

whose dedication to his country embodies the best of the American spirit.

Sgt. Peney demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness, running toward danger to care for our wounded under enemy fire. His sacrifice is a reminder that freedom is secured by the brave men and women willing to lay down their lives for their comrades and country. For more than fifteen years, his name has lived on in the memorial bracelets I wear on my wrist every day, and I'm proud to say that his name will now live on as the Airborne Ranger Training Brigade rededicates the "Peney First Aid Station" at Fort Benning, Georgia. It's a renewal of our promise to never forget someone who gave his all in defense of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and heroism of Sergeant Jonathan K. "Doc" Peney and in offering our deepest gratitude to his family, whose sacrifice we can never repay.

CONGRATULATING R2P
INNOVATIONS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize R2P Innovations for being ranked number five on the 2025 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America.

Those on this annual list are ranked according to their percentage revenue growth over three years from 2021 to 2024, a further testament to R2P Innovations for their unique and much-desired product.

The Ladson, South Carolina-based company is the 'leading developer and manufacturer of the world's most advanced bulletproof doors, specifically designed to blend seamlessly into office and school settings.'

Notably, R2P Innovations is currently manufacturing and installing secure door systems in the U.S. Capitol Building historic Rotunda. The beautifully crafted doors of simulated mahogany add to an already magnificent center of tribute to American democracy.

Led by R2P Innovations Founder and CEO, Tony Deering, and joined by South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, just last week I received an informative tour of the company where I was able to witness its state-of-the-art technology.

I appreciate Tony Deering and the R2P Innovations team for their dedicated work in protecting lives and offer the company my best wishes for success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NESHAMINY SCHOOL
DISTRICT CORE CREEK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BRIAN
KERN FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible individual from my district. Brian Kern of Bucks County, Pennsyl-

vania has served the Neshaminy School District for the past 32 years. On July 1, Principal Kern retired from his career in public education, closing a chapter marked by educational leadership, unwavering support for students, and dedicated service to his community.

In August 1993, Principal Kern began his career in education as a Music Teacher at Maple Point Middle School. Six years later, he rose to the challenge of administrative leadership, serving as Assistant Principal at Neshaminy High School and later at Neshaminy Middle School. In 2004, he became Principal of Oliver Heckman Elementary School, a role he held for 11 years. In 2015, he took on the position of Principal at Pearl S. Buck Elementary School—which recently transitioned to Core Creek Elementary School—where he has served for the past decade.

Principal Kern's service extends well beyond his three decades of educational leadership within the Neshaminy community. From 2011 to 2013, he served as President of Friends of Steinert Jazz, a group dedicated to supporting the Steinert High School Jazz Band Program. In this role, he helped organize events and fundraisers for these students. Between 2014 and 2017, he volunteered with the music program at Princeton High School. Additionally, for the past decade, he has volunteered as a docent for Cranbury Historic Home Tours. Throughout his entire professional journey, Principal Kern has seamlessly combined his passion for music, arts, and culture with his work in educational administration.

Beyond his professional achievements, Principal Kern is a devoted husband and father. His wife, Diane, is a full-time realtor, and the couple celebrated their 35th anniversary in July before traveling to Europe together this fall. Together, they have raised two sons and a daughter, all of whom have excelled in their respective fields: nursing, aerospace engineering, and special education.

Principal Brian Kern is truly a remarkable figure in our district. We commend him on his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to public education in Neshaminy. He soon will be working at Darianna Bridal and Tuxedo in Warrington as manager of the tuxedo department, focusing on business development and community connections. Congratulations again to Principal Kern.

HONORING OFFICER LARRY
BLACKSMITH

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Officer Larry Blacksmith of the Lakeview Police Department. On July 15, 2025, while on his way to protect and serve the people of Lakeview, Officer Blacksmith was called home to be with our Lord.

