

in the Constitution. Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 proclaims that Congress, not the President, determines how the taxpayers' dollars are spent. I urge my colleagues to reject this rule, which would automatically adopt the rescissions package pursuant to the June 3, 2025, special message.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JOSÉ RONALDO JARABO

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of José Ronaldo Jarabo, known to many of us as Rony, whom we said goodbye to on June 29, 2025. He was a son of Puerto Rico, a brilliant speaker, a sharp parliamentarian, and a courageous defender of Puerto Rican democracy.

Rony began his activism during difficult times—the four-year period from 1969 to 1972. The Popular Democratic Party (PPD) had just lost the elections for the first time, and Rony was one of many young people who stepped up to renew the institution. At 25, he was one of the young people who organized the march on July 25, 1969, under the slogan “growth without assimilation.” The march took place against all odds. Muñoz Marín opposed it; Rafael Hernández Colón supported it. And the young people, with Rony among them, prevailed with dignity.

From then on, he stood out as one of the brightest young talents in the Popular Party. He finished second in a youth public speaking contest in 1970—something my grandfather never failed to remind him of, jokingly. He lost to Papo Vázquez, and as Hernández Colón wrote, Rony claimed, half seriously and half-jokingly, that he lost because Papo brought a claque that applauded him louder. I saw them laugh about it years later at a Popular Youth event.

In 1972, Rony successfully ran for representative by accumulation, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He won the support of his caucus to preside over the House on three occasions, although he did not prevail the first time, and he is the only one since Ernesto Ramos Antonini to have presided over the body for two consecutive terms.

My grandfather said that Rony had a gift for words like few others, and that he had what it takes to be governor. And although he did not hold that position, he did hold a permanent place in the history of our country.

I met Rony in the halls of the Capitol when I was just 13 years old. Despite my age, he never treated me like a child. He spoke to me as adults speak to each other, with respect, affection, and purpose. I remember him at every public event, with his lively greeting and that fiery rhetoric that came from his soul.

I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends, as well as my brotherly embrace. May Rony's legacy not only be a memory in the halls of the Capitol, but a force that inspires us to be better speakers, better thinkers, better public servants.

Rest in peace, Rony.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my constituents, I include in the RECORD my remarks in Spanish.

El 29 de junio, despedimos a un hijo de Puerto Rico, a un orador brillante, a un parlamentario agudo, a un defensor valiente de la democracia puertorriqueña: José Ronaldo Jarabo, o como muchos lo conocimos, Rony.

Rony empezó su activismo en tiempos difíciles—el cuatrienio de 1969 a 1972. El Partido Popular Democrático (PPD) acababa de perder por primera vez las elecciones, y Rony fue de los muchos jóvenes que se abrieron paso para renovar la institución. A sus 25 años, fue uno de los jóvenes que organizaron la marcha del 25 de julio de 1969, bajo la consigna de “crecimiento sin asimilación”. Marcha que se celebró contra viento y marea. Muñoz Marín se oponía; Rafael Hernández Colón la respaldaba. Y los jóvenes, con Rony entre ellos, se impusieron con dignidad.

Desde entonces, se destacó como uno de los talentos jóvenes más brillantes del Partido Popular. Llegó segundo en un concurso de oratoria juvenil en 1970—algo que mi abuelo nunca dejó de recordarle en tono de broma. Perdió ante Papo Vázquez, y como dejó escrito Hernández Colón, Rony alegaba, medio en serio y medio en chiste, que perdió porque Papo llevó una claque que lo aplaudía más duro. Los vi reírse de eso, años después, en una actividad de la Juventud Popular.

En 1972, Rony aspiró con éxito a representante por acumulación, posición que ocupó hasta retirarse en 1992. Obtuvo el respaldo de su caucus para presidir la Cámara en tres ocasiones, aunque en la primera no prevaleció y es el único, desde Ernesto Ramos Antonini, que ha presidido el cuerpo por dos términos consecutivos.

Mi abuelo decía que Rony tenía el don de la palabra como pocos, y que tenía madera de gobernador. Y aunque no ocupó ese cargo, lo que sí ocupó fue un lugar permanente en la historia de nuestro país.

Yo conocí a Rony en los pasillos del Capitolio, cuando tenía apenas 13 años. A pesar de mi edad, nunca me trató como a un nene. Me hablaba como se habla entre adultos: con respeto, con afecto, y con propósito. Lo recuerdo en cada actividad popular, con su saludo animado y ese verbo encendido que le salía del alma.

