

service, I extend my deepest gratitude for his leadership, and unwavering commitment to strengthening the economic fabric of New York City. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Theodore M. Renz for his outstanding contributions and wishing him good health and joy in this next chapter of life.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RANIA BROWN FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I STATE TRACK AND FIELD TITLE FOR THE DISCUS THROW

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school athlete from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Rania Brown, a senior at Avon High School, has represented her school ably on her way to achieving the Division I State Title for the Discus Throw at the State Track and Field Meet. Rania overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in her effort to win the title.

In pursuing the State Championship, Rania defeated her opponents with an impressive throw of 153 feet 4 inches. Her hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. She has achieved an impressive season, bringing pride to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Rania Brown of Avon High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lakes Region Community Services, a non-profit centered around meeting critical needs in New Hampshire.

For more than 50 years, Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) has been a pillar for providing crucial services in New Hampshire. Through a number of initiatives, LRCS has acted as a lifeline for so many people throughout New Hampshire. Whether through its Family Resource Center, Sober Parenting Journey, or Home Assist programs, thousands of Granite Staters are helped each year through this essential work.

These programs assist people with developmental disabilities, acquired brain disorders, chronic illnesses, families with children, and our aging population. Community service organizations like LRCS play a vital role in creating a positive environment where people can grow and thrive in any stage of life. Covering 24 towns, LRCS has been a support system where people from across our communities can come and get the resources they need. I

commend LRCS and its more than 300 employees for the important work they do every day to positively impact people's lives.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to say thank you and congratulate LRCS on 50 years of dedicated service to our state. We are grateful for your commitment to our community, and I look forward to continuing to support this life-changing work.

CELEBRATING ROY DRINKARD'S 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a special event that is occurring to celebrate and honor an extraordinary American and a dear personal friend: Mr. Roy Drinkard of Cullman, Alabama.

This event is scheduled to occur on Friday, July 11, 2025. This will be an event to celebrate Mr. Drinkard's 105th birthday as he personally plans to welcome family, friends, and acquaintances to his home in Cullman, Alabama.

Born July 12, 1920, Mr. Drinkard is the oldest living United States Marine in the Nation, a proud veteran of World War II who served his country with courage and who continues to inspire all who know him.

My wife, Caroline, and I plan to attend this momentous occasion and celebrate with Roy and all those in attendance.

Mr. Drinkard remains actively engaged in his business and continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of Troy University, demonstrating that age is no barrier to leadership, commitment, or purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of our colleagues pause for a moment in celebration on Friday as we celebrate the man and the life of Roy Drinkard and wish him a very happy 105th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL CARLYLE "SMITTY" HARRIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Colonel Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, a true American hero. Colonel Harris, a retired United States Air Force officer, was 36 years old when his aircraft was shot down over North Vietnam on April 4, 1965. He became the sixth American taken as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

Colonel Harris served this Nation with unwavering courage and strength. Following his capture, he endured more than eight years of brutal conditions, including torture and starvation. Yet, he never yielded to his captors. Instead, he put his military training into action, using the Tap Code to communicate with fellow prisoners and maintain unity, morale, and resistance.

After returning home, Colonel Harris continued his service, leading and mentoring fellow

airmen until his retirement from the Air Force in 1979. His devotion to our Nation didn't end with his military career—he remained deeply involved in his community, lending his time and voice to numerous charitable and veteran-focused causes.

In recognition of his service, I was honored to introduce H.R. 208, legislation that was signed into law by President Joe Biden in 2021, designating the United States Post Office in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the "Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office." That designation serves as a permanent tribute to a man who embodied the best of America.

Colonel Harris passed away in hospice care on July 6, 2025, at the age of 96. Today, we remember his extraordinary service, enduring sacrifice, and lifelong commitment to his country and community.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; their three children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

May his legacy of honor, resilience, and patriotism continue to inspire generations of Americans.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOX METRO WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, marking a century of wastewater management and environmental stewardship.

Founded in 1925 in Aurora, Illinois as the Aurora Sanitary District, this institution was established to protect public health and preserve the natural beauty of the Fox River from disease and pollution.

By 1929, this vision became a reality with the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and supporting infrastructure. Over the past century, Fox Metro WRD has been a model of sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship. The Fox Metro WRD has continually invested in innovation from solar power and nutrient reduction to recycling biosolids, restoring native landscapes, reusing treated effluent, and recovering methane gas for campus and public use.

Fox Metro WRD now serves over 304,000 people across 90 square miles, operating twelve pump stations and more than 100 miles of intersecting sanitary sewers. They manage an 150-acre treatment facility where an average of 36 million gallons of wastewater is treated daily, ensuring the health and environmental protection of the Fox Valley region.

For 100 years, the dedicated public servants of Fox Metro WRD have safeguarded public health, supported local economies, and helped eradicate deadly diseases.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District's century of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their remarkable contributions and continued commitment to protecting public health and our environment. I commend their vital contributions and congratulate them on a century of service to our communities.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OWEN SCOTT FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TRACK AND FIELD TITLE FOR THE 1600 METER RUN

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school athlete from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Owen Scott, a senior at Van Wert High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division II State Title for the 1600 Meter Run at the State Track and Field Meet. Owen overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the title.

