

Sheriff's Office and to recognize one of its distinguished members who has received a Valor Award: Deputy Mackenzie Miller. While today we recognize Deputy Miller, this award reflects the commitment to duty, professionalism, and public safety that defines the entire Sheriff's Office.

This honored deputy exemplifies what it means to act with valor—responding with courage in the face of danger, demonstrating sound judgment under pressure, and placing the well-being of others above self. Whether in the courtroom, on transport duty, or assisting during critical incidents, members of the Sheriff's Office play a vital and often underappreciated role in maintaining the safety and order of our community.

Today, we recognize the extraordinary actions of Deputy Miller, whose bravery and dedication serve as a powerful example of the values upheld by the Prince William County Sheriff's Office. Her service reminds us that heroism is not measured by numbers, but by the impact one person can have through a single courageous act.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Prince William County Sheriff's Office for their remarkable contributions to our community.

HONORING VICTOR JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mr. Victor Johnson of Rosedale, Mississippi—a man whose lifelong dedication to the trucking industry and the Mississippi Delta region has resulted in transformative educational and economic opportunities for countless individuals.

Victor Johnson, a native of Rosedale, MS, has been around truck driving his entire life. His deep family roots in the profession—from his father and grandfather to his brothers, uncles, nephews, and cousins—shaped his path and passion from a young age. By age 12, Mr. Johnson was already behind the wheel, foreshadowing a lifelong commitment to the road.

With a strong independent streak and the entrepreneurial spirit instilled in him by his late mother, Cleo, Mr. Johnson has built a legacy that bridges family tradition, public service, and economic empowerment. In 2009, he founded Sam's Express LLC, a trucking company that still keeps him on the road today. Yet his contributions extend far beyond the highway.

Recognizing the critical need for local truck driver training in the Mississippi Delta, Mr. Johnson founded the Delta Driving Institute (DDI) in Cleveland, MS. One of the few institutions of its kind in the state, DDI began accepting students in September 2023. Through a four-week, state-certified training program, Mr. Johnson—himself a certified third-party examiner—equips individuals over the age of 18 with the knowledge and practical experience required to earn their Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Graduates can pursue gainful employment across the country, lifting themselves and their families toward economic stability and success.

Mr. Johnson constructed much of the Delta Driving Institute campus himself. It now includes a fleet of five rigs and a dump truck used in training. His school emerged in response to the many voices he heard in the community—individuals who were frustrated by the need to travel to distant cities like Jackson to pursue CDL training. By offering a local solution, he has removed a significant barrier to entry for aspiring drivers in the Delta region.

Victor Johnson is a proud graduate of West Bolivar High School, Mississippi Delta Community College, and Valley State University. He has served his community not only through business but also as a former candidate for the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors. Continuing his legacy of development and empowerment, he is also the builder and owner of Cleo Apartments, a housing complex named in honor of his mother, whose values and influence have played a pivotal role in shaping his journey.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Victor Johnson as a visionary leader, a selfmade entrepreneur, and a committed son of Mississippi. Through his hard work, determination, and service to others, Mr. Johnson is helping steer the Delta toward a brighter future—one driver at a time.

RECOGNIZING NEIL QUINN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Neil Quinn has made to our community through his work as an exceptional volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County for the past five years. In 2024 alone, this retired electrical engineer volunteered nearly 400 hours across our construction sites and Re-Stores. Mr. Quinn's impact is profoundly felt by the partner families working toward homeownership. On construction sites, he shares his expertise by teaching them essential home building and maintenance skills. His mentorship empowers these families with practical knowledge and fosters a sense of ownership of their future homes. Beyond construction, Mr. Quinn repairs and revitalizes electrical appliances at the organization's Re-Stores. By increasing the inventory of resellable goods, he directly helps generate funds that enable the construction of more affordable homes in our community. Neil is the epitome of a team player, consistently willing to contribute his time and talents wherever needed. His dedication and positive attitude are respected by fellow volunteers, Habitat staff, and the partner families he supports. Neil Quinn's commitment embodies the spirit of Habitat for Humanity, making a tangible difference in the lives of families striving for safe, stable, and affordable housing in Citrus County.

It is clear that Neil Quinn 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.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER J. GARROW

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain Christopher J. Garrow and his years of service to his country and community.

Christopher was born on July 22, 1975, and raised in Peru, New York. After graduating from Peru High School in 1994, Chris decided to serve his nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Chris served honorably and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was personally awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Good Conduct Medal for his dedication. Following his honorable discharge, Chris returned to his hometown and joined the ranks of New York's finest with the New York State Police.

As an active member of the New York State Police, he took on many roles including Marine Operator, Firearms Instructor, State Police Underwater Rescue Team member, and Field Training Officer. Drawing on his experience in the Armed Forces, Chris excelled and rose through the ranks to become a Captain. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Chris was assigned to aid in the search and recovery efforts at Ground Zero in New York City. Unfortunately, it was that assignment that would later cost Chris his life after he developed pancreatic cancer due to his time there.

Chris was also a family man, having married his wife Jillian in 2002, they were blessed with two daughters, Ella and Maggie. He was a devoted father who spent his summers on the lake with his family and friends and his winters skiing with his girls. His loved ones will always remember him as a strong but humble man and who was always willing to help. The North Country lost one of its best when Christopher passed on June 12, 2023.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the legacy of Captain Christopher J. Garrow and honor him for his lifetime of service.

