, 2001, Ms. Kerner woke up and went to work, just like any other day. For her, that was as Deputy Assistant General