

resort properties in the Northeast United States. Throughout his life, he has dedicated himself to strengthening communities and bringing people together to work for a common good. He is widely recognized for his leadership in the major restorations of the historic Congress Hall established in 1816 as well as the Virginia Hotel in Cape May, South Jersey. He has also helped to launch new creative programs to dramatically extend Cape May's tourism season, which has been a major catalyst for the economic rebirth of one of the Jersey Shore's most beautiful communities. God bless Curtis and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING MADISON SOURS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

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

RECOGNIZING STEVEN WALKER

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 Steven Walker has made to the community through his work at CREST in Lecanto. Steven created a food drive as a class project to help local Veterans. This food drive was used to educate the students about the struggling Veterans in the community and to teach about the importance of service to others. This project has also opened their hearts to lend a helping hand to others in need. The students look forward to this food drive every year and have such pride in participating. The students also speak around the town to spread the word about the food drive and garner support. For students struggling with physical and/or mental health limitations, this program has been an invaluable tool for teaching about citizenship.

It is clear Steven Walker 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 LUXURY YACHT PARTY, INC.

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. for its outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the Chicagoland area. Established in 2016 at its prominent location at 3101 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, this esteemed business has consistently set the standard for premier luxury yacht experiences on the magnificent waters of Lake Michigan.

Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has meticulously built its reputation on the foundation of offering truly premier luxury yacht experiences. They have curated an exquisite fleet of vessels, each maintained to the highest standards of safety and opulence.

At the core of their remarkable success is an extraordinary team of dedicated and highly knowledgeable professionals. Under Kadesha Kirkman, famously known as "Captain K's" leadership, the team has achieved unprecedented growth, broadened perspectives and creating new avenues for development for everyone involved. From the seasoned captains who expertly navigate Lake Michigan's waters to the attentive crew members who anticipate every need, their collective expertise and unwavering focus on client satisfaction are paramount.

This team ensures that every outing is not only meticulously planned and executed with the utmost safety and executed with the utmost safety but also transformed into a truly unforgettable experience, creating cherished memories for countless residents and visitors who embark on their journeys. Their commitment to personalized service elevates each charter from a simple boat ride to a cherished event.

Beyond providing exceptional recreational opportunities, Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has contributed significantly to the local economy. By drawing tourism and supporting local maritime services, they play a valuable role in enhancing the economic vitality of our community.

They showcase the breathtaking beauty of Chicago's skyline from a unique vantage point, encouraging visitors to explore all that our great city has to offer, thereby amplifying our appeal as a world-class destination. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding their work.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" DEEVER

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William "Bill" Deever, a dedicated public servant, journalist, veteran, and lifelong champion of East Kern County. Bill passed away on May 30, 2025, at the age of 89, still engaged in the political and civic life of the region he called home for more than seven decades.

Bill moved to Mojave, California in 1948. While his career and service took him to other places such as Northern California, Washington, D.C., and beyond, his heart never left the desert. He returned to Mojave time and again, determined to help the community grow and thrive. With a deep love for East Kern County, he spent decades working to improve local institutions for all residents to enjoy.

Bill was a veteran of both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Reserve. He brought that same spirit of service to civilian life, including a distinguished tenure in the Reagan administration. He later served in the administration of President George H.W. Bush, worked for two Members of Congress and a California State Assemblyman, and held a seat on the California Fair Political Practices Commission. In Mojave, he and his wife Billye modernized the Mojave Desert News, cementing its role as a trusted local institution. He also served as Constable of Mojave, President of the Mojave Chamber of Commerce, and was a longtime member of the Kern Press Club.

Throughout his life, Bill helped shape the institutions that define Mojave. He was a founding member of the East Kern Economic Alliance, the East Kern Educational Resource Network, and the Mojave Transportation Museum. He played a vital role in protecting Edwards Air Force Base from closure during multiple rounds of base realignment, and as one of the original organizers of the East Kern Medical Center, he helped ensure access to healthcare for area residents. Most recently, Bill served from 2014 to 2022 on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Air and Space Port, where he worked to preserve Mojave's role as a hub of aerospace innovation and exploration.

Bill later moved to Tehachapi to be closer to his sister, Susan Wiggins, and her family. However, his love for the desert and his commitment to the people of East Kern County never wavered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bill Deever, whose life was marked by tireless service and an unwavering devotion to community. East Kern and our Nation as a whole are stronger because of his contributions, and I have no doubt that his memory will continue to inspire future generations.

TRIBUTE TO TROY BUCKLER AS HE RETIRES FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Troy Buckler, who is retiring on June 30, 2025, after over 37 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives in the Office of Acquisitions Management. He lives in Seagate, Maryland, and I am proud to represent him here in Congress.

Troy was born in Leonardtown Hospital in St. Mary's County and has lived in Maryland his whole life. His parents own Sandgates Restaurant in Sandgates, Maryland, where he spends his leisure time helping out. He has two children and one grandson.

He first came to the House in 1988, when he applied for a position in the Office Supply

Store. His job included fulfilling delivery orders to the Cannon and Old O'Neill House Office Buildings. It was a big change for him where he had spent most of his time doing blue collar jobs wearing jeans and T-shirts. He didn't think he would last a week when he started March 28, 1988. It took a lot for him to get used to wearing dress slacks and ties. But here he is 37 years later and looking forward to playing with his grandson, Levi, and not having to commute over 50 miles to work.