In pursuing the State Championship, Owen defeated his opponents with an impressive time of 4:10.19. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the track, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. He has achieved an impressive season, bringing pride to his school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Owen Scott of Van Wert High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary bravery and service demonstrated in response to the devastating flooding across Central Texas.

Over the past several days, catastrophic flooding along the Guadalupe and Colorado Rivers has shaken communities across the Texas Hill Country. Lives have been lost, others are still missing, and boots remain on the ground—searching, rescuing, and doing everything possible to bring families back together.

On July 4, 2025, as the floodwaters surged near Hunt, Texas, the United States Coast Guard launched a rescue crew out of Air Station Corpus Christi at 5:30 a.m. Despite severe weather and three aborted attempts, the crew aboard an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter pushed through.

That crew—Aircraft Commander Lieutenant Ian Hopper, Co-Pilot Lieutenant Blair Oguliofor, Flight Mechanic Petty Officer Seth Reeves, and Rescue Swimmer Petty Officer Scott Ruskan—is a team of American heroes who carried out one of the most consequential rescue operations this country has ever seen.

Petty Officer Ruskan was lowered into the flood zone and coordinated rescues for more than three hours, working with state, local, and military partners across three landing zones. In his first rescue mission, he helped save 165 lives—15 of whom were airlifted directly by the Coast Guard crew.

This mission was one part of a larger operation, powered by 54 Coast Guard personnel

rotating day and night to keep rescue efforts moving across the region. Every hour, lives are being saved by men and women who step into harm's way so others can make it home. In the face of tragedy, we're reminded of what makes this country strong: selflessness, courage, and Americans willing to step into danger to protect others.

Texans are known for their resilience, but no one overcomes disaster alone. I thank every Coast Guardsman, first responder, and local official who acted swiftly and selflessly to help their neighbors.

May God strengthen those still searching, comfort those who mourn, and bless the brave men and women who ran toward the rising waters.

God bless Texas, and God bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF CRAIG DELLIMORE

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable career of Craig Dellimore and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement from WBBM Radio in Chicago.

Craig has been a pillar of Chicago journalism for more than four decades. After studying journalism at Columbia University, he began his career covering Washington politics for the Associated Press before joining WBBM Radio in 1983.

For 40 years, Craig has exemplified the highest standards of fairness and professionalism in political reporting. As the host of the weekly "At Issue" radio show and Political Editor of WBBM News radio, Craig has covered every aspect of Chicago and national politics. Whether interviewing elected officials or unpacking complex topics like homelessness, mental health, and gun violence, Craig brings compassion, clarity and an unwavering commitment to the truth. His dedication to integrity earned him the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Lisagor Awards, recognition from the Illinois Associated Press, and widespread respect across the state.

Beyond the newsroom, Craig served his colleagues through leadership in the Chicago chapter of SAG-AFTRA, as both President and Vice President.

From the halls of Congress to Chicago's City Hall, Craig has been a trusted voice guiding listeners through a turbulent political landscape with clarity and insight.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Craig Dellimore on his retirement and to thank him for his outstanding service to journalism and to the people of Illinois.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROBERT L. "BOB" HANLEY

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Seaman Second

Class Robert L. "Bob" Hanley, the last living survivor of the USS *Houston*, a member of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet sunk by the Imperial Japanese Navy in March 1942. Seaman Hanley showcased American grit, tenacity, and commitment in the fight against tyranny.

As one of only 368 crewmen out of 1,060 to survive the sinking of the USS *Houston*, Bob Hanley faced unimaginable hardships as a prisoner of war for four years. He endured the brutal Bataan Death March, where 64 men from Company D of the 194th Tank Regiment came from my district. Only 34 survived. He was transported on "hell ships" to Singapore and Burma, and he labored on the infamous Thai-Burma Death Railway under conditions of starvation, torture, and beatings, without access to medicines or supplies. Battling dysentery, malaria, and pellagra, Bob's resilience never wavered. At liberation in August 1945, he was among just 291 remaining survivors from the USS *Houston*.

Bob's service did not end with his Navy enlistment, which ended in 1947 after six years. He continued serving his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army for 15 years. After his military career, he worked in security at 3M for another 15 years, retiring in 1978 due to medical reasons.

Throughout his life, Bob's deep faith as a devout member of the Catholic Church of Saint Peter in Forest Lake, Minnesota, guided him through the darkest times and brightest moments, serving as a cornerstone of his strength. On September 12, 2024, Seaman Second Class Robert L. Hanley passed away at 102 years old. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING ALAN BLEAM'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Mr. Alan Bleam. This year, Alan celebrates his 40th year with Plumstead Township. It is my distinct honor to commend him for four decades of resolute service to our community.

A lifelong resident of Plumstead Township, Alan truly embodies the spirit of Plumsteadville. From attending Gayman Elementary to Middle Bucks Area Vocational Technical School, serving as a Junior Firefighter, and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Alan has always demonstrated a deep commitment to public service.

In 1982, Alan became an Active Member of the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company. Just three years later, he took on leadership roles both as Recording Secretary and First Lieutenant. Over the years, Alan's service with the fire company was marked by a deep sense of duty—a reflection of his strong desire to serve and protect the community he's always called home.

In 1994, Alan assumed the role of Roadmaster for Plumstead Township, eventually rising to become the Director of Public Works—a position he holds with great pride to this day. His efforts have been integral in improving the township's infrastructure and ensuring the high standard of living that residents have long depended on. In recognition