

healthcare. Since 2013, Jerry has also served as the Pasco County Local Coordinator for SHINE Volunteers within the Area Agency on Aging as well as a Florida Statewide SHINE Trainor. He has traveled around the state for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs educating SHINE Volunteers. Jerry is a true advocate and can be relied on to accept any challenges that arise.

In addition to Volunteering with the SHINE program he is a Lay Pastor in his church and has spent time assisting with Metropolitan Ministries, the Shepard Center in Tarpon Springs, Cares Senior Center, and other non-profit organizations. He also volunteers with the Supervisor of Elections and as an election worker during the voting season. In addition to his volunteer work, his wife Phyllis, who is his high school sweetheart of 50+ years, and his children and grandchildren keep him busy.

It is clear Jerry Phillips 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 THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COLONEL RICHARD TUCKER

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions, hard work, and legacy of Colonel Richard Tucker. His dedicated service to Alabama and the United States has made a lasting impact on the lives of many.

Colonel Richard Tucker is a graduate of the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, where he was commissioned in 1998. Mr. Tucker served as Chief of Staff at Ft. Novosel, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

Colonel Tucker has served our Nation throughout a remarkable career spanning multiple continents, commands, and combat zones. He is highly decorated for valor and meritorious service, and his leadership has been instrumental across a wide array of assignments, from commanding aviation units in North Carolina, Central America, and Korea, to shaping strategic initiatives at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence. He has been deployed in support of critical operations in Bosnia, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Haiti, and Central America. A Master Army Aviator and Senior Parachutist, Colonel Tucker holds advanced degrees in psychology, human resources, and strategic studies. His legacy of leadership, dedication, and excellence will leave a lasting impact on Army Aviation and all who have served alongside him.

I would like to congratulate Colonel Richard Tucker on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his service and dedication to the United States of America.

HONORING THE CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. CHRISTINA L. RICHARDS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career achievements of Ms. Christina L. Richards, a committed civil servant, decorated veteran, and a constituent of the 2nd Congressional District of our great state of Nebraska. Today she works as Executive Director of the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. In this role she is responsible for overseeing the Inspector General's staff which includes conducting Inspector General inquiries, analysis, investigations and inspections, as well as providing technical advice for the command.

She previously served in the U.S. Air Force for over 21 years, where her hard work and dedication enabled her to work her way to the top. Ms. Richards started her military service as an Air Force loadmaster where she worked on over twenty campaigns and operations. She then served as adjutant for a KC-135 training squadron and later as Chief of Protocol at Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma. As she advanced in rank and experience, Ms. Richards was given more authority and responsibility, ultimately becoming a Detachment Commander with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI). In this position she performed critical work in Colorado, California, Hawaii, the Republic of Korea, and Qatar. As an AFOSI Detachment Commander she directed felony-level criminal investigations, counterterrorism operations, protection of the President, and defensive and offensive counterintelligence and counterespionage operations.

After retiring from the Air Force, Ms. Richards continued to serve her country. Among her many positions, she served for more than six years in United States Strategic Command's Missile Defense and Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Division, where she led the command's Missile Defense Issue Team, several Deputy Secretary of Defense-directed Strategic Portfolio Reviews, the Secretary of Defense Combatant Command Review 1.0 and 2.0 for missile defense matters, and the President of the United States-directed 2019 Missile Defense Review. She co-authored a proposal for transfer of the missile defense mission from USSTRATCOM that was ultimately accepted and included in the 2022 Unified Command Plan.

Ms. Richards' major awards include the Omaha-Lincoln Federal Executive Association Team of the Year and Supervisory Employee of the Year; DoD's Best Force Protection Program Team Award; the FBI Director's Award for Exceptional Service in the Public Trust; and multiple awards of the Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Medal; the Aerial Achievement Medal; the Meritorious Unit Award; the USAF Outstanding Unit Award; the Combat Readiness Medal; and other military medals and decorations.

Ms. Christina Richards' dedication, service, and leadership stands as a testament to the hard work and loyalty of the service men and women of our country and is an inspiration for

future civil servants and members of the United States Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING JOANNE GILLESPIE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Joanne Gillespie has made to our community through her volunteerism at NAMI Hernando. Joanne is a retired Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher and current Board Secretary of NAMI Hernando since 2017. In these roles, she has been a dedicated champion for mental health education and inclusion. As the mother of an adult son living with schizophrenia, Joanne brings both personal insight and professional experience to everything she does. NAMI is grounded in the power of lived experience, and Joanne embodies that mission wholeheartedly. For eight years, Joanne has taught Family-to-Family classes and led Family Support Groups, offering encouragement and understanding to others walking a similar path. She is also a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aid and Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), further extending her impact in the community. In addition to her peer support and education roles, Joanne chairs NAMI Hernando's Fundraising Committee and has been an active contributor to the Finance Committee, helping guide sustainable growth for the organization. Her thoughtful insight and nurturing spirit bring clarity and compassion to board decisions, and she has played a key role in streamlining internal communications and administrative processes. Joanne's background as an educator gives her a unique perspective on the emotional and developmental needs of families and youth. She frequently goes above and beyond to offer support, guidance, and hope to those navigating complex mental health systems. Whether advocating for youth mental health, organizing community events, or mentoring families, Joanne is a voice of wisdom, patience, and grace.

