

first place.” That was Chad. A source of wisdom and calm, always there when you needed him.

He lived in Stevenson Ranch with his wife Michelle and their daughter Brigette. And while no words can ease the pain of this loss, I hope his family knows just how deeply loved and appreciated Chad was by all of us.

Chad was the kind of guy who would get there early to help set up an event, and then he would be breaking down the tables and chairs afterwards.

He was a talented designer and photographer. He knew how to communicate, and he used that skill for the benefit of businesses and causes close to his heart.

Chad was known for his booming voice. For many new activists getting involved, their introduction to civic engagement was seeing Chad kick-off a meeting or rally before taking the time to greet them and every person there, always with a big smile and an infectious laugh. He embodied the truth, that the greatest title of responsibility in any democracy is that of citizen.

Chad was a rock of principle. He was committed to making his community, his state and his country better. And month after month, year after year, he did the work. He and Michelle profoundly changed the Santa Clarita Valley for the better, and his impact will never be forgotten.

Chad gave so much of himself to this community because he believed in people and in the power of showing up. His absence leaves a real void, but his spirit lives on in the work he championed and the friendships he built. May we honor him not just in words, but in how we carry ourselves—with compassion, humility, and a commitment to something greater than ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close by thanking my summer interns. You cannot help but be inspired by our future, if you spend some time with the many great interns who work on Capitol Hill.

They work hard, they do important work interacting with constituents, and their passion and inspiration must be recognized.

I'm grateful to our team and I wish them the very best for their futures.

HONORING KENNETH PAUL  
KIRALY

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague KEVIN MULLIN, to recognize and honor Kenneth Paul Kiraly, a distinguished innovator, for his dedication to advancing technology and making it accessible for everyone. Living all across the San Francisco Bay Area, Ken developed a love for designing and building electronics, accumulating a multitude of electronic projects throughout his life. After graduating high school in Walnut Creek, he went on to attend California State University, Pomona, before returning to the Bay Area to complete his degree in Computer Science at California State University, East Bay.

As the internet was only beginning to enter our lives, Ken helped pioneer development

tools for the Java programming language, ultimately launching the first full-featured integrated development environments (IDEs) for Java. Ken joined Palm as a senior software architect, leading the development and delivery of technologies across a variety of handheld devices. In 2005, Ken became one of Amazon's primary leaders in its new consumer device division. His leadership in the division enabled the seamless experience of the Kindle—launched in 2007—transforming the small device into a portable library for readers. Ken was particularly focused and proud of one aspect of the Kindle: its intuitive system. He cared deeply about making it accessible for people who simply loved to read, as well as individuals with disabilities. Upon its launch, the Kindle made it possible to enlarge the print of books with a single button, allowing individuals to rediscover the joy of reading without having to physically hold a book. He continued his work at Amazon, most recently developing Amazon's first consumer robot, Astro—a project blending AI with cutting-edge hardware.

Throughout his accomplished 40-year career, Ken has embodied the qualities of an innovator, a bold risk-taker, and a dedicated problem solver. As one of the early Distinguished Engineers in Amazon, he not only led engineering and product teams, but also mentored and helped grow a multitude of engineers and leaders in the company. Furthermore, he is named inventor on 44 U.S. patents, across a variety of products. All while developing groundbreaking technology, Ken helped raise two sons—Paul and James—with his wife, Virginia. As Ken concludes a distinguished career, he looks forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying the next chapter of his life.

RIP ED FEULNER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, supporters of freedom universally appreciate the success of the late Ed Feulner. The Unleash Prosperity Hotline of Stephen Moore gives a heartfelt tribute of RIP Ed Feulner:

“Ed Feulner was a free-market conservative and fierce anti-communist back in the 1970s, long before it was cool. He invented the modern-day think tank, taking it from the days of stodgy 200-page tomes that lay gathering dust on bookshelves and read by few, to providing just-in-time, influential, hard-hitting studies delivered into the hands of the policymakers that mattered.

