

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

Monday, July 14, 2025

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.

HONORING MS. YOLANDA AMADEO

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished scholar, passionate community advocate, and dedicated educator, Ms. Yolanda Amadeo, who celebrated her 30th anniversary as Chief Meteorologist at WALB-TV in Albany, Georgia, on June 15, 2025.

Ms. Amadeo graduated from Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences and also earned a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications from Florida State University. She proudly holds the prestigious American Meteorological Society's (AMS) Seal of Approval and has contributed extensively to the AMS community. Her service includes roles on the Broadcast Board of the AMS, the AMS Board on Pre-College Education, and the AMS Minority Scholarship National Committee.

Throughout her career, Ms. Amadeo has been recognized with numerous accolades. In 2012, she received the Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Award from the Albany King Day Committee, as well as the Women of Purpose Award. In 2010, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters honored her with an Honorable Mention for Best Weather Reporting. She is also a recipient of the 2007 National Mark Trail Award, recognizing her efforts to promote weather safety through the use of weather radios. That same year, I had the privilege of awarding her a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her outstanding achievements, dedicated service, and public distinction. Furthermore, U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson acknowledged her important work educating the public on the life-saving role of NOAA Weather Radios during severe weather. In 2004, Ms. Amadeo was celebrated as one of Southwest Georgia's "Steel Magnolias" at the Women Making Magic Event.

Perhaps most inspiring is her dedication to mentoring aspiring meteorologists. She cherishes the relationships she has built through sharing her expertise, providing guidance, and offering both motivational and emotional support. Yolanda is deeply committed to the success of those seeking career advice. Beyond her professional work, she actively shares her passion for meteorology with the community by educating students on the science of weather forecasting and promoting weather safety at civic and social events.

Ms. Amadeo's community involvement extends to her volunteerism with the Southwest Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she has served as both a volunteer and board member. She is also an active member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, serving as a lector and member of the Parish Council, and volunteers at St. Clare's Soup Kitchen, helping those in need within our neighborhood.

As former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm wisely said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on this earth." In celebrating Ms. Amadeo's 30 years as Chief Meteorologist, it is clear she has paid her rent and paid it well. Her unwavering commitment to informing and uplifting her community is truly commendable, and both Albany and the state of Georgia are stronger and safer because of her.

Yolanda's many accomplishments would not have been possible without the grace of God and the steadfast love and support of her family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second District, in recognizing and commending Ms. Yolanda Amadeo for 30 remarkable years as Chief Meteorologist at WALB-TV, and in wishing her many more years of success and service.

THANKING RICHARD "DICK" MESSBARGER FOR HIS CAREER IN THE GREATER KINGSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Richard Messbarger for his 32 years of invaluable service to the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council (EDC).

Mr. Messbarger has displayed true dedication to his community. As an exemplary Texan, Mr. Messbarger received his bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from St. Mary's University and master's degree from Texas A&I University Kingsville. Since then, he has dedicated his life to public service and ensuring the development of our community.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he became the 38th recipient of Naval Aviation Honorary Wings of Gold for his contribution to his community. As the founder and key member of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Kingsville Task Force, his commitment to his community has alleviated many concerns which made NAS Kingsville vulnerable to Base closures. His exemplary efforts have ensured that our military community in Kingsville is up to the highest standards of excellence. Mr. Messbarger is also the former president of the Kingsville Chapter of Navy League and the former Navy League National Director.

Mr. Messbarger is a proud recipient of the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. His exemplary work was further recognized when he received the Kingsville Citizen of the Year award in 2008. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Otis West Lifetime Service Award by the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank Mr. Messbarger for his dedication, passion, service to our country and his many years of public service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM (BILL) THOMPSON BAGLEY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William (Bill) T. Baglietto who passed away on June 9, 2025, at the age of 96, after a remarkable life of public service, legal distinction, and civic leadership.

Born in San Francisco in 1928, Bill's early years were shaped by hardship. After his family faced bankruptcy during the Great Depression, they relocated to a cabin in Woodacre, California. From these humble beginnings, Bill's extraordinary work ethic and intellect carried him far. He worked his way through high school, college, and law school as a member of the Marin County Fire Department, ultimately graduating as valedictorian from the University of California, Berkeley in 1949. He earned his J.D. from Berkeley Law in 1952, where he served on the California Law Review—a foundation for what would become a distinguished legal career.

Bill practiced law for 63 years, including 35 years as a partner at Nossaman LLP. He became one of California's leading experts in business, water, transportation, and public policy law. Among his many legal contributions, he successfully defended First Amendment rights before the United States Supreme Court. His commitment to justice, transparency, and public accountability informed both his legal practice and his public service.

From 1960 to 1974, Bill represented Marin and Sonoma Counties in the California State Assembly. A moderate Republican and tireless advocate for civil rights, he received an outstanding voter rating from the NAACP throughout his legislative career. Notably, he authored landmark legislation on transparency including the California Public Records Act and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act—cornerstones of open government in California.

Following his time in the Assembly, Bill was appointed by President Gerald Ford as the first chair of the newly created Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Under his leadership, the CFTC helped modernize and globalize the futures market. He traveled to Europe and Tokyo advocating for fair, well-regulated markets, and served on the Futures Industry Association Board of Directors. His public service extended to the California Transportation Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, and the University of California Board of Regents—each role reflecting his lifelong commitment to the public good.

Bill received numerous accolades throughout his life, including the UC Berkeley Alumnus of the Year award in 2002. But to those who knew him well, he will be remembered for his character: principled, pragmatic, and endlessly generous with his time and wisdom.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Diane; their children Lynn, Bill, Jr., Walter, Shana, and Tracy, and his grandchildren Nicholas, Julian, Nathaniel, Grant, and Layli.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Bagley embodied a rare blend of intellect, humility, and commitment to public service. He believed government could work to improve quality of life for everyone—and he worked tirelessly to prove it. I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring his enduring legacy and extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege to know him.

HONORING KATIE DOUGLAS-POE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katie Douglas-Poe, an accomplished