

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 3401 12TH STREET NORTHEAST IN WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AS THE "CHUCK BROWN POST OFFICE"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to name the post office at 3401 12th Street, Northeast in the District of Columbia for go-go legend Chuck Brown.

Chuck Brown, the "Godfather of Go-Go," is beloved by D.C. for his innovative and unique sound, which gave us go-go music. Go-go is the beat of D.C., giving D.C. its own musical identity and reminding the Nation that D.C. has always been the hometown of talented artists. Chuck Brown was a strong supporter of D.C. statehood, including playing a concert on a hot and humid day on the U.S. Capitol Grounds in 2010 in support of statehood.

Chuck Brown was born on August 22, 1936, and passed away on May 16, 2012. He was a D.C. resident most of his life. He taught himself to play guitar, becoming a virtuoso singer, songwriter, guitarist and band leader. His musical catalogue spanned 22 studio albums over three decades. He earned a Grammy nomination in 2010 for the song "Love" from his album "We Got This," and was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship in 2005.

D.C. named a park located at 2901 20th Street, Northeast, for Chuck Brown, and named a street near the historic Howard Theater for him.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING LINDA THOMSON'S INCREDIBLE CAREER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of the president and CEO of Johnstown Area Regional Industries, Linda Thomson.

Linda is retiring after 25 years in the senior leadership role at JARI and over 40 years in economic development. Among her many accomplishments, she is credited with helping to shape the identity of the Showcase for Commerce, which is a nationally renowned defense contracting trade show and exhibition that connects representatives of industry and government.

Linda has been so integral to the success of the Showcase that, for many people, she is synonymous with the event.

Any chief executive in Linda's profession would be proud to possess her legacy of engagement in significant job creation, economic diversification, and regional economic growth. Her skills and talents as a relationship builder, strategist, and innovator are widely heralded.

Under Linda's inspired leadership, JARI has achieved international recognition for its suc-

cess in attracting investment and creating new opportunities for the region.

Quite simply, Linda has played an integral role in making life better for all who live and work in the greater Johnstown area. And she has done so with class, integrity, and humility.

On behalf of everyone in the 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Linda on the fulfillment of a vision distinguished by its enduring impact and offer best wishes for joy in all future endeavors.

REMEMBERING MARZIE THOMAS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a profound tribute to my longtime and respected Congressional District Director, Marzie Thomas, who passed on June 12. Marzie, as she was known to her family and friends, was an extremely talented administrator who cared for her community. She understood Tennessee's 9th Congressional District and did an outstanding job meeting my constituents' needs because of a deep familiarity with it and then as a 16-year newspaper professional and, in 2003, editor and publisher, for The Tri-State Defender, a Memphis-based African American-focused newspaper founded in 1951. A native of Memphis, she was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and attended LeMoyne-Owen College. She married the late Alonzo Thomas in 1976 and they have two daughters, Marthel Ellison and Richara Thomas, and a granddaughter, Madison Ellison. She served first as my special assistant for veterans' affairs and community outreach beginning in August 2007, became my Deputy District Director in 2009 and then District Director in 2013. A lifelong member of the historic East Trigg Avenue Baptist Church, where she was baptized, Marzie was also a fine soloist, famously singing "God's Amazing Love" among other tunes, in its choir until just months ago. A newspaper professional, a civic activist, a community organizer, a cherished church member, wife, mother, and grandmother—and a good friend. Marzie Thomas will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR PETER BERG

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Minnesotan, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Enforcement and Removal Operations Field Office Director, Peter Berg. Peter is retiring later this month after nearly 30 years in federal law enforcement.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Director Berg began his career in 1996 as an Immigration Inspector with the former U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Peter's long career in federal law enforcement has taken him across the country, where he faced some of the world's most dangerous, and hardened criminals. As the Acting Deputy Executive Associate Director, he was appointed the Deputy Senior Coordinating Official for the Department of Homeland Security Southwest Border Coordination Center, where he served as the liaison between numerous federal agencies, managing the complex challenges of our Southwest Border.

As the current Field Office Director for the St. Paul Area of Responsibility, Director Berg manages all ICE officers assigned to Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska. This area spans over 350,000 square miles, includes nearly 12.5 million people, and includes one field office, nine sub-offices, and 2 resident officer locations.

I recently met with Director Berg and his team at their St. Paul field office to learn about their efforts to keep our communities safe and to discuss how we can continue to support them at the federal level. After meeting with them, I can tell you firsthand just how important their work is to keeping Minnesotans safe. In the past few months, Director Berg's officers have removed dozens of dangerous criminal illegal aliens from Minnesota, including known terrorists, gang members, child predators, and murderers. After nearly 30 years in federal law enforcement, Director Berg has had an incredible impact on his Area of Responsibility. While we will certainly miss his leadership across the Midwest, we are eternally grateful for his dedication to our communities, states, and Nation.

I thank Director Berg. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON COUNCILMEMBER MARCUS TAGEANT

HON. SUZAN K. DeIBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Ms. DeIBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcus Tageant, Councilmember for the City of Lake Stevens, who passed away last month. During his almost 16 years with the council, Mr. Tageant was committed to public service, devoted to his community, and making the city a better place for all. He played an important role in driving economic growth, strengthening public safety, and upgrading local infrastructure. He also had a fondness for the city's parks and was instrumental in expanding public spaces like North Cove and Cavalero parks. His passion for the people of Lake Stevens guided every decision he made, and his love for the community was evident in all aspects of his life.