“Among his many contributions to advancing freedom and free enterprise was to train hundreds of today's leading voices in the conservative movement—including some of the thinkers and activists at Unleash Prosperity. Heritage taught young talent how to be relevant and impactful—something our billion-dollar universities don't do.

“He believed that “people are policy” and that's a lesson that this so-far successful Trump administration has taken to heart. His legacy lives on.”

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY CLUB OF  
GEORGETOWN, SC

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Navy Club of Georgetown, South Carolina, as it celebrates an extraordinary milestone, its 100th anniversary. Since 1925, this group has united veterans of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. From the shores of South Carolina to all around the world, they've served our Nation with honor.

For generations, the Navy Club has remained deeply embedded in the life of the Georgetown community—supporting Navy Junior Reserve Officers, honoring naval heritage, and fostering a spirit of unity among veterans and civilians alike.

What began in 1925, as a gathering of like-minded servicemembers, has grown into a lasting institution, one that continues to support generations of veterans through friendship, mentorship, and tradition. The Club's annual shrimp dinners have become a beloved local occasion, bringing people together to share stories, remember the past, and strengthen community ties.

The Navy Club's mission is clear: to honor the proud legacy of naval service in South Carolina. Through veteran outreach, youth engagement, and the preservation of time-honored customs, it safeguards our maritime traditions for the future.

As we mark this centennial, we are reminded of the enduring values that define our armed forces: honor, courage, and commitment. The Navy Club's story is one of lasting impact, civic pride, and a devotion to service that transcends generations.

Over the decades, it has built a strong foundation of fellowship and support, uplifting those who served, commemorating those we've lost, and building bridges within Georgetown. Its events have become more than social gatherings—they are touchpoints of history, community, and service.

Their passion for service, fellowship, and patriotism continues to inspire the next generation. On behalf of the people of South Carolina's Seventh District, I thank them and congratulate them on 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight being diverted because of severe weather, I was unable to vote on July 14, 2025.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 191; YEA on Roll Call 192; and YEA on Roll Call 193.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS.  
CHRISTA SULLIVAN

**HON. KEVIN MULLIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise to pay tribute to a great woman and dear friend and neighbor, Mrs. Christa Sullivan of South San Francisco, California. Christa passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 and her funeral mass will be held for family and friends on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Saint Agnes Church in San Francisco, California.

A native daughter of Germany, Christa immigrated to the United States as a girl. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital, where she met and married the love of her life, the late Detective Patrick Sullivan. Christa was a beloved mother and is survived by her children Stephanie, Kevin (along with his wife Orla), and Christian (along with his wife Karen), and her grandchildren Mick, Leah, Casey, Caeli, and Patrick. She was a lover of animals, and a longtime volunteer at St. Veronica's Parish, Mercy High School and Serra High School. She was a steadfast supporter of the men and women of the South San Francisco Police Department and the founder and lifelong advocate for their association.

Christa will be remembered for her warmth, quiet strength, and unwavering faith. She lived a life rooted in service to her community and family, for which we will be forever grateful. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the residents of California's Fifteenth Congressional District in rising to recognize a life well lived, and to extend our deepest sympathies to Christa's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MARINE SERGEANT MAJOR TIMOTHY BABCOCK AS AUGUST 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the extraordinary service and unwavering dedication of Sergeant Major Timothy Babcock, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for August 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His exceptional military career and steadfast commitment to duty, excellence, and patriotism embody the very best of American service.

Timothy Babcock answered the call to serve his country after his high school graduation, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He reported to Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, California in 1996. After completing training at Camp Pendleton, Timothy attended Personnel Administration School at Camp Johnson, North Carolina where he earned the Military

Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0151 Administrative Clerk.

Following his training, Timothy was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, where he served as an Administrative Clerk. During his time with the unit, he completed two Western Pacific deployments. His dedication and preparedness during this period were a reflection of his deep commitment to duty and honor.

