

## RECOGNIZING KLOEY KEHL

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

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

Kloe 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 Kloe, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kloe'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 Kloe Kehl on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

## RECOGNIZING RONNIE HUTTON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Ronnie Hutton 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. Hutton was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear Ronnie Hutton 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 YASMINE CURTIS OF  
TWO FISH CRAB SHACK**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and celebrate the remarkable entrepreneurial spirit and culinary success of Ms. Yasmine Curtis, the visionary owner of Two Fish, a thriving and beloved food business on the Southside of Chicago. Ms. Yasmine's dedication and the flourishing of Two Fish exemplify the vital role that local, independently owned enterprises play in strengthening our communities and enriching the lives of our constituents.

In the competitive landscape of the food industry, Ms. Yasmine has carved out a significant niche, building a successful business that not only serves delicious fare, but also contributes significantly to the economic and social fabric of the Southside.

Her commitment to excellence has earned Two Fish a reputation for outstanding cuisine and a loyal following. The success of businesses like Two Fish is paramount to the vitality of neighborhoods across the Southside of Chicago. They create jobs, foster local pride, and provide unique culinary experiences that reflect the rich culture and diversity of the area. Ms. Yasmine's journey with Two Fish stands as an inspiring example of what can be achieved through hard work, innovation, and a deep connection to one's community.

She has demonstrated how a local food business can become a cornerstone of its neighborhood, drawing people together and contributing to a vibrant local economy.

Ms. Yasmine's entrepreneurial prowess and her commitment to delivering exceptional food have made Two Fish a true success story. She has not only built a profitable enterprise but has also cultivated a space that brings joy and sustenance to her patrons. It is with great honor and admiration that we acknowledge Ms. Yasmine and the outstanding achievements of Two Fish. Their success is a beacon for local entrepreneurship and a powerful example of how small businesses can make a monumental impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our deepest congratulations to Ms. Yasmine Curtis for her outstanding contributions. May her success continue to inspire us all.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
LIFE OF A.E. "PETER" PIERCE**HON. MIKE EZELL**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great Mississippian, A.E. "Peter" Pierce of Helena, who went home to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of May 24th.

Peter was the very best of us—a devoted husband to his beloved Grace for nearly 69 years, a U.S. Army veteran, a hardworking father, grandfather, and public servant, and a man whose quiet faith was lived out in every act of service.

From the shipyards of Pascagoula to the halls of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, from coaching little league to mowing the church lawn even after his diagnosis—Peter gave his time, his energy, and his heart to others.

He was a faithful member of Escatawpa Assembly of God, a friend to the forgotten, and the kind of man who cooked Christmas breakfast for a house full of grandkids, always reminding them: he was the most blessed man on earth.

We grieve his loss, but we celebrate a life well-lived, and we thank God for the example he gave us.

CELEBRATING MICHAEL PRICE  
FOR HIS HONORARY TONY AWARD**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Mr. Michael Price of Essex, Connecticut, for his outstanding achievements in the realm of American theatre and the arts. On June 8, Michael will receive special honors for his lifetime achievements at the prestigious 2025 Tony Awards ceremony. Michael holds the record as the longest serving Executive Director of an American theatre, leading the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Connecticut for 47 years from 1968 to 2014. The impact of his tenure on the Goodspeed Opera House has reverberated all across the world, and thus this honor is well deserved.

Michael was born on August 5, 1938, to William and Sylvia Price in Chicago, Illinois. From a young age, he was introduced to the theatre through family members who worked in the industry. Michael got a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, followed by a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's in fine arts from the Yale University School of Drama.

Michael's career included many different jobs at theatres throughout the country. Early in his career, he worked as a stagehand and electrician at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut. Other jobs took him around the country, serving in different roles at theatres and performances before he settled at the Goodspeed Opera House.

In 1968, Michael started as the Executive Director of Goodspeed Musicals in East Haddam, Connecticut. After years of disrepair, Michael helped rebuild the reputation of the Goodspeed Opera House as one of the best venues to develop musicals in the country. Goodspeed became internationally recognized for their distinguished performances.

During Michael's time as Executive Director, he produced over 250 classic and forgotten musicals, 100 new musicals, and transferred 19 shows to Broadway, which earned 13 Tony Awards. The Goodspeed Opera House was honored with two special Tony Awards during his reign.

Michael's valuable contributions to the theatre industry have been recognized before. He was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame, which honors lifetime achievement in the American theater. Michael's involvement in theatre is not limited to his time at the Goodspeed Opera House. He is also the founder of the League of Historic American Theatres and a founding member of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre. Michael currently serves on the Executive Committee of the American Theatre Wing and as a member of the Tony Administration Committee. Michael is also a board member for the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, the Johnny Mercer Foundation, the ASCAP Foundation, and numerous charitable and non-profit organizations.