A su familia, les ofrezco mi más sentido pésame. A sus amigos, mi abrazo fraterno. Que el legado de Rony no sea sólo un recuerdo en los pasillos del Capitolio, sino una fuerza que nos inspire a ser mejores oradores, mejores pensadores, mejores personas de estado.

Descansa en paz, Rony.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was not present to vote on Roll Call No. 207. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 207. I support the Israeli Cooperative Programs as they are essential for Israel to defend itself and protect U.S. interests.

RECOGNIZING THE IGBO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA, DALLAS-FORT WORTH

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great joy and honor to recognize the Igbo Community Association of Nigeria (ICAN) DFW and its annual Igbo Day Celebration.

For over 25 years, ICAN DFW has played a pivotal role in preserving the rich customs, language, values, and traditions of the Igbo people, while also fostering cross-cultural understanding throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The annual Igbo Day Celebration is much more than a cultural gathering—it is a powerful celebration of identity.

ICAN DFW has been instrumental in building bridges across communities, empowering families, and supporting generations of Igbo descendants as they navigate life in the diaspora. From cultural education and youth mentorship to advocacy and charitable outreach, ICAN DFW has consistently demonstrated what it means to lead with purpose and pride.

The Igbo Day Celebration stands as a vibrant reminder of the strength and beauty of the Igbo spirit. It is a time to reflect on the Igbo heritage, honor ancestors, and inspire future generations to carry the legacy forward.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Igbo Community Association of Nigeria DFW's continued dedication to cultural enrichment, community service, and social impact. Their efforts have not only strengthened the Igbo community but have enriched the broader Dallas-Fort Worth landscape. I congratulate them once again on this remarkable occasion and wish them continued success, growth, and many more milestones in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT PAT TERRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick “Pat” Terrell of Burr Ridge, Illinois, and present him with the Congressional Patriot Award. Pat has dedicated himself to faithfully serving our community and country.

After receiving over forty Division I scholarship offers, Pat ultimately decided to play football at the University of Notre Dame as a member of the Fighting Irish's 1988 National Championship team. He graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in international marketing. During the 1990 NFL Draft, Pat was drafted in the second round by the Los Angeles Rams and part of the 1990 All-Rookie Team. He also played with the New York Jets, Carolina Panthers, and Green Bay Packers from 1994 to 1998. After retiring from football in 1999, Pat flew corporate jets for United Airlines and Delta Air Lines before becoming a Captain at

American Trans Air, now ATA Airlines. Moreover, he founded Terrell Materials, a very successful company that specializes in high-volume concrete manufacturing for runways and taxiways at major airports.

Understanding the power of influence, Pat served as a role model and leader. He advocated for many of his teammates during pivotal moments in their lives and has been involved in many community advancement initiatives. Alongside his wife Beth, Pat founded Team Terrell to help promote and fundraise for the American Diabetes Association. He also served as a regional spokesman for United Way and was honored as an NFL Player representative for the United Negro College Fund. During his time as a pilot, Pat volunteered to transport hundreds of American and allied troops through the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom. On top of that, Pat and Beth have poured countless hours into volunteering with local schools, educational programs, and park district programs.

It is an honor to bestow Pat with the Patriot Award for his exceptional service to our Nation. I thank him for all he has done.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES  
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a House resolution along with my colleague, Representative LIZZIE FLETCHER (TX-08), to reaffirm the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, including the separation of powers, checks and balances, the independence of the judiciary, and the power of Congress to control spending, declare war, and conduct oversight. This resolution also reaffirms the key individual protections enshrined in the Constitution, including due process and equal protection under the law.

This resolution comes six months into President Donald Trump's second term, a period which has been marked by escalating erosions of constitutional norms and executive overreach by his administration.

Article I of the Constitution grants Congress broad powers, including the power to declare war, regulate commerce, raise revenue, appropriate funds and conduct oversight. For decades, Congress has gradually ceded more of these Constitutional responsibilities to the executive branch. As our country's founders warned, this has created a dangerous situation ripe for Presidential abuse. It is essential that Congress reclaim its legitimate authority as the first branch of government.