Prior to his tenure on Lake Stevens city council, Mr. Tageant served for four years in the United States Marine Corps, serving honorably in the Persian Gulf War. After his service, he studied at Washington State University before moving back to his hometown of Lake Stevens, where he founded two successful real estate companies, creating jobs for his community. He was a committed volunteer to many community groups, like the Lake Stevens Kiwanis, the Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion. He believed it was important to give

back to the community where he lived and worked. Mr. Tageant was also a newly devoted husband to his wife Marcella, having been married just this past April.

Mr. Tageant will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and a deeply valued member of the Lake Stevens community. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring City Councilmember Marcus Tageant and the legacy his work has left behind.

CONGRATULATING TYRONE
MILLER

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Tyrone Miller, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Tyrone's nomination, and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Tyrone. I know that he will make this Nation proud.

HONORING THE NATIONAL EMS
MEMORIAL SERVICE

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage and sacrifice of those serving in Emergency Medical Services. We pay tribute to the EMS and air medical professionals who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Ms. Jeanne Lackey, Mr. Gerald Morgan, Sr., and Ms. Kathryn Lea Ohnheiser each served with TMF Flight for Life, which provides critical care transport services across East Texas—including in Palestine, Longview, Wills Point, and Mount Pleasant. This program focuses on transporting critically ill and injured patients to specialized care centers. Ms. Lackey, Mr. Morgan, and Ms. Ohnheiser gave their lives in the line of duty on February 13, 1989, as a result of an air medical incident.

Mr. James Thomas served with Champion EMS in Tyler, Texas, an organization that provides emergency medical services to 12 counties in Northeast Texas. Mr. Thomas lost his life in the line of duty on May 31, 1988, due to a traumatic injury.

Today, I am proud to recognize these four individuals who selflessly served the communities of East Texas. This year's National EMS

Weekend of Honor reminds us of the sacrifice, perseverance, and integrity with which they lived their lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Lackey, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Ohnheiser, and Mr. Thomas, and in extending our deepest gratitude to their families. May their legacies continue to inspire all of us to serve with honor and dedication.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF OF
ARMY RESERVE, MAJOR GENERAL
DEBORAH “DEB”
KOTULICH ON HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Deputy Chief of Army Reserve, Major General Deborah “Deb” Kotulich on her retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve.

Major General Kotulich's 35-year career has been characterized by exceptionally meritorious service while serving in positions of increasing responsibility and culminating as the Deputy Chief of Army Reserve. A native of New Jersey and West Point graduate, Major General Kotulich's distinguished service has impacted the lives of countless soldiers and their families.

And she has served in several key leadership roles throughout her remarkable career. She served as the Director of the Army Recruiting and Retention Task Force, where she successfully integrated and synchronized efforts across the Army Enterprise to address the recruiting crisis that impacted recruiting for several years. During the pandemic, she diligently served as the Director for Supply, Production, and Distribution for COVID-19 Vaccine and Therapeutics for the Countermeasures Acceleration Group (CAG), formerly known as Operation Warp Speed. There, she led a joint and interagency team that worked “hand-in-glove” with industry partners to deliver millions of life-saving doses and treatments to the American people and globally.

In addition to the CAG, Major General Kotulich has served in several joint positions to include Chief of Staff at the United States Transportation Command and three different assignments at the Defense Logistics Agency.

Her command tours include: The 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Orlando, Florida; The 77th Sustainment Brigade, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; The 655th Regional Support Group, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts; The 359th Transportation Battalion (Terminal), Fort Eustis, Virginia; and Headquarters Company, 55th Materiel Management Center (Theater Sustainment Command), Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

While in command of the 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Major General Kotulich deployed her headquarters to Kuwait in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel, Inherent Resolve, and Spartan Shield. During her tour, she was dual hatted as the Deputy Commanding General of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command and Commanding General of the 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). And was responsible for more

than 10,000 Servicemembers, Civilians, and Contractors deployed throughout the Central Command Theater of Operation.

Her other deployments were in 2007 to the CENTCOM Deployment Distribution Operations Center (CDDOC) at Camp Arifjan and Kuwait in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. And in 2004 to Balad, Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, where she served as an operational plans officer at the 13th Corps Support Command.

I want to thank Major General Kotulich for her distinguished service, and her professionalism and passion for service in every role she has filled throughout her prestigious career. Part of what makes the U.S. military the greatest in the world is that servicemembers, like Major General Kotulich, voluntarily dedicate their lives to serve and sacrifice for this country.

I also want to thank her wife, Penelope Smith, and two daughters, Rachel and Devan, for their unwavering support. I wish Major General Kotulich and her family all the best in what I hope to be a restful and enjoyable future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED
BRUNER LUNSFORD

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Fred Bruner Lunsford of the United States Army, who passed away on March 1, 2025.

Fred was born on March 7, 1925, and was enrolled as a member of the eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Fred graduated from Andrews High School in Andrews, North Carolina in the spring of 1943 and he and his wife, Gladys, were married on March 17, 1944, before Fred enlisted in the United States Army.

Fred served as a Staff Sergeant during World War II and was deployed to the European Theater, with service at the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge and the Liberation of France. Fred was highly decorated for his bravery, leadership, and courage he displayed during those years of service. These decorations include the Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Fred was honorably discharged from active duty following the war and returned home to Cherokee County, North Carolina where he would go on to be licensed to preach the Gospel on October 23, 1949, by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Murphy, North Carolina and was ordained in 1950.

On behalf of all of Western North Carolina, I would like to take a moment to honor the life of Fred Bruner Lunsford.