

and philanthropy. He has also served as a board member for the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, and Lee County Education Foundation, among others.

In his career, Mr. Oldham's company's involvement in a variety of projects, including critical infrastructure, commercial buildings, site development, and utility construction have been critical for the development of North Carolina.

Mr. Donnie Oldham embodies the mission of Sanford Contractors to deliver the highest quality projects that exceed expectations while ensuring the safety and professionalism of team members.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mr. Donnie Oldham on his induction to the Carolinas AGC Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING RAYMOND E. CARLSON AS THE 2025 UPPER PENINSULA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Raymond E. Carlson for being named the 2025 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. This well-deserved honor reflects his steadfast dedication to his fellow Servicemembers, the communities throughout the Upper Peninsula, and our Nation.

Mr. Carlson has long demonstrated exceptional leadership within the American Legion of Michigan, where his distinguished service has included terms as Post Commander, District Commander, Zone Commander, and as a member of the State Department Finance Committee. As president of the U.P. Convention Corporation, he successfully bid for and coordinated American Legion conventions for fourteen consecutive years. In this role, he also secured future convention dates in Sault Sainte Marie, ensuring the continued success of these important gatherings.

His commitment extends beyond organizational leadership. As Commander of Post 44, Mr. Carlson spearheaded a \$240,000 renovation project to improve the post's facilities. He remains a constant presence at post-sponsored events, from Bingo at the Marquette County Fair and the Jacobetti Veterans Home, to Boys State programs that promote youth development and civic engagement.

In addition to his service to veterans, Mr. Carlson has been a pillar of support for youth athletics in the Upper Peninsula. As a youth baseball coach, he led his team to multiple district championships and a coveted spot in the state tournament. During his twelve years as chairman of the district baseball committees, he oversaw and organized numerous successful district tournaments, enriching the lives of countless young athletes.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Raymond E. Carlson for receiving the prestigious honor of being named the 2025 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. I thank him for his enduring commitment to veterans, his community, and our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR ROBERT COLEMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Major Robert Coleman's exemplary and distinguished record of service to our country. Rob is an active-duty Military Police Officer in the United States Army, and he served as my Defense Fellow throughout last year.

A native of Monterey, California, Rob earned his degree in Psychology from Gonzaga University in 2009 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He also attended the Marine Corps University and George Washington University, where he earned master's degrees in military studies and legislative affairs, respectively. During his 16-year career in the Army, Rob served in key tactical and strategic positions. He has successfully completed the Basic Officer Leader's Course, Air Assault School, Marine Expeditionary Warfare School, and the Marine Command and Staff College. Upon commissioning, Rob became a military police platoon leader in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he was charged with training and coordinating with the Afghan National Police. He later deployed with the 101st Airborne Division to Afghanistan as an advisor to the National Directorate of Security. Following the deployment, Rob served for two years as a Company Commander in the 101st Airborne's 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

After his tenure as a company commander, Rob was stationed at the Pentagon as an Army Staff operations officer. He worked directly for the chief of the Integrated Personnel Pay System—Army (IPPS-A) program and later returned to the 101st Airborne to serve as its Chief of Operations and executive officer for battalion operations. For his outstanding service, Rob has earned two Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. While serving as my Defense Fellow, Rob also played a critical role in drafting my NDAA priorities for FY2025, which ensured the Army and Department of Defense could adapt and modernize at the speed of warfare. He also helped enact an important law to grant military recruiters the same physical access to high school campuses in the same manner as colleges and industries, which allowed our Nation's Armed Forces to adequately address its recruiting crisis. I would like to thank Rob for his continued selfless service and contributions to our country. I am excited to see what lays ahead for him in the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF LOUISE BISHOP

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 92nd birthday of Louise Bishop, a former longtime member of the Pennsylvania House of Rep-

resentatives with whom I had the distinction of serving for six years.

Born in Cairo, Georgia, Louise graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1953. She completed a communications and radio broadcasting degree at the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts, where she developed her talent to become the host of "The Louise Williams Show." This gospel radio show was a fixture in the homes of many Philadelphians, providing inspiring hymns that had an enduring impact on our city.

Following work in radio broadcasting and ministry in Philadelphia, Louise was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 192nd Legislative District in 1989 and was reelected to serve for thirteen more consecutive terms. During that time, she was a consistent advocate for her constituents and the City of Philadelphia, working tirelessly to bring positive change to our city and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Louise and join her family and friends in celebration as we lift her up as an accomplished legislator, a longtime Philadelphia leader, and a dear friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call votes No. 213 and No. 214 on July 21, 2025. Had I been present, my votes would have been: Nay on Roll Call No. 213, and Yea on Roll Call No. 214.

RECOGNIZING TEAM CNMI AT THE 2025 PACIFIC MINI GAMES

HON. KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable athletes of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau. Competing on a regional stage with more than 1,000 athletes from across Oceania, Team CNMI brought home 31 medals—10 gold, 8 silver, and 13 bronze—a proud achievement for a small but determined community.

These results speak to more than athletic talent; they reflect the resilience, discipline, and unbreakable spirit that define the people of the Marianas. Our athletes trained through distance, limited resources, and the everyday challenges of island life—and still excelled.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to the coaches, trainers, families, and volunteers who stood behind these competitors every step of the way. Their sacrifice, encouragement, and quiet hours of service are the foundation on which these victories were built.