My resolution declares that appropriations made by Congress are law, not mere suggestions. It quotes James Madison, who said "this power over the purse may, in fact, be regarded as the most complete and effectual weapon with which any constitution can arm the immediate representatives of the people." I urge my colleagues to hear this message today.

This resolution is endorsed by more than a dozen public interest and legal advocacy orga-

nizations, who stand united in reasserting the essential roles of the legislative and judicial branches and in declaring unequivocally that no individual—especially the President—is above the law.

This resolution affirms what should be non-partisan truths: that the separation of powers is vital for a functioning republic, that Congress controls the public purse, and that the rule of law and the protection it affords are for everyone. In the face of escalating threats to our constitutional order, Congress must not remain silent. This resolution is a declaration of principle and a call to action.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to cosponsor this important resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT  
"BOBBY" EDWARD PIETRANGELO

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a courageous advocate, passionate man of faith and service, and devoted son, partner, and friend—Robert (Bobby) Edward Pietrangelo. We honor Bobby following his passing on January 3, 2025.

Born on December 14, 2001, in Abington, Pennsylvania, Bobby entered the world showcasing true strength and resilience. He spent the first five and a half weeks of his life in the neonatal unit, but he quickly grew to be the smart, funny, and compassionate person his family and friends cherished.

Bobby attended Upper Moreland schools and Penridge High School, where he excelled in the honors and gifted programs, even taking college courses at Bucks County Community College while still in high school. His talents also shone through his musical ability. By playing the trombone and trumpet, competing in jazz competitions, and singing every song he knew. Bobby expressed his passion and creativity with infectious enthusiasm.

Beyond the classroom and his love for music, Bobby grew up serving his community. After years of dedication with Boy Scout Troop 354, he became an Eagle Scout—just one example of his passion for leadership and service. He also volunteered as a firefighter for the Silverdale and Perseverance Fire Company in Souderton, Pennsylvania.

Bobby continued his devoted service into his young adulthood. In April 2022, Bobby traveled to Ukraine to support humanitarian relief efforts. On this noble mission, he initially assisted in rescuing and recovering the injured and deceased from bombed civilian areas, including a maternity ward. Working with the Believe Family Foundation, he became a combat life-saver trainer to provide aid and deliver medical supplies to the front lines.

In June 2024, Bobby courageously enlisted in the Ukrainian military—standing shoulder to shoulder with brave Ukrainian men and women to defend Ukraine. He was deployed to the front multiple times, even surviving a drone attack in October 2024, which left him with a severe concussion and brain injury. Despite this, Bobby returned to the fight as soon as he was medically able—once again showcasing his true determination and spirit.

In an effort to defend Pokrovsk from Russian invasion, Bobby gave his life to protecting the people of Ukraine. A true hero, he was a man who transformed his values into action—exhibiting resilience and valor in every chapter of his journey.

It is with profound respect that I honor Bobby's memory. I send my heartfelt condolences to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

REMEMBERING CARROL EUGENE  
FRANKLIN

**HON. AARON BEAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart, but a grateful spirit, to honor the life of my friend, Commissioner Carrol Eugene Franklin, who passed away peacefully in Hilliard, Florida, at the young age of 76. Born in Booneville, Mississippi, Carrol lived a life shaped by hard work, deep faith, and a quiet but profound dedication to others.

He was a proud combat veteran who served in the U.S. Army's 9th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. That same courage and resolve stayed with him throughout his life, whether it was in service to his country, in business, or in leadership with the Nassau County Ocean Highway & Port Authority.

Carrol was a man who showed up—not just when it was easy, but when it was needed. He believed in faith, integrity, and perseverance. He loved his family dearly. And for 42 years, he stood side by side with his beloved wife, Judy, raising their sons, Garrett and Greg, and cherishing their granddaughter, Diana Del.

To his church family at First Baptist of Boulougne, his brothers and sister, and his many friends, nieces, nephews, and neighbors who knew him—Carrol was the kind of man whose legacy is etched not in headlines, but in the lives he lifted.

Mr. Speaker, we say goodbye to a veteran, a man of character, a family man, and my friend. It hurts, because that's the impact that Carrol has had on so many. May his memory continue to inspire us all to serve with heart, live with purpose, and love without hesitation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RASHIDA TLAI**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during votes on Monday, July 21, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call 213, and YEA on Roll Call No. 214.

HONORING CORPORAL DENNIS C.  
ZAVADA

**HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Dennis C. Zavada USMC