

HONORING JACQUELINE BROWN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacqueline Brown, who served as my Suburban Director, Grant Coordinator, and Constituent Services Manager from 1999 to 2001. Jackie passed away on July 1, 2025, and I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones. Jackie was a key member of my original Congressional District Office staff and was instrumental in developing the constituent services operation my office is well-known for today, over 25 years later.

Jackie helped develop the position of Grants Coordinator to assist organizations and businesses in researching, applying for, and securing government loans, grants, and other funding opportunities. She identified more than \$10 million in federal grant opportunities for groups in the district and advocated with federal agencies to help bring those funds to the 9th Congressional District.

Jackie utilized her excellent networking and community relations skills to help build relationships and solve problems for constituents. She developed solid relationships with many entities and organizations throughout the district and helped establish the broad network of organizations and partners that my office continues to engage with on policy and community issues even today.

She excelled at connecting with and advocating for constituents who needed help. Jackie used her problem-solving skills and worked with federal agencies to cut through bureaucracy and red tape and successfully advocate for people in need. She was resourceful, thorough, and compassionate. Her advocacy during her time in my office helped improve the lives of many constituents, and her management of constituent service operations meaningfully strengthened our services throughout the district.

Jackie also organized events, conducted outreach, and represented me when I was unable to attend events throughout the district. In addition, she worked as a strong liaison to the small business community, helping foster collaboration and support.

Jackie was cheerful, outgoing, compassionate, and personable. She was an important part of my original team, and she had an enormous impact on so many people.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I want to recognize Jacqueline Brown for her service on their behalf. She will be dearly missed, and I hope she rests in peace.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
OBERLIN HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS
4X100 METER RELAY TEAM FOR
WINNING THE DIVISION III
STATE TRACK AND FIELD TITLE**

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 track and field relay team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young women of the Oberlin High School's 4x100 Meter Relay team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division III State Track and Field Title. The team overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in their effort to surpass all other relay teams in their event.

In pursuing the State Championship, Alyssa Webb, Jasmine McDearmon, Aubrey Abeyta, and Cayman Noble defeated their outstanding competitors to win with an impressive time of 49.24 seconds. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the track, in achieving this accomplishment should be commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Oberlin High School Girls 4x100 Meter Relay team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

**RECOGNIZING MR. ETHAN
ALBRIGHT FOR HIS ACHIEVE-
MENT IN LOCAL AND INTER-
NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR**

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Mr. Ethan Albright of Hempfield High School for his achievement of third place in the 'Material Science' category at the 2025 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, a competition including 1,700 students and representing over 60 countries.

Mr. Albright, a rising senior at Hempfield High School in Lancaster County, was also the Division Champion at the 2025 North Museum Science and Engineering Fair. Mr. Albright is the first North Museum Science & Engineering champion to win an award in international competition since 2017.

In both competitions, his project centered on experimenting with and designing fully biodegradable fishing lures as an eco-friendly, cost-effective replacement for plastic lures. The worm-shaped lure, made from a biopolymer recipe, could substitute for traditional soft plastic lures which can break off hooks and sink to the bottom of waterways. Mr. Albright cites his early memories of swimming and fishing on the Susquehanna River with his father as the driving motivation for his desire to keep our community's waterways clean and plastic-free.

I want to congratulate Mr. Albright on his achievement at the local and international level, and to recognize the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit that went into his project. As a fisherman myself, I am grateful for Mr. Albright's contributions to solving the pollution issue. I wish him continued success in his studies and pursuits.

**RECOGNIZING JENNIE FREGOSO
AND HER DISTINGUISHED MILI-
TARY CAREER**

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Jennie Marie Fregoso for her outstanding 25 years of service in the United States Army. From May 2000 to July 2025, Major Fregoso exemplified the Army's core values of duty, honor, and selfless service, leaving a lasting impact on every unit she served with.

Major Fregoso began her career as a Medical Logistics Specialist with the 349th General Hospital and later served with distinction in the 349th Combat Support Hospital and the 349th Field Hospital. Throughout her career, she held key roles including Executive Officer, S1, S3, S8, Projects Manager, and Conversion Coordinator. Her versatility and leadership were pivotal during the transformation of the 349th Combat Support Hospital into the 349th Field Hospital and 380th Hospital Center, and she was personally commended for her performance as Battle Captain during CSTX.

