

effort to connect the public with our Nation's military legacy. Curated in partnership with the Solano County Marine Corps League Detachment 1486, the exhibit features artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia that span the history of the Marine Corps from its founding in 1775 to its modern-day role in defending American values. Among the highlights are original marine uniforms, a nine-foot 48-star American flag, and artifacts from World Wars I and II, including sand collected from the beaches of Normandy and Iwo Jima.

As a Vietnam veteran and proud supporter of our armed forces, I am especially moved by this tribute. This exhibit honors not only the institution of the Marine Corps, but also the countless men and women, past and present, who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor with distinction and proudly served their country on air, land, and sea. I commend the staff and volunteers at the Rowland Freedom Center for their dedication in making this exhibit possible. Their work ensures that our citizens understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by our brave marines to defend our freedoms and way of life.

Mr. Speaker, the Rowland Freedom Center's United States Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Exhibit preserves the stories and honors the sacrifices of our servicemen and women in defending the freedoms we, as Americans, have enjoyed for over two centuries. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor this important exhibit today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEPHEN WALLIN

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 15, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a passionate community educator, devoted public servant, and deeply committed family man—Mr. Stephen Wallin.

With sorrow, we honor Stephen following his passing on June 14, 2025.

Stephen was born on January 8, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to his loving parents Alexander Wallin and Dorothy Juraky Wallin. He was a lifelong resident of Upper Southampton Township and a proud graduate of William Tennent High School. He furthered his education at Cambridge International University, earning a Bachelor of Science with distinction in Education Administration.

As the President and CEO of the Bucks County School of Beauty Culture in Feasterville, Pennsylvania, Stephen provided elite beauty education to his community for nearly five decades. By preparing students for careers as hairdressers, estheticians, nail technicians, and electrologists, he championed a holistic approach to beauty culture—one that emphasized its artistic and scientific qualities. Under his leadership, the school recruited high-quality faculty who, in turn, produced high-achieving graduates.

Beyond his role as an educator, Stephen dedicated himself to public service through a variety of political and civic roles. In Upper Southampton Township, he contributed as an Auditor, a member of the Municipal Authority,

and a member of the Board of Supervisors. His commitment extended further, with roles on the Pennsylvania State Cosmetology Board, the Board of the Pennsylvania Private School Administrators, the Upper Southampton Republican Club, and as President of the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. In each of these positions, Stephen exemplified a deep and unwavering commitment to his community—always striving to support the people around him.

Above all, Stephen was a devoted family man. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Gayle R. Kennedy Wallin; his son, Scott Wallin; his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Matthew Neamand; and his son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Megan Wallin. He was also a beloved brother, grandfather, and uncle.

Stephen found joy in various endeavors—especially fishing and sharing his knowledge of firearms at the gun range. These were not just hobbies, but opportunities for connection and teaching.

Mr. Stephen Wallin was a remarkable member of my district, and it is with deep respect that I honor his memory today. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

CONGRATULATING TERRY NELSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM FTIUM

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 15, 2025*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Terry Nelson on his retirement as Co-Chair of the Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest (FTIUM), following over four decades of leadership and advocacy in the labor industry.

After graduating from Minnesota's own Hennepin Vocational Technical Education Center, Nelson began his career with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) in 1982.

In 1992, Nelson began the first of numerous leadership roles, when he was elected as a trustee for the Minneapolis Painters Health and Welfare Fund and the Minneapolis Painters Pension Fund. He served in several roles within IUPAT including as President of Local Union 386 and Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for District Council 82. In this role, he helped the Council remain solvent during the Great Recession, led negotiations for stronger contracts and worked with a developer to create a software program to streamline the reporting process for prevailing wage concerns. He went on to continue serving his union as a Chairman of the General President's Advisory Committee and Special Assistant to the General President. Nelson also helped mobilize members to advocate for union priorities and has been a strong partner for my office in advocating for organized labor.

Since 2007, Terry has served as the co-chair of the Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest (FTIUM), helping FTIUM gain accreditation in 2018. He has long advocated for expanding educational pathways for trade students and I had the pleasure of working with him on my bipartisan Supporting Apprenticeship Colleges Act.

