

Following the Carter Administration, she managed Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, served as Chief of Staff for the Democratic National Convention, and was Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison in the Clinton Administration.

In 1997, Secretary Herman made history as the first African American and the fifth woman to lead the U.S. Department of Labor under President Clinton. During her almost four-year tenure, unemployment dropped to a 30-year low, and she served as an instrumental mediator in the 1997 United Parcel Service workers strike, which at the time was the largest strike in the United States in two decades. Additionally, she played a role in the efforts to curtail sweatshops, supported two minimum wage increases, and helped pass the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, an overhaul of job training programs.

After serving in the Clinton Administration, Secretary Herman formed a consulting company, New Ventures, and served on the boards of numerous companies, including Coca-Cola, Entergy, and others. She was also a co-chair of the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund in 2006 and joined the board of the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Additionally, Secretary Herman was the president of the Dorothy I. Height Education Fund, named for the civil and women's rights activist who was her mentor.

Secretary Herman is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Charles Franklin, Jr. She is survived by her stepchildren, Charles J. Franklin, Michelle Franklin, and Shari Smith; her nephew Kirke (Teresa) Herman, Jr.; her cousins Bernard (Monceny) Broadus, Robin Broadus Iwuoha, Lori Hendricks, and Darryl Hendricks; and a host of godchildren, friends, mentees, and colleagues.

On a personal note, Secretary Herman was a great mentor and role model to me and so many women and African Americans in Alabama. A trailblazer and pioneer, she advocated for civil rights and workers protections. As we celebrate her incredible life and legacy, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the guidance she has given me in my life journey. Her extraordinary career in public service and advocacy is a testament to the power of one person to change the world. Through her hard work, brilliant mind, fearless determination, and thoughtful decision-making, she has changed lives. May the seeds she sowed into countless mentees continue to bear the fruit of change agents. Let us find comfort in knowing her incredible legacy will live on in the countless people she touched. May she rest in peace and power.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of an exceptional public servant, former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, for her service to the City of Mobile, the State of Alabama, and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING ANASTASIIA
BILOBRYTSKA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anastasiia Bilobrytska for earning

the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Anastasiia 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 Anastasiia, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Anastasiia's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING KATHY LOGUE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Kathy Logue has made through her volunteerism at Bay Area Legal Services. After serving in the U.S. Army, Lt. Col. Kathy Logue began her career as an elementary school teacher in Chicago. A lifelong learner, she pursued her legal education at Chicago-Kent College of Law, part of the Illinois Institute of Technology, where she earned her law degree. Kathy was subsequently admitted to the Illinois Bar, practicing law for 39 years before relocating to Florida, where she joined the Florida Bar in 2009 and continued her legal career for an additional 14 years. Kathy has since retired from practicing law but remains active in her donation of time and legal expertise to the community. She is an active member of both the Illinois and Florida bars and remains in the retired reserves of the U.S. Army, ready to serve her country again if needed. Throughout her journey, Kathy has remained deeply committed to education and community service. Drawing on her experiences as a teacher, she has dedicated her retirement years to volunteering and substitute teaching in local schools. Additionally, Kathy has been actively involved with the New Port Richey VA Center, offering her time weekly to support veterans. She also volunteers with the Salvation Army of Pasco County's Domestic Violence Program each week, helping survivors navigate the legal process by reviewing and drafting petitions for Injunctions for Protection at the West Pasco Judicial Center. Kathy acts as a link between these clients in need and Bay Area Legal Services. She provides written referrals and assists in connecting the client with vital legal services and with follow-up to ensure victims are never alone in what can be a daunting process of fleeing abuse and obtaining protections. In addition to her dedication to volunteering with the VA and DV programs, Kathy is highly involved in the West Pasco Bar Association and has put her legal skills to use by participating in the West Pasco Bar Association's "Ask a Lawyer" program. In this role, she engaged with the public on law-related questions, providing invaluable support to individuals, families, and businesses. Kathy sponsors a legal aid paralegal membership for the West Pasco Bar Association and has worked to expand membership for legal serv-

ices staff. Kathy Logue's dedication, compassion, and service to her country, her community, and countless clients are truly inspiring. She is undeniably deserving of recognition for her outstanding pro bono volunteer work. Over the past ten years, in retirement from her full time professional life, Kathy has provided over 400 hours of pro bono service to her community, sometimes dealing with personal health challenges along the way.

It is clear Lt. Colonel Kathy Logue 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. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call Votes on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner YEA on Roll Call No. 123, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 30, and YEA on Roll Call No. 124, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 249.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS LEIDLEIN AS MAY 2025
VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the extraordinary service and unwavering dedication of Sergeant First Class Leidlein, a proud veteran of the United States Army and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for May 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His exceptional military career and steadfast commitment to innovation, leadership, and mentorship embody the very best of American service.

Sergeant First Class Leidlein answered the call to serve his country on September 5, 1991, when he enlisted in the United States Army. Over a remarkable twenty-year career, he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class, serving in diverse and demanding environments across the globe. After completing his initial training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 4th of the 11th Field Artillery at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he excelled in missions from the icy glaciers of Whittier to international operations in Thailand and training exercises in California's Mojave Desert.