During her 2004 to 2005 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Major Fregoso served at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, took part in a humanitarian mission in El Salvador, and led a cost-saving initiative that saved the Army over \$600,000. She completed key leadership courses and earned multiple awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Major Jennie Marie Fregoso's service has strengthened the operational readiness of the Army Reserve medical community and shaped the careers of countless soldiers. Her legacy is one of dedication, leadership, and unwavering professionalism. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional career and in wishing her continued success and fulfillment in retirement.

**RECOGNIZING COLONEL ERNEST R.
"BOBBY" SCHMITT**

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the exceptional service of Colonel Ernest R. "Bobby" Schmitt, Commander of Mission Delta 4 at Buckley Space Force Base, as he prepares to depart from his post in Colorado. Colonel Schmitt's dedication, leadership, and commitment to our Nation's defense have been truly exemplary.

During his tenure as Commander of Mission Delta 4, Colonel Schmitt has overseen critical operations and initiatives vital to our national security. His strategic vision and unwavering resolve have significantly enhanced the capabilities and readiness of the unit, ensuring the United States maintains its strategic advantage in the space domain.

Colonel Schmitt's leadership has fostered a culture of excellence and innovation within Mission Delta 4. He has consistently inspired

and mentored his team, empowering them to achieve the highest levels of performance and professionalism. His genuine care for the well-being of his personnel has created a strong and cohesive unit, dedicated to the mission and each other.

Under Colonel Schmitt's command, Mission Delta 4 has achieved numerous milestones and advancements, contributing significantly to the defense of our Nation. His expertise and strategic acumen have been instrumental in navigating complex challenges and adapting to the evolving landscape of space operations.

As Colonel Schmitt prepares to embark on his next assignment, I want to express my deepest gratitude for his selfless service and unwavering dedication. His contributions to our Nation's security and to the state of Colorado will have a lasting impact.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Ernest R. "Bobby" Schmitt for his outstanding leadership and service to our Nation. We wish him and his family all the best as they transition to their next chapter.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL GEORGE IVANOFF, USMC

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Corporal (Cpl) George Ivanoff, United States Marine Corps (USMC), on the auspicious occasion of his 100th Birthday on July 24, 2025.

Cpl Ivanoff, born in Harrisburg in 1925, left Harrisburg Catholic High School early to answer the call of duty to our Country by joining the USMC in 1943. He served with valor in the Pacific Theatre on the islands of Peleliu and Okinawa, where he was twice awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds suffered in combat. On the occasion when his Corpsman was wounded, Cpl Ivanoff attempted nobly to evacuate him, but both were struck by enemy mortar fire that ultimately killed his Corpsman and forced his own medical evacuation.

Once healed from his wounds, Cpl Ivanoff rejoined his unit in the pivotal battle of Okinawa, where he fought valiantly for 45 days. While advancing on the enemy position, incoming fire forced him to take cover in an artillery shell hole. Looking out to spot the enemy, he was shot through the face. Unconscious for a time, he woke to feel a gaping hole in his face. Confronted with the thought of imminent death, he prayed to the Lord for forgiveness, and lost consciousness—seemingly for the last time. To his surprise, he regained consciousness again. Spotting a couple fellow Marines taking cover behind rocks from the same sniper who had shot him, Cpl Ivanoff asked for a rifle, offering to risk his life to take the sniper out; but they forced him away.

He was carried on a stretcher to the hospital tent where he fully expected to die. He was given Last Rites by the Company Chaplain and left by himself. Presumed dead by the doctors and nurses, he was not tended to. Eventually, one doctor said "Hey, this guy is still alive!" Miraculously, after his wounds were addressed and he was stabilized, he not only survived, but fully recovered.