HONORING THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 2025 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, today we congratulate the 2025 Service Academy Appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy Appointments:

Alexa Kim Bowers, Smithson Valley High School, Bulverde, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. John Michael Burris, Father Joseph T. O'Callaghan Homeschool, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, United States Military Academy. Madeline Reed Coats, Moe and Gene Johnson High School, Buda, Texas, United States Military Academy. Hannah Ryleigh Dufresne, Boerne High School, Comfort, Texas, United States Military Academy. Aiden Angelo Embestro, St. Andrews

Episcopal Upper School, Austin, Texas, United States Naval Academy. Annabelle G. Evans, Cole High School, San Antonio, Texas, United States Military Academy. Ryan Palmer Farhoudi, Tivy High School, Kerrville, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. Lauren Taylor Andrion Fuentespina, Claudia Taylor Johnson High School, San Antonio, Texas, United States Military Academy. Christian Ray Gonzales, Claudia Taylor Johnson High School, San Antonio, Texas, United States Military Academy. Olivia Grace Hanson, Regents School of Austin, Austin, Texas, United States Military Academy. Noah Craig Hernandez, Boerne Champion High School, Boerne, Texas, United States Naval Academy. Preston Michael Longhurst, MacArthur High School, San Antonio, Texas, United States Merchant Marine Academy. Lillian Page Marrou, Fredericksburg High School, Fredericksburg, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. Madison Faith Mendez, Great Hearts Northern Oaks/Texas A&M, San Antonio, Texas, United States Military Academy. Storm St. John Pena, Davenport High School, New Braunfels, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. Emelia Marie Storey, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. Caden James Spradling, Smithson Valley High School, New Braunfels, Texas, United States Air Force Academy. Reagan Nicole Turmin, Pieper High School, San Antonio, Texas, United States Merchant Marine Academy. Kaden James Vincent, Canyon High School, New Braunfels, Texas, United States Air Force Academy.

These outstanding students have much to contribute to their chosen Academy and to our country. We appreciate their talents and their patriotism.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating these truly heroic young men and young women.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVID CARON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of David Caron as he retires after over eight years of service as Town Administrator of Derry. Throughout his tenure, Dave has been a tremendous public servant in his role, overseeing all the day-to-day operations of Derry Town Departments.

Dave has managed numerous projects to improve the lives of Derry citizens, including renovating and constructing long-awaited roads, conserving land, and expanding police and fire stations. Throughout his 43 years of working in local government, David consistently ensured Granite Staters received the support they deserved, greatly helping residents across the state in Jaffrey, Londonderry, North Hampton, Belmont, and Gilford.

Dave is not only a diligent public servant but a man of outstanding character and passion. His own family full of hockey players, Dave spearheaded the Belmont-Gilford cooperative hockey team, cultivating the 16-year-old program that put numerous players on the ice.

In all, Dave Caron represents the very best of America's public servants—dedicated, attentive, and unwaveringly committed to the

service of others. On behalf of a grateful district, I want to congratulate Dave on a well-deserved and replenishing retirement.

RECOGNIZING MIKE PHILLIPS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

It is clear Mike 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 GRADUATION OF CARTER FORREST

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carter Forrest of Cumming, Iowa, for her achievement in graduating from Drake University Law School. This is a milestone she should be incredibly proud of, as years of determination and intellectual rigor have led to this proud moment for Carter and the entire Forrest family.

Carter is a proud Iowan whose journey has exemplified both academic excellence and a spirit of civic responsibility. In addition to her legal education, she has already engaged in a range of professional roles, including legal research, legislative policy, and campaign work in both the private and public sectors. Through these experiences, Carter has distinguished herself as a thoughtful, capable, and principled leader.

It has been a privilege to witness Carter's growth and academic development, and I am incredibly proud of what she has already achieved. She has approached each challenge with humility, purpose, and a strong work ethic that exemplifies the very best of Iowa's values. I am certain Carter has a bright future in the legal profession, wherever her journey might take her next.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Carter Forrest on her graduation from Drake Law School and in wishing for her continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Prince William County Police Department Valor Award recipients, recognizing the exceptional bravery and selfless service demonstrated by its officers. These awards reflect the courageous efforts of many dedicated men and women across the department including officers, detectives, sergeants, and specialists alike, who put their lives on the line to protect our community.

Each recipient represents a powerful example of valor and commitment, embodying the highest ideals of public service. Whether responding to immediate threats, conducting investigations, or supporting victims in moments of crisis, these individuals demonstrate unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of the people they serve.

Their heroic actions strengthen the bonds between law enforcement and the community, building trust, security, and resilience. Today, we recognize and celebrate the collective courage and sacrifice of these officers, whose service uplifts us all and sets a powerful standard of integrity and compassion.

We are grateful for their bravery and proud to honor the Prince William County Police Department for their outstanding commitment to justice and public safety.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Prince William County Police Department for their remarkable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING RABBI ALAN KATZ

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month to pay tribute to a remarkable spiritual leader and community advocate from Rochester, NY: Rabbi Alan Katz.

Rabbi Katz served with grace and wisdom as the rabbi of Temple Sinai from 1986 to 2020, and now holds the distinguished title of Rabbi Emeritus. Throughout his decades of service, Rabbi Katz has been a moral compass and unifying force in our community, fostering interfaith dialogue, social justice, and compassion.

He has held leadership roles with numerous organizations including the Rochester Board of Rabbis, Jewish Community Federation, the Levine Center to End Hate, and the Commission of Christian-Jewish Relations. His commitment to promoting peace and understanding transcends borders, exemplified by his work with the Partnership Together program connecting Rochester and Modi'in, Israel, where he served as co-chair for four years.

In 1995, Rabbi Katz was awarded the State of Israel Peace Award, a fitting recognition of