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

HONORING TONY REINHART

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize a dedicated constituent of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District: Mr. Tony Reinhart. Tony is celebrating his thirtieth year with Ford Motor Company, a remarkable professional milestone. Tony's three decades of devoted service is an exceptional achievement that reflects his deep commitment, expertise, and enduring leadership within one of America's most iconic corporations.

Throughout his tenure, Tony has held various critical roles. He currently serves as Ford

Motor Company's Head of State, Local and Stakeholder Government Affairs. In this vital capacity, he leads a team to navigate the complex systems of state and local governments in order to strengthen the American auto industry.

However, Tony's influence extends well beyond his role with Ford Motor Company. He serves as Vice Chair of the Ford Civic Action Fund, a member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, and former Chairman of the Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association. These underscore his significant contributions to shaping the automotive landscape and public policy for the industry.

Tony's service extends deep into the community. He has served in many roles in the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri and the Northland of Kansas City, Missouri, as he has worked to make it a better place to live and work. He serves on the Board of Directors for both the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce and Liberty Economic Development Corporation. He is the President of the Northland CAPS Board of Directors. He is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Kansas City Zoo and sits on the Advisory Council of the North Kansas City Hospital. He is the Past Chair Advisor for the Clay County Economic Development Council. His service and commitment to our community is deep and the impact is tremendous.

As a native of Lexington, Missouri, and a proud graduate of Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, Tony's roots are firmly planted in our state, and we are incredibly proud to count him a Missourian. I am proud to call him a friend.

A strong American auto industry means a strong American economy. We live and breathe that in Missouri. Ford's Kansas City Assembly plant makes the best-selling vehicle in America, creating jobs not only at the plant, but at dealerships, suppliers, and other parts of the community. Tony's work at Ford helps the company invest in local communities and make an impact both in Missouri and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me and the people of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District in congratulating Tony Reinhart on his incredible professional milestone. I am proud to represent Tony in the United States House of Representatives and wish him continued success in his career.

RECOGNIZING CLAY COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL DAY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, diamonds are rare and among the most sought-after treasures in the world—but so are police officers. Their courage, dedication, and commitment to protecting communities make them priceless. Unlike diamonds, their shine comes not from the way they reflect light, but from the way they reflect honor, integrity, and sacrifice every single day.

Today, I rise in observance of Clay County Police Memorial Day on Thursday, May 8th, in

Clay County, Florida, and to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Clay County Police Memorial Day is more than a ceremony—it is a solemn tribute, a reminder of their courage, and a commitment to never forget their service.

These officers answered the call to protect and serve, putting their lives on the line every day to ensure the safety of our community. They walked into uncertainty, faced danger without hesitation; and upheld the values of integrity, justice, and duty. Their legacy lives on in the hearts of those they touched.

To the families of our fallen heroes, we offer our deepest gratitude. No words can truly capture the weight of your loss or the sacrifice, but please know that your loved ones will forever be honored and remembered.

Mr. Speaker, let us reaffirm our commitment to those who continue to serve. Let us support and lift up our law enforcement officers, recognizing their dedication and ensuring they have the resources and protection they need.

Mr. Speaker, let us pledge to keep the memory of our fallen officers alive—not just today, but every day. So that just as the legacy of diamonds is everlasting, so will be the legacy of our fallen Clay County police officers.

RECOGNIZING JOHN WAJDOWICZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that John Wajdowicz has made through his work at The Pasco County Sheriff's Citizen Service Unit (CSU). A truly dedicated public servant, John always carries himself with professionalism and is quick to offer a helping hand to anybody who needs one. John has been volunteering with the Pasco Sheriff's Office since 2021. He usually volunteers at least three days a week, as well as most special events that the CSU is asked to help out with. John is relied upon throughout the year to train new CSU members. During the year 2024, John provided the agency and his community with 1,320.25 volunteer hours. John has been instrumental in updating forms and practices within the CSU. His input has been especially helpful in the creation of an electronic Daily Activity Report, which captures trackable information pertaining to the calls-for-service handled by CSU Volunteers. John is a tremendous asset to the CSU, Pasco Sheriff's Office, and the citizens of Pasco County. His hard work and selflessness is deserving of recognition, although that is not why he volunteers his time to help others. John exemplifies what it means to be a hero.

It is clear John Wajdowicz 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 WJBC RADIO'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true institution in Central Illinois—WJBC Radio—as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. For a century, WJBC has been the trusted voice of McLean County, keeping families informed, entertained, and connected to the heart of our community.

As an avid listener and frequent guest, I know firsthand the dedication of WJBC's incredible team—past and present—who have made this station a pillar of local journalism. From legendary broadcasters like Don Munson and Steve Vogel to today's voices like Scott Miller, WJBC has been a reliable source of news, sports, and thoughtful discussion.

WJBC continues to cement its legacy as a cornerstone of regional media—but more than that, WJBC has been a constant companion to its listeners, always delivering the stories that matter most. On this historic milestone, I congratulate WJBC on 100 years of excellence and look forward to many more years of trusted reporting and community service.

RECOGNIZING JAMI FRAZIER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Jami Frazier 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, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Frazier was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the May 5, 2025 vote series due to a delayed flight into Washington, D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 115; and YEA on Roll Call No. 116.