

culture of gratitude, patriotism and civic responsibility in the next generation of Americans.

Behind the school now stands a veterans memorial—conceived, designed, and brought to life by eighth-grade students as a permanent tribute to those who served. This project is more than just a monument—it is a testament to the values of patriotism and reflection, cultivated in the classroom and carried forward into the community.

The newly established Veterans Memorial at William G. Houston Middle School stands as a permanent and growing tribute to over 120 local veterans—men and women who either attended Lake Shore (Evans-Brant) schools or now reside within the district. These heroes served across all five branches of the United States military, representing a broad spectrum of service, sacrifice, and commitment to this country.

This memorial is not dedicated to a single war or era. Rather, it honors the full sweep of service—veterans whose lives have intersected with this community and who answered the call of duty. Their names are now etched into history through this tribute, with space intentionally left to recognize even more veterans in the years to come. It is a living monument—one that will grow alongside the students and community it inspires.

This initiative did not happen by accident—it was made possible by a school community that believes in teaching not only the facts of history, but the weight of its meaning. I thank the teachers, administrators, and advisors who guided this effort, and I applaud Lakeshore Central School for its enduring commitment to shaping thoughtful and engaged citizens.

Let this memorial stand not just as a symbol of remembrance, but as a proud reminder that patriotism begins at home—and sometimes, behind a school, where students dared to imagine something worthy of the heroes who came before them.

RECOGNIZING NEVA MELLOW,  
GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT

**HON. MARK E. AMODEI**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Neva Mellow. Neva is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 317, 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 to 2 years, Gold Award Girl Scouts demonstrate significant initiative, commitment, and leadership, distin-

guishing them from their peers. Through their resourcefulness and perseverance, they embody the Girl Scout Law to truly make the world a better place.

Neva Mellow created “The Art of Letting Go”. There is a common misconception that young people do not experience grief, which is untrue. In the first class she presented to, out of 15 students, 10 had suffered the death of a loved one. Of those 10, four had suffered the loss of a parent, three the death of a sibling, and two had experienced losing someone to suicide. Neva hosted five seminars for Carson City School District freshmen, educating them on 16 types and five stages of grief. She emphasized the importance of support groups and self-care in navigating these emotional challenges. Following the seminars, students created art pieces to express their journey of overcoming grief. These artworks were then donated and displayed at the Brewery Arts Center and local organizations focusing on mental health, helping to raise awareness and foster healing within the community.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Neva Mellow for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Neva for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE LIEUTENANT MICHNIEWICZ'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district—Lieutenant John Michniewicz of the Middletown Township Police Department—who is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service in law enforcement.

Lieutenant Michniewicz began his career in 1990, graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served in a wide range of roles, including Patrolman, K-9 Officer, Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He earned numerous awards and commendations for his exemplary service and unwavering commitment to public safety.

Among his many contributions, Lieutenant Michniewicz conducted numerous background investigations for police recruits. His diligence and attention to detail ensured that only the most qualified candidates were selected to serve the Middletown community—upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

He is also a graduate of several prestigious police leadership programs, including the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program. For the past 15 years, he served as a member of the department's command staff, playing a pivotal role in implementing key initiatives that enhanced the department's responsiveness and strengthened community relations.

After a long and honorable career in law enforcement, Lieutenant Michniewicz now looks

forward to a well-earned retirement, where he plans to spend time with his wife Diane and family, enjoy the beach, and travel.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant John Michniewicz on his retirement and thank him for 35 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the citizens of Bucks County and the Middleton Township Police Department.

THANKING JAMES TIANI FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank James Tiani, who is retiring June 17, 2025, after over twenty years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives in the Office of Acquisitions Management. He lives in Oakton, Virginia, and I am proud to represent him here in Congress.

Originally from New Canaan, Connecticut—just 35 miles outside of New York City—Jim spent his early years enjoying the city's nightlife before diving into his professional journey. Working with Mobil Oil in sales and marketing, Jim was known as “Pitbull” for his sharp negotiating skills, intensity and passion. He transitioned to the contracting side when his company moved to Virginia, where he was asked to set up a marketing purchasing group. He retired from Mobil after a 30-year career in 1998.

Jim was enjoying life as a retiree from Mobil Oil and doing part-time consulting. After 9/11, he decided to give back his corporate knowledge to the Government and he accepted a part-time position at the House in 2001, as a contractor in Acquisitions Management. After two years, he accepted a permanent position as Contracts Specialist, which he thought would be for just a few more years but continued until now. Jim is retiring after having lent his talents and skills to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for over twenty years.

A devoted sports fan, he roots for the Washington Commanders in football and splits his baseball loyalties between the Nationals and the Yankees. Outside of work, he treasures time with his two grandchildren, ages 6 and 4, and enjoys Italian food, lamb, and a classic martini. He's an avid reader of David Baldacci, a fan of Top Gun: Maverick, and a proud Corvette enthusiast. Travel is another one of his passions—especially to Italy, where his family roots run deep. A Count by lineage, his family, the Tiani's, were knighted by Napoleon and once protected the king and the pope. With strong ties to Rome and nearby Sete Frati, Jim is proud of his Tuscan heritage. He's looking forward to his next adventure—an Alaskan cruise this July.

