

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

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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

of his contributions, he was named the Plumstead Township Employee of the Year in 1998.

Yet, Alan's impact reaches far beyond his professional endeavors. He is a man rooted in community—his circle of friends from square dancing, church, the fire company, scouting, and his own neighborhood speak volumes about his caring character and connection to others. He unites the people of this community and strengthens the bonds that make living in close-knit towns so special.

In 1991, Alan married his true love, the late Desiree Blead. Together they shared 32 years of love, laughter, and devotion. Alan stood by her side through her 13-year battle with Scleroderma, providing unwavering support and care, in both his personal and professional endeavors, Alan was a committed man—committed to his family and community.

Today, I commemorate Alan Blead for his 40 years of remarkable service for our community. His steadfast dedication to the betterment of Plumstead Township continues to inspire us all.

HONORING LISA ROSE'S 42 YEARS OF BROADCAST EXCELLENCE

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lisa Rose, news anchor at Springfield, Missouri's KY3 television station, who is retiring after 42 years of broadcast excellence. KY3 covers 32 counties in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas.

Lisa's fascination with the news began as a 3rd grader who was devouring the daily newspaper and increased even more when she was 10 years old and witnessed televised reports about the Vietnam War. According to her, by the time she was in high school, she was truly addicted to learning as much as she could about what was going on in the world around her. So, it was no great surprise when she graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, with a Bachelors degree in TV News.

Shortly after graduation, Lisa started her career as a general assignment news reporter at KODE-TV in Joplin, Missouri. She spent four years at KODE and then moved to KY3 in 1984 as the evening news anchor. During her time at KY3, she saw TV news reporting change as advanced technology allowed for live field reporting for the first time. Portable backpacks and satellite trucks became the norm as KY3 stayed ahead of the curve in broadcast news. Now a single individual can do what used to take a satellite truck, an engineer, a photographer, and a reporter to deliver a live report. From technology to techniques in news gathering, the station has been a leader in television news and Lisa has been there every step of the way.

Lisa and her husband, Randy, have three children and three grandchildren. For more than four decades, she has been a trusted and familiar voice in our community where she's brought professionalism, warmth, and a little humor into homes all across the Ozarks. I'd like to congratulate Lisa on her retirement, and thank her for her service to the community. She will be missed.

HONORING THE CAPE VERDEAN INDEPENDENCE BIKE RIDE AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAPE VERDE'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cape Verdean Independence Bike Ride as community members from across Southeastern Massachusetts and the country gather in New Bedford to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cape Verde's independence.

This deeply meaningful and historic ride not only commemorates Cape Verde's independence from Portugal on July 5, 1975, but also celebrates the enduring strength, pride, and unity of the Cape Verdean-American community in New Bedford and beyond. The annual ride is a powerful intergenerational tradition, bringing families and neighbors together on a shared journey of remembrance, cultural pride, and collective joy.

The Cape Verdean Independence Bike Ride was established by the Cape Verdean Universal Development Association (CUDA), a grassroots organization dedicated to promoting and preserving Cape Verdean culture. Under the leadership of Carleen Cordwell, then-President of CUDA, along with support from early advocates David Andrade and Benjamin "Flip" Rose and local organizations such as "The Bomb," the ride first began as a fundraiser and community event in 1979.

Together, the group envisioned the event being more than a bike ride. They imagined a celebration of identity and resilience; an act of cultural preservation rooted in community involvement. That vision took shape with the help of the ride's dedicated founding members, including Carleen Cordwell, Diana Duarte, Jeanne Depina, Corday Faith Rivera, Buddy Andrade, Penny Santos, Susan Costa, Carol Pimental, Marilyn Halter, Liz DiCarlo, Jim Ryan, Lolly Pina, June Pina, Marie Monteiro, Debbie Santos Hudson, Jeanne Costa, Jackie Centeio, Bobby Grace, and Kenny Riberio. Their leadership and dedication laid the foundation for a tradition that continues to flourish today.

The bike route guides participants throughout New Bedford's historic West End and South End neighborhoods. These neighborhoods, with deep Cape Verdean roots, stand as testaments to the perseverance, contribu-

tions, and cultural richness of Cape Verdean-Americans. Riders of all ages choose between a 13-mile journey through the city or a three-mile route beginning at Monte's Park, named in honor of Private First-Class Joseph J. Monte, the first Cape Verdean-American to receive the Purple Heart Medal.

The annual bike ride fosters reflection on the struggles and triumphs of Cape Verdean independence, while recognizing the community's ongoing contributions to the cultural fabric of New Bedford and the nation. The ride ends at Hazelwood Park with a celebration of Cape Verdean culture, featuring traditional food, music, games, and art. From the soulful sounds of morna and lively coladeira music to the sharing of culinary traditions passed down by generations, the event is a proud expression of Cape Verdean heritage. Through movement, storytelling, and music, the Cape Verdean Independence Bike Ride preserves cultural memory, honors historical milestones, and promotes social connections across generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Cape Verde's independence and commending all who have participated in and organized the Cape Verdean Independence Bike Ride for their enduring contributions to preserving cultural heritage and improving community life.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ARIANNAH FLOYD FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TRACK AND FIELD TITLE FOR THE 300 METER HURDLES

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. Ariannah Floyd, a senior at Firelands High School, has represented her school ably on her way to achieving the Division II State Title for the 300 Meter Hurdles at the State Track and Field Meet. Ariannah overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in her effort to win the title.

In pursuing the State Championship, Ariannah defeated her opponents with an impressive time of 42.76 seconds. Her hard work and dedication, both on and off the track, 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 Ariannah Floyd of Firelands High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.