In 2003, Timothy reported to the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), where he served in multiple roles including Administrative Clerk, Assistant Administrative Chief, and Information Management Representative. These assignments highlight not only his strong work ethic but also his unwavering dedication to supporting the mission and security of our Nation.

Later in 2003, he attended the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed the rigorous training required to earn his Airborne qualification. In 2005, he reported to the Marine Aviation Detachment at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California. There, he served as the Administrative Chief, overseeing administrative operations for both China Lake and Point Mugu.

Timothy continued his distinguished career as the Administrative Chief for Marine Special Operations within U.S. Marine Forces, Special Operations Command (MARSOC), deploying to Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011. He later served as the Administrative Chief for both the Marine Special Operations Regiment and Marine Aircraft Group 29.

In 2013, Timothy reported to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, where he deployed to Okinawa, Japan, and participated in Exercise Forest Light and the Korean Marine Exchange Program—strengthening joint capabilities and international cooperation.

Following this assignment, Timothy transitioned to Tampa, Florida, where he served as the First Sergeant for Headquarters Company, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command. In this leadership role, he continued to exemplify professionalism, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to the mission and his Marines.

In recent years, Timothy served as First Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, and later as Sergeant Major of Marine Air Support Squadron 1. Since 2022, he has served as Inspector-Instructor Sergeant Major for 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, continuing his tradition of exemplary leadership and dedication.

His distinguished service earned him numerous personal decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon, among other service and campaign awards. He is also authorized to wear the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.

After 30 years of faithful and honorable service, Timothy retired from the United States Marine Corps. His experience, professionalism, and devotion to country have left a lasting impact on the lives of countless Americans. His legacy is one of sacrifice, integrity, and duty, and we offer our deepest gratitude for his outstanding service to the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, let us express our sincerest appreciation to Timothy Babcock and for his

outstanding military service and congratulate him on his retirement. His excellent acts of valor have protected our country and our freedoms in this great Nation. His story is a testament to the American spirit of service, sacrifice, and resolve, and it is an honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE, FLORIDA

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centennial of the Town of Windermere, Florida.

Originally established as a residential development in 1889 and formally chartered in 1925, Windermere's history is both rich and unique. Its first post office opened in 1888, briefly closed in 1901, and reopened in 1911, signaling the resilience of a growing town. The Florida Midland Railroad once ran just west of Main Street, where a bustling station once stood. Today, a grassy expanse marks that historic path, serving as a quiet tribute to Windermere's early days.

Nestled on a scenic isthmus between Lake Butler, Lake Down, and Lake Bessie. Windermere is a tranquil gem "Among the Lakes" in the heart of Central Florida. With just over 3,000 residents within its two-square-mile boundary, it has maintained a distinct small-town charm defined by tree-lined street, historic architecture, and a vibrant, close-knit community. Just minutes from world-class attractions like Walt Disney World and downtown Orlando. Windermere remains a quiet sanctuary rooted in history and guided by a shared commitment to quality of life.

The town owes much to the visionaries who helped incorporate it 100 years ago, including Cal Palmer, J. Howard Johnson, Howard Lyon, and Stanley Scott. Their legacy lives on in Windermere's thoughtful planning and strong community values.

Over the past century, Windermere has grown while steadfastly preserving its natural beauty and heritage. Today, it offers an exceptional blend of peaceful living and refined elegance. Beloved local traditions, such as the weekly Friday Farmers Market and popular Food Truck Nights, bring neighbors together and highlight the town's enduring community spirit.

As part of its centennial celebration, the town has unveiled a special Centennial Lobby in the Town Administration Building, where residents and visitors alike can reflect on the milestones that have shaped Windermere over the past 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Town of Windermere on this historic occasion and to recognize its significant contributions to the fabric of Central Florida. Here's to the next 100 years of community, character, and continued excellence.