Cpl Ivanoff returned home a hero. He finished his education at Harrisburg Catholic

High School and began his civilian career at the Post Office. He became an accomplished amateur golfer, earning the 1968 Harrisburg Championship, and still golfs at 100 years young.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I'm honored, humbled, and privileged to recognize United States Marine Corps Corporal George Ivanoff on his 100th Birthday. I wish him continued great health, love, and happiness in his future adventures, and continued Godspeed. For his selfless, honorable, and tireless service to our great United States of America, "Thank You" will never be enough. He is the standard by which we all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING MS. ABBY LACHMAN FOR HER DEDICATED MEDICAL RESEARCH ADVOCACY

HON. JANELLE S. BYNUM

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts made by one of my own constituents, Ms. Abby Lachman. Ms. Lachman, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 6, recently visited Washington, D.C. to advocate on behalf of herself and the millions of Americans living with Type 1. I am impressed by her dedication to advocating for herself and her peers at such a young age and I am eager to see the changes she will make in the future. I am proud to represent you here in Congress Abby. I include in the RECORD the following article written by Noemi Arellano-Summer in the Bend Bulletin highlighting Abby's work.

A Bend teenager who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 6 is going to Washington, D.C. to advocate for medical research and affordable insulin. Abby Lachman is traveling to D.C. Monday through 10 with Breakthrough T1D, an organization that supports those with Type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, so people with the disease must take insulin by injection or insulin pump to survive Abby, 15, will be a sophomore at Summit High in the fall. One of Abby's mentors with Breakthrough T1D encouraged her to apply to be part of the Children's Congress, an initiative the organization runs that sends more than 160 kids with Type 1 diabetes to the capitol every two years to advocate for research. She will be speaking with a senator and representatives to share her story.

"A lot of it, I think, is just to put a face to the number or the story," she said. "Because we want to help increase funding or continue it, especially at a time when a lot of medical research is getting cut. . . I'm looking forward to all of it. Sometimes it feels surreal just thinking about it. This is such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I feel so blessed that I get to go and do this." Abby's been part of Zoom meetings with the team to talk through ideas for the trip and has put together a scrapbook of her journey with Type 1 diabetes, she said. She's had to manage her disease constantly for nearly a decade. "For me, since I've had it for so long, it's pretty much my life, so I'm a lot more used to it. I have two devices, which are really helpful," she said. "It's pretty much just

constant regulation. It's like, where's my number at? Do I need to give a little insulin to help it bring down? Do I need to eat something to come up? It's just constantly doing little things, checking it, making sure you're where you need to be."

When she was first diagnosed, Abby had to give herself injections, and didn't have the insulin pump, phone app and other devices she has now to help her monitor her blood sugar. "I didn't have the easiest time with it, so if I get the chance to maybe help other kids not have that, it's really important to me," she said. "I think that's a big part of what keeps me involved with this stuff." Last summer, Abby helped out at Camp Tamarack, during a week that is dedicated to kids with Type 1 diabetes. In the future, she said she wants to travel and see the world.

Though there are two types of diabetes, they are fairly different, and Abby thinks that's part of the reason why Type 1 diabetes have a hard time being diagnosed. "(Type 1 diabetes) is definitely a hard disease to see, and it is common. A lot of people have it, which is why it's so weird that it's almost unheard of at times," she said. "Diagnosis is not easy for a lot of kids. My time with diagnosis was easy. My mom's a doctor, so we caught it super easy, which was very lucky. Kids that don't have that same chance—I knew a kid who didn't know, his parents had no idea it could be a possibility and he got super sick. When he woke up in the morning, he had to get evac'd out and had brain damage. He had to learn how to walk again. It's just so hard. It really needs both that work towards a cure and showing that this is something out there that people struggle with."

CONGRATULATING THE GANADO MAIDENS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ganado Maidens softball team—2025 UIL 2A State Champions.

With a final score of 5–4 over Riesel, the Maidens capped off a 33–5–1 season marked by grit, discipline, and heart. They entered the postseason on a 19-game winning streak and held their opponents to just 9 total runs across 10 playoff games.

This championship wasn't handed to them. In the title game, they were down to their final out then delivered a two-run rally that turned the tide. That's the kind of resilience that defines Texas athletics and Texas values.

It wasn't just one team on the field—it was an entire community behind them. Coaches, families, classmates, and neighbors, each playing a role. As one local paper put it, "It took all of Ganado." And it did.

In a time when the spotlight so often falls on the wrong examples, these young women reminded us what it means to fight for something bigger than yourself. Their victory is more than a trophy. It's a testament to hard work, unity, and the enduring spirit of Texas.

I congratulate the Maidens.