Officer Blacksmith lived a life defined by duty, service, and sacrifice. A proud veteran of our United States military, he later retired as a deputy with the Harris County Sheriffs Office. But even in retirement, his calling to serve never faded. He answered that call once

more by joining the Lakeview Police Department, continuing his mission to protect his fellow citizens.

But he was more than his uniform and badge. He served with heart. He mentored others with patience and purpose, encouraging young men and women to walk the noble path of public service. He had a calm, steady hand and a clear voice, always leading with grace, even in the toughest of circumstances.

Over the course of his remarkable 45-year career in law enforcement, Officer Blacksmith treated everyone he encountered with dignity, compassion, and respect. He stood firm in his convictions and lived out the values represented by the badge, integrity, courage, and honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Chamber join me in lifting up Officer Blacksmith's family and the entire Lakeview law enforcement community in prayer. We mourn this tremendous loss, and we thank God for the life of this good and faithful servant. May his legacy inspire others to serve with the same dedication and heart.

HONORING MARGAUX SAUVAGE

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Margaux Sauvage, for her work as an intern serving in my D.C. office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and recognize the meaningful contributions she has made to the office this summer.

Margaux is from San Diego, California and attends Georgetown University. Margaux is entering her second year at Georgetown where she plans to study Global Business and National Security.

Interns work with staff to serve constituents in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Margaux was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants and exceeded every expectation with her positive attitude and impressive work ethic. It was a pleasure to work with Margaux, and I am so proud to have had such an intelligent and ambitious intern representing my office.

Margaux exemplified the spirit of public service and represents the best that our Nation has to offer. I congratulate Margaux on the successful completion of her internship and thank her on behalf of the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING ENCHANTED HILLS
CAMP FOR THE BLIND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind as it celebrates 75 years of service to our community. For generations, this organization has provided blind, low vision, and deafblind individuals with opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in a supportive environment designed specifically for their needs.

Founded in 1950 by Rose Resnick, who was blind herself, and Nina Brandt, Enchanted Hills Camp was established to fill a critical gap. At that time, no recreational facility on the West Coast offered blind children a place to explore, build confidence, and experience the joys of summer camp. Located on 311 acres of Mt. Veeder, the camp became the first of its kind in our region, with a central focus on celebrating individuals' abilities rather than their limitations.

For 75 years, Enchanted Hills has welcomed children, teens, adults, seniors, and families from across California and beyond. It operates year-round, hosting its flagship Changing Vision, Changing Life blindness skills immersion training alongside traditional summer programs. Additional offerings include music academies, woodworking and chemistry camps, horse camps, and family sessions, all designed for blind and visually impaired individuals. The camp also serves deafblind individuals and those with multiple disabilities, ensuring inclusive programming for all.

What makes Enchanted Hills remarkable is its emphasis on fostering confidence and independence. Campers participate in activities such as swimming, archery, drama, horseback riding, and adaptive sports, guided by staff and counselors who are blind or have low vision themselves. These role models provide mentorship and encouragement, helping campers develop self-advocacy and independence.

Enchanted Hills Camp's impact extends beyond its campers. The facility regularly hosts corporate retreats, nonprofit gatherings, and community organizations. It also serves as a fire-resilience hub supporting Napa Valley businesses and residents. The camp maintains active partnerships with the Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa Rotary Club, and American Camp Association.

Mr. Speaker, Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind has spent 75 years opening doors, building confidence, and changing lives. Its continued service to the blind and visually impaired community, as well as its support for our broader Napa region, makes it a cherished institution. It is fitting and proper that we honor them today for their extraordinary contributions to our district.

RECOGNIZING BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT WILLIAM MOFFETT'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exceptional individual from my district, Lieutenant William Moffett of the Buckingham Township Police Department. Today, I proudly commend him on his well-earned retirement, following decades of committed service to the people of Bucks County.