I congratulate Jim and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his distinguished service to the House and the Nation it serves. I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ALMA ALLEN

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Alma Allen, a pillar of our Fort Worth community and a woman whose presence touched the lives of so many.

Alma was born on December 5, 1932, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Leroy Tucker and Lutvane Edwards. After graduating from I.M. Terrell High School in 1949, Alma began her career as an interior decorator, using her eye for design and creativity to bring warmth and beauty into the homes of others. Later in life, she turned her attention toward advocacy, becoming a passionate activist and respected historian of the Stop Six neighborhood in Fort Worth—a role in which she preserved and uplifted the stories of our community.

Throughout her life, Alma enjoyed a wide range of interests that reflected her creativity and love for simple joys. She found fulfillment in sewing, cooking, working in her garden, and relaxing with adult coloring books. In quieter moments, she looked forward to her favorite television programs, especially westerns, soap operas, and episodes of Judge Judy, which never failed to bring a smile to her face.

Her family remembers her not only for her many talents but for her deep well of love. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, affectionately known to those closest to her by many names, but most lovingly as “Ma’Maw.”

Alma was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Rosaline Dory; her son, Zachary; and her sisters, Doris and Vera. She is survived by her children: Regina, Raymond, Megal, and Jessica, her sister Barbara, and a large extended family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who carry forward her legacy.

While our community mourns the loss of this extraordinary woman, we should also take this moment to celebrate a life defined by compassion, strength, and service. She will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MILLIE GRIEVE,  
GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT

**HON. MARK E. AMODEI**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Millie Grieve. Millie is a member of Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, Troop 188, 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 to 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.

Millie Grieve’s project “Breast Vests” aimed to reduce the fear around touching women to perform life-saving CPR by increasing exposure and answering uncomfortable questions. Millie has been a lifeguard for the City of Reno for two years and noticed lifeguards were uncomfortable with the concept of performing CPR on the female anatomy because they lacked training. She created vests to zip over the mannequins that the City of Reno already had, using neoprene to make the vests more effective on the pool deck. Millie then personally presented her project to more than 100 lifeguards and surveyed them afterward, showing a 20 percent increase in overall comfort in performing CPR and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on women.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I congratulate Millie Grieve for achieving the highest distinction in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. We thank Millie for her leadership and for making such a positive, lasting change in our community.

RECOGNIZING CAMILLE  
CINTOFANTI’S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Camille Cintofanti, an outstanding constituent from my district who will celebrate a remarkable milestone—her 100th birthday—on May 31, 2025. Born on May 31, 1925, to Joseph and Concetta Tommillo, Camille was raised in a loving Italian household rooted in strong cultural traditions. Her parents immigrated from Bari, Italy, bringing with them the rich heritage, values, and customs that would shape Camille’s upbringing and lifelong sense of family and community. Camille was the second born of four children, and from an early age, she embraced her role with warmth, responsibility, and love. Her life stands as a testament to enduring love, strength, and devotion.

On October 1, 1949, Camille married the love of her life, Joseph A. Cintofanti. A proud and decorated veteran, Joseph served in World War II, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal for his bravery and service to his country. Their marriage was filled with love, mutual respect, and shared values that built a strong and supportive home. Together, they raised two children: their son Joseph, Jr., who married Barbara Sibila, and their daughter Nancy, who married Gary Marchunsky. Camille has always been a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her warmth and unwavering support have been the cornerstone of her family’s strength and unity.

Camille’s many passions brought joy to those around her. She found great pleasure in

gardening, where she created beauty with her hands and found peace in nature. Her love of baking, inspired by her Italian roots, filled her home with the comforting aromas of fresh bread, cookies, and traditional family recipes. Camille also had a vibrant social spirit—she found a love for dancing and never missed an opportunity to get on the dance floor. Bingo was another favorite pastime, where she combined her sharp mind with her love for fun and community.

In addition to her deep dedication to her loved ones, Camille generously gave her time to the community. She was an active and beloved volunteer at both the Penridge Senior Center in Perkasio and the Central Bucks Senior Center in Doylestown, where her compassion, energy, and cheerful spirit made a lasting impact. Her two granddaughters, Ashley and Alyssa, continue to be inspired by her example of kindness, strength, and resilience. As Camille turns 100, she is celebrated not only for her longevity, but for a life filled with joy, service, and unwavering devotion to family and community.

CONGRATULATING JIMMY  
EMMONS ON HIS SWEARING IN  
TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION SERVICE

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Oklahoman, Jimmy Emmons has spent years working around the state and across the country promoting innovative and voluntary conservation practices.

Having someone like Jimmy in a position to lead farm policy isn’t just beneficial for Oklahoma, but the entire country and the world.

I am proud of my longtime friend and fellow Oklahoman for his willingness to serve the Nation at the Natural Resources Conservation Service and his commitment to the American farmer.

CELEBRATING THE ASIAN  
AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Asian American Heritage Festival. A cultural event that is dedicated and celebrated for the cultural traditions and contributions of Asian Americans throughout the United States.

The Asian American Heritage Festival is committed to enriching the cultural fabric of our community, fostering understanding, appreciation, and shared experiences among people of all backgrounds. It stands as a vital bridge to connect culture, diversity and unity through storytelling, exciting performances, and delicious food.

Beyond all of the exciting attractions that the Asian American Heritage Festival offers, there is a strong focus on community and education. Generations-long recounting of resilience, and