Nelson leaves a tremendous legacy as a public servant—in fact, Governor Walz even declared August 11, 2025 "Terry L Nelson Day" in Minnesota. I am grateful for his leadership and dedication to ensuring workers receive the pay and benefits they deserve. It has been an honor working with Terry over the years and I look forward to a continued friendship with him.

TRIBUTE TO CHERIE EULAU—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 15, 2025*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the privilege of honoring women on the Central Coast who have made a meaningful impact in our community through the Women of the Year Award. This year, it is my pleasure to recognize Cherie Eulau of Ventura, California, for her outstanding contributions to education, civic engagement, and global service.

Cherie retired in 2024 after 27 years of dedicated teaching in the Ventura Unified School District, where she served at both Foothill Technology High School and Buena High School. Throughout her career, she was a passionate educator, mentor, and advocate for equity and social justice in education. In response to a concerning incident that highlighted the need for greater cultural awareness and inclusion in local schools, Ventura Unified launched an Ethnic Studies program to foster understanding and representation. Cherie played a leading role in this important initiative at Foothill Tech, developing and teaching the school's first ethnic studies course. Her leadership created a welcoming environment where students could explore diverse histories, engage in meaningful dialogue, and build a more inclusive school community.

Cherie also made it a priority to connect students with opportunities for real-world impact, building partnerships with community organizations such as the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE). Through these collaborations, her students gained hands-on experience in civic engagement and learned how to make meaningful contributions to their community.

Beyond her work locally, Cherie extended her commitment to education globally. She volunteered in Sierra Leone, teaching journalism educators in a rural village to improve their English skills and enhance their understanding of ethical journalism practices. Inspired by the experience, Cherie and her colleagues—supported by the Foothill Tech community—fundraised over \$50,000 and built a school for the village in 2011, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.

It is with great pride that I honor Cherie Eulau as a 2025 Woman of the Year for her enduring contributions to education, her advocacy for equity, and her global impact. Her work has inspired students, empowered communities, and demonstrated the power of education as a force for positive change.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY FIRE CHIEF BILL MCQUAID

**HON. DEREK TRAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 15, 2025*

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved husband, devoted father, local leader, and selfless public servant, Fountain Valley Fire Department Chief Bill McQuaid. Chief McQuaid, a fixture in the Fountain Valley community, passed away much too soon on July 25, 2025, at the age of 57.

A native of Fountain Valley, California, Chief McQuaid was a proud graduate of Fountain Valley High School and entered the workforce with a dream of joining the fire service. In 1996, his dream was realized when he joined the Fountain Valley Fire Department, where he stayed for nearly 30 years. Chief McQuaid held numerous positions over the course of his career, including firefighter/paramedic, fire engineer, fire captain, battalion chief, and division chief of operations, before ultimately being named chief in January 2023.

Throughout his life, Chief McQuaid served the city of Fountain Valley with unwavering integrity and commitment. He often spoke about how his role as chief was not just his job, but his calling to serve the people of his hometown. In addition to the incalculable support Chief McQuaid lent to his native city, he also faithfully served the state of California. Over the years before becoming chief, McQuaid led multiple teams of firefighters as a strike team leader to battle some of the largest wildfires in the state's history, including the Thomas fire in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, and the Dixie fire in Northern California.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Chief McQuaid several times during my tenure in Congress, and I got to see firsthand the level of respect and compassion his city had for him. Chief McQuaid's loss has been felt deeply across our Fountain Valley community, and the impact he has made on both his department and his hometown will never be forgotten.

Chief McQuaid is survived by his wife, Tracy, and their daughters, Ally and Julie. I have requested that the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Chief McQuaid's life and contributions to his community. Chief McQuaid will be dearly missed by his friends and family, and his legacy will continue in the minds of everyone who has met him.

RECOGNIZING MR. FRANK C. PARKER, IV, QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF BANDS, FOR 27 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 a remarkable individual from my district, Mr. Frank C. Parker, IV. For nearly three decades, Mr. Parker has nurtured and

inspired the musical abilities of students in the Quakertown Community School District.

Mr. Parker attended Moravian College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in musical performance and studied wind conducting, choral conducting, and saxophone under renowned academics and musicians. During his time there, he co-founded both the Moravian College Jazz Quartet and the Moravian College Dixieland Band. His exceptional talent earned him the lead alto saxophone positions with the Moravian College and Muhlenberg College Big Bands, and he also served as Principal