Throughout his distinguished service, Sergeant First Class Leidlein earned numerous awards, including multiple Army Achievement Medals and Army Commendation Medals, in recognition of his leadership, technical expertise, and operational excellence. His assignments included critical modernization work at Fort Knox, leadership roles at Fort Drum with the 10th Mountain Division, and recruitment duties where he was recognized as a top recruiter in the Great Lakes Battalion. His innovations in integrating advanced battlefield

technologies helped propel the Army into a new era of digital warfare.

Sergeant First Class Leidlein's service also included several combat deployments. He led and trained soldiers during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, supporting critical security and nation-building missions that included facilitating Afghanistan's first national election. Later, he served with distinction in Iraq, embedding with the 5th Iraqi Brigade near Baqubah, and returned to Afghanistan to advance stability operations in some of the nation's most challenging provinces. For his valor and meritorious service, he was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, a NATO Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Following his retirement in September 2011, Sergeant First Class Leidlein left behind a legacy of courage, innovation, and selfless leadership. He mentored thousands of soldiers and cadets, contributed to groundbreaking Army modernization efforts, and helped shape the future of America's defense forces. His journey from the glaciers of Alaska to the deserts of Iraq reflects a career built on resilience, integrity, and an unyielding devotion to duty.

Mr. Speaker, let us express our sincerest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Leidlein for his outstanding military service and for his enduring contributions to our Nation's strength and security. His story is a testament to the American spirit of service, sacrifice, and excellence, and it is an honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING CADEN BEISER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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

Caden 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 Caden, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Caden's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING LISA DEGENNARO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Lisa DeGennaro has made through her work with the CARES Senior Clinic. Lisa is the clinic's competent receptionist. She is the first to greet all who call and walk into the clinic, always with a smile. She is eager to assist and

direct patients to the right place. The clinic would not run smoothly without her diligent efforts.

It is clear Lisa DeGennaro 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.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month. I want to take a moment to honor the courage and strength of families across the Nation who face lifelong hardships due to this disease—including one of my own constituents, Rachel Reising, and her family. It is so important for families like Rachel's for us to encourage dialogue and acknowledgement of Huntington's Disease so we can work to improve prevention and care of affected folks at the federal level.

Huntington's disease is a rare genetic disorder that slowly damages the brain over time. It leads to a progressive loss of control over movements, thoughts, and emotions. There is currently no cure. However, there is hope. Because of ongoing advancements in medical research and continued investments in biomedical science, we are closer than ever to the possibility of breakthrough treatments and perhaps even a cure in the decade ahead through gene therapy.

Rachel, my constituent, recently reached out to me to bravely share her story. As she grieves the loss of her father, whom she tragically lost to Huntington's, it has become her life's mission to advocate for proper care of those with Huntington's and for a cure. I am so moved by her strength and resilience.

In honor of Rachel's family and the tens of thousands of others who face Huntington's Disease, I am proud to lend my voice to this cause. May this month serve not only as a time of remembrance and education, but also a call to action. I ask my colleagues to do everything we can to help those living with rare diseases such as Huntington's Disease, and to fight for more research, better support, and even greater care.

HONORING THE HMONG AMERICAN COMMUNITY

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hmong American community and commemorate May 14, 2025, as Hmong American Day, marking 50 years since the first Hmong families began their journey to the United States following the fall of Long Cheng in 1975. On this day, we recognize the legacy of service, sacrifice, and strength that defines the Hmong American experience.

From 1961 to 1975, more than 40,000 Hmong men and boys—many under the age of 18—were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight in the Secret War in Laos, a critical but often overlooked chapter of the Vietnam War. Fighting alongside American forces, Hmong soldiers risked everything to defend freedom and combat the spread of communism in Southeast Asia. Following the end of the war, they and their families faced persecution and displacement, forcing thousands to flee Laos.

On May 14, 1975, the final airlift evacuated Hmong soldiers and their families from Laos to refugee camps in Thailand. From there, many resettled in the United States, including in California's Central Valley, where they rebuilt their lives with determination and hope. Today, communities like Clovis, Fresno, and Sacramento are home to some of the largest and most vibrant Hmong populations in the country. These families have contributed to the fabric of American society in countless ways by serving as educators, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, public servants, and community leaders.

We especially honor the Hmong veterans and their families, whose courage and loyalty to the United States must never be forgotten. Their stories remind us of the price of freedom and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

I commend the County of Fresno, the City of Clovis, and other local governments for formally recognizing Hmong American Day and paying tribute to the history, culture, and contributions of the Hmong people. I join them in encouraging all Americans to learn more about this rich legacy and to celebrate the extraordinary impact of Hmong Americans on our communities and our country.

RECOGNIZING CALEB GALLEGOS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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

Caleb 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 Caleb, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Caleb's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING LORI VENTURA

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Lori Ventura has made through her work with