He held several positions over the years in the Office Supply Store, including stock orders and special orders for Members. During a reorganization realignment in 2009, Troy became a Purchasing Agent under the Office of Acquisitions. His favorite job over the years was doing the deliveries being around people and socializing with Members and staff.

Troy's plans for retirement include doing what he wants and having fun. He is looking forward to working at his parents' restaurant and helping his brother who has an electrical business. Now he will have the time to join his parents in Florida during the winter months and also help his brother who shovels snow for the county. Although he has lived his whole life around seafood, pizza is his favorite food and Jim Beam and cranberry juice over the rocks is his favorite drink. He likes football, wrestling, and baseball and roots for the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Commanders. He fondly remembers meeting the team's legendary fullback John Riggins in person. His interests and hobbies include riding his motorcycle and working at his parents' restaurant. Outside of work, he treasures time with his family and is looking forward to more adventures.

I congratulate Troy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his distinguished service to the House and the Nation it represents. He has helped the People's House function For The People. I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 3, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM PATRICK KOZLOVSKY

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and contributions of U.S. Coast Guard veteran and community leader Rear Admiral William Patrick "Bill" Kozlovsky—a model of service and passion.

Bill was born in Antigo, Wisconsin and grew up in Wausau, Wisconsin. Upon graduation from high school, Bill received an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy. At the Academy, he became the Battalion

Commander of the Corps of Cadets and graduated first in his class in 1954, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as Ensign in the United States Coast Guard.

After graduation, he was stationed at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California, where he met and started dating his beloved wife, Teri. After getting married, Teri and Bill spent more than 32 years experiencing many adventures with the Coast Guard as they moved 19 times all over the United States. Bill became the 14th District Commander in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was responsible for U.S. Coast Guard missions throughout much of the Pacific. Hawaii grew to be one of his favorite places to the extent that after his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard, Bill dedicated years to causes on the beautiful island of Oahu and took on multiple positions to serve the community in Hawaii. He became the Chief Financial Officer of Aloha United Way and then CEO of the Hawaii Maritime Museum in Honolulu.

Eventually, Bill made his way back to California and became the Executive Director of the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. Bill left his mark in the Bay Area when he shared his love of aviation and began the annual air show that continues to this day.

Notably, Bill was a devoted father and husband. He loved Teri deeply during their 66 years of marriage and ardently strived to ensure that his children were taken care of and well-supported. During every move he confirmed that his kids were in the right schools and supported his kids in all their extracurricular activities—from attending horse shows, swim meets, piano recitals, and dance recitals—to coaching and announcing 4-H horse shows. He was also a man of strong faith and always made it his priority to identify a Catholic Church for worship in every location at which he lived. He and Teri frequently volunteered at St. Francis of Assisi in San Jose, working on the finance committee and assisting with the construction of the chapel that the parish uses today.

Bill was a straight shooter who told it like it was and always believed in doing the right thing. He stood up for his crew, whether that was his family, friends, the Coast Guard or any organizations to which he belonged.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Bill in the late 1990's, through his daughter Kaela, who has become a dear friend, and his boundless positive energy, his love of family, and sharp mind made him a favorite of everyone who came to know him.

Bill's great legacy lives on in his five children, their spouses, eight grandchildren and great grandchild: Susan (Kozlovsky) Husk and Mike Husk, Bill Kozlovsky and Ann (Ducharme) Kozlovsky, Patricia Kozlovsky and Paul Martin, Janette (Kozlovsky) Blee and Robert Blee, and Kaela (Kozlovsky) Bernal and Mark Bernal; grandchildren Kirsten Kozlovsky Abercrombie, Karen Kozlovsky, Christina Kozlovsky, John Blee, Shannon Blee, Mary Blee, Aidan Bernal, Declan Bernal; and great grandson, Edward Abercrombie.

On May 11, 2025, Bill Kozlovsky passed away peacefully in his San Jose home, surrounded by family, music and prayer. His family and friends will always remember the love and kindness he shared, the Irish twinkle in his eye and his wonderful sense of humor, as well as his devotion to family and the United

States Coast Guard. He will be greatly missed, but we know he is happy to finally be reunited with his beloved wife, Teri.

RECOGNIZING MARCO POLO SMIGLIANI, U.S. MARINE CORPS VIETNAM VETERAN AND PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a servicemember that went above and beyond the call of duty not once, not twice, but five times this man took a bullet for this country. Marco Polo Smigliani, a proud resident of South Jersey, served in the world's most tenacious fighting-force, the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Marco started off in the Merchant Marines before enlisting in the Marine Corps and deployed to Vietnam in January of 1969. He volunteered for the front lines of service as a Machine-gunner and served less than two months before being wounded five times over an eleven-day stretch. The battle began after the Marines made one of the biggest discoveries of the war when they occupied a North Vietnamese Army's arsenal with thousands of rifles, machine guns, and high-level intelligence. The North Vietnamese then ambushed the Marines, resulting in over 100 deaths before the Marines pushed the enemy away. Even after suffering shrapnel to the head, being shot, and later struck again by RPG fire, Marco refused to leave the battle, saving lives and showing extraordinary courage. Two weeks later, he continued to show his strength and bravery after being shot, patching himself up, then nearly lost an arm saving a fellow Marine's life, and then rested for a day, and went back into combat the next. After returning from the war a hero, Marco became a Deputy Sheriff before working in the casino business in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Marco has dedicated his life to helping other Veterans by contributing to organizations like the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. I thank Marco for all he has done, and I am proud to have a great American like him in my district. God bless Marco and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN ANGEL PEREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

Nathan 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 Nathan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.