Today we celebrate the medals, but we also celebrate the example these athletes set for every young person back home; dream big, work hard, and represent our islands with pride. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Team CNMI for lifting the Marianas

onto the international stage and inspiring us all.

CONGRATULATING SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK C. O'NEILL ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE BASIC SCHOOL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation:

Whereas, the United States Marine Corps upholds a proud tradition of honor, courage, and commitment, and remains one of the most respected fighting forces in the world; and

Whereas, The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia, provides newly commissioned Marine officers with the critical leadership skills, warfighting knowledge, and ethical foundation required to lead Marines in defense of our Nation; and

Whereas, Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill having earned his commission through Officer Candidates School, has distinguished himself through the successful completion of this rigorous and demanding course of instruction, demonstrating outstanding physical endurance, tactical proficiency, and unwavering dedication to the values of the Marine Corps; and

Whereas, he now prepares to continue his training at the esteemed Infantry Officer Course, further sharpening his combat leadership skills and preparing to take command of a Marine rifle platoon in service to our country; and

Whereas, his achievement marks not only a significant personal milestone but also a reaffirmation of his solemn oath to serve and protect the United States of America with honor and distinction;

Now, therefore be it proclaimed, that I, Congressman DONALD NORCROSS, Member of the United States House of Representatives, do hereby congratulate Second Lieutenant Jack C. O'Neill on his graduation from The Basic School and commend him for his exemplary service and commitment to the ideals of freedom, integrity, and duty;

Be it further proclaimed that his leadership and sacrifice stand as an inspiration to all Americans, and we express our gratitude and respect as he begins his journey as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

DIGITAL ASSET MARKET CLARITY ACT OF 2025

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, the intent of Congress in enacting the CLARITY Act is clear: to reestablish the United States as the global leader in digital asset markets by ensuring our regulatory framework is clear, forward-looking, and functional.

The exemptive authority granted to the SEC under Section 204(g) of the CLARITY Act provides a mechanism to address evolving technological and market realities.

The CLARITY Act recognizes that liquidity is an important feature of efficient markets and price discovery, as well as encouraging U.S. market activity. Congress intends for the SEC, through CLARITY, to have the tools necessary to support the provision of market liquidity, including, where appropriate, through exemptive relief that is consistent with protecting investors, maintaining fair orderly and efficient markets, facilitating capital formation, and fostering the development of mature blockchain systems.

A goal of the CLARITY Act is to foster U.S.-based markets and bring critical oversight back to our shores. If the United States is to outcompete overseas marketplaces, liquidity and market depth will be important components of our markets. A proactive and effective use of the authorities in CLARITY to encourage liquidity and market health will help to ensure adaptability to future trends and restore U.S. leadership in global digital asset markets.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL JODY MIKE SMITH

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Jody Mike Smith, the former Director of Human Resources for the Mississippi National Guard. Colonel Smith served as the primary staff advisor to the Adjutant General. He has also been recognized as a Bronze Star recipient, awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Smith was the Deputy Commander of the 66th Troop Command. Under his leadership, he led a team to respond to domestic emergencies within Mississippi and the Southeastern United States.

Colonel Smith also served as the Director of Military Support and State J3 for the Mississippi National Guard, coordinating the Guard's domestic response to natural disasters, civil disturbances, and pandemics. His military service began after commissioning through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Mississippi State University. He has held numerous command and staff positions across multiple unit levels, serving both in traditional and full-time National Guard status. He has been invaluable in his years of distinguished service.

During combat operations in Iraq from 2004 to 2006, Colonel Smith served with the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, where he coordinated the training and equipping of Iraqi Security Forces in the brigade's area of operations.

I thank Colonel Smith for his dedication to Mississippi and for his years of service. I wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL KYLE FRAZER

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Frazer's exemplary and distinguished record of service to our Nation. A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kyle was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 2008 through the University of Utah. He earned his master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in 2023.

Kyle was an honor graduate from the Army's Ranger School, Basic Officer Leader's Course, and Air Assault schools. After completing Airborne school and Master Jumpmaster school with distinction, Kyle spent most of his 17-year career at the tactical level specializing in combined arms maneuvers and large-scale combat operations. He deployed three times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. Kyle has served as a platoon leader and company commander, senior observer controller, Deputy Chief of Operations of Combined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve, battalion and brigade operations officer, and as a congressional staffer, where he was my National Security and Defense Fellow.

Kyle currently serves as a Legislative Liaison for the Army in the House of Representatives. Kyle has been the face of the Army for 435 members of the House of Representatives, with direct influence over 13 states covering 88 Members of Congress. Kyle built, promoted, and facilitated lines of communication between Congress and the Army that were instrumental in maintaining relationships between the executive and legislative branches. Through his ability to clearly define the Army's message and help navigate the needs of Congress to provide essential oversight requirements, Kyle has made a lasting impact on our Nation's ability to respond to global threats, modernize the Army, and maintain the Army's readiness at the highest level.

I want to thank Kyle for his dedication and steadfast commitment to our country. In August, he will be taking over the ROTC program at his alma mater, the University of Utah, where I know he will continue to lead with excellence and honor. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Kyle, his wife, Annie, and their two children, Eleanor and Theodore, for their sacrifices and contributions to the strength and security of our great Nation. I congratulate Kyle, and I wish him the very best.

RECOGNIZING GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS AND CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. ADAM GRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Golden Valley Health Centers as we celebrate National Health Center Week.