Lieutenant Moffett's distinguished career in public service began in 1981, when he served as an EMT with the Bucks County Rescue Squad and Bensalem Rescue Squad. Two years later, he joined the Bucks County Department of Communications as a Police, Fire,

and EMS dispatcher, demonstrating his deep commitment to public safety.

In 1987, Lieutenant Moffett transitioned to a career in law enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff with the Bucks County's Sheriff's Department. Then, in 1990, he joined the Buckingham Township Police Department, where he would serve for the next 35 years.

He began his service as an Officer and quickly distinguished himself through exceptional dedication and leadership. Throughout his tenure, he earned multiple promotions, rising through the ranks of Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, and ultimately Lieutenant. In each role, Lieutenant Moffett brought integrity and professionalism.

Notably, Lieutenant Moffett played a major role in implementing a new record management system, obtaining body-worn and in-car dash cameras, and acquiring taser devices for the department. His efforts helped to modernize the force and enhance public safety.

Beyond these contributions, he has shared his vast experiences and leadership abilities with generations of the department's officers. Above all, Lieutenant Moffett's pride in serving the residents of Bucks County was always evident—so much so that this legacy continues, with all three of his sons now serving as police officers in communities across the county.

After a long and honorable career in law enforcement, Lieutenant Moffett looks forward to a well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant William Moffett on his retirement and thank him for 44 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Bucks County. His leadership and dedication will leave a lasting mark on the community he so faithfully served.

RECOGNIZING PLACE OF HOPE

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Place of Hope on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of serving children and families in crisis across Florida's 21st Congressional District.

Founded on faith, Place of Hope has dedicated its mission to breaking cycles of abuse, poverty, and homelessness. With five campuses across Palm Beach and Martin Counties, they provide critical services like neighborhood foster care, maternity care, independent living programs, human trafficking prevention, and family outreach.

Over the past 25 years, Place of Hope has served more than 150,000 children, youth, and families—offering safe homes, educational opportunities, and pathways to independence. Their programs keep siblings together, provide refuge for trafficking survivors, and distribute more than two million pounds of food to families in crisis.

I commend the Founding CEO, Charles L. Bender, III, the dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who have all made this milestone possible. Their work exemplifies the power of faith and service in changing lives. May they have an even greater impact on our communities' families in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Place of Hope for 25 years of service and lifesaving impact.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY FIRST HEALTH CENTERS ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Community First Health Centers, a truly remarkable organization that has spent the last 50 years delivering accessible, high-quality, patient-centered health care, driven by a team of respectful and compassionate health professionals.

Since opening its doors in 1975, Community First Health Centers has placed patients at the heart of its mission. For over five decades, it has not only provided vital medical services but also built strong connections to community support systems and resources.

Serving over 10,000 Michigan residents, the organization provides quality medical, behavioral, and educational health services. Community First Health Centers is also a leader in key neighborhood programs, including Homeless Health Care, Primary Health Care, and Transportation Services. Each one of these programs serves as a testament to their unwavering commitment to community well-being.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Community First Health Centers staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring accessible, high-quality healthcare to communities across Michigan's Ninth Congressional District. The staff, volunteers, and leadership of Community First Health Centers should be immensely proud of this milestone and the impact they have made over the past five decades.

HONORING ROWLAND FREEDOM CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 15, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rowland Freedom Center as it opens its new exhibit commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. This exhibit honors generations of marines who have served our Nation with distinction and upholds the Center's mission to preserve military history and inspire civic understanding.

Founded in 2017, the Rowland Freedom Center is a nonprofit museum dedicated to honoring those who have defended our Nation and to educating future generations about the value of freedom and patriotism. Originally known as the Center for Freedom and Flight, the museum was renamed in 2020 to recognize co-chair Herman G. Rowland, Chairman of the Jelly Belly Candy Company, whose leadership helped shape the institution's mission. Through its rotating exhibits and aviation-focused displays, the Center serves as an important community resource for veterans, families, and students alike.

The United States Marine Corps' 250th Anniversary Exhibit is the Center's most recent