Now, Michael will receive one of the Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre, a well deserved honor that he will share with his wife Jo-Ann, children Daniel and Rebecca, and grandchildren Ezra and Ari who have been

with him every step of the way to this special honor. The Tony Awards are presented annually to Broadway productions for exceptional performances and include special honors beyond the boundaries of Broadway.

Mr. Speaker, Michael has been an asset for the theatre community locally in Connecticut, nationally, and internationally. He spent his entire life dedicating himself to the preservation of the arts, and this award is a representation of that devotion. As a friend of Michael's for over twenty years, I can attest to his endless passion for advancing the benefits of live theatre, and for his wonderful, down to earth sense of humor. He is a caring person, always ready to help his community and people in need. He is an inspiration to all who have the opportunity to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in this chamber join me in adding a layer to his already permanent case, by recognizing the astonishing career of Michael Price.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL  
MELISSA COBURN FOR HER  
SERVICE TO THE 22ND AIR  
FORCE

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Melissa Coburn for her service to the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia.

Major General Coburn commissioned through the United States Air Force Academy in 1992 and served eleven years on active duty, before transitioning to the Air Force Reserve in February 2003. During her service, Major General Coburn has more than 6,000 flight hours in the T-37, T-38, C-141B, C-123, KC-135, C-17A, C-40, C-130H/J, including 279 combat hours in support of operations in Hungary, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Major General Coburn has been a close partner in improving our Nation's tactical air mobility operations capability through recapitalization of the Air Force Reserve's C-130 inventory. She has heavily invested in servicemember quality of life improvements throughout her command, especially at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. With more than 12,000 Reserve Airmen and 59 unit-equipped aircraft, her leadership of the 22nd Air Force has directly contributed to our Nation's security through aerial spray, fire suppression, weather reconnaissance, tactical airlift and airdrop and aeromedical evacuation.

As Major General Coburn continues her service to the United States upon her departure from Dobbins Air Reserve Base and the 22nd Air Force, it has been a pleasure working closely with her to benefit our servicemembers. I congratulate Major General Coburn on her Change of Command and look forward to working with her again soon in the years to come.

HONORING BREANNA GRACE  
EHRlich, EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I honor Eagle Scout Breanna Grace Ehrlich after her years of service to the Scouts of America including being a founding member of the first female Scouts Troop in South Jersey. Throughout the years, she held several leadership positions starting with Patrol Leader before climbing her way to Senior Patrol Leader, the highest youth leadership rank. Breanna showed her dedication to the scouts by achieving 36 merit badges and putting together a two-fold for the Hamilton Township Rescue Squad for her Eagle Scout project. She has been awarded a high-level scholarship to Juniata College, where she has continued her dedication to success focusing in the challenging major of Biochemistry. Breanna has also continued her passion for singing by auditioning and being chosen for the Select Choir, and she also participates in theater programs as the Stage Manager. I congratulate Breanna on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and I look forward to hearing what great things she will accomplish in college. God bless Breanna and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING LAURA JEFFRIES

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

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

Laura 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 Laura, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Laura'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 Laura Jeffries on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING RUTH GAVISH

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Ruth Gavish 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. Gavish was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Ruth Gavish 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 VINTAGE 1945 PREMIUM  
CIGARS AND IRENE "THE  
DREAM" LOYDE

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate a remarkable entrepreneur and her inspired business, Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars, founded and led by the truly exceptional Irene "The Dream" Loyde.

Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars is more than just a business; it is a heartfelt tribute, thoughtfully named after her mother. Faye Anderson's birth year. This deeply personal connection speaks volumes about the passion and dedication that Ms. Loyde pours into every aspect of her venture. As the Owner and CEO, Irene "The Dream" Loyde has cultivated a brand that offers premium cigars, embodying quality, heritage, and a unique personal touch. She has been a national cigar industry entrepreneur since 2010, a testament to her resilience and perseverance in a male dominant industry.

In an industry often dominated by large corporations, Ms. Loyde stands out as a visionary and successful independent business owner. Her leadership exemplifies the strength and resilience of entrepreneurs who bring their unique stories and craftsmanship to the marketplace. Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars not only provides a high-quality product but also contributes to the rich tapestry of small businesses that are the backbone of our economy and the heart of our communities.

Irene "The Dream" Loyde's journey with Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars is an inspiration, showcasing how personal heritage can be transformed into a thriving enterprise. Her commitment to excellence and her ability to create a brand with such significant meaning are truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Irene "The Dream" Loyde on the success of Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars, for her entrepreneurial spirit, and her dedication to quality. I also ask that my colleagues congratulate her in building a business that continues her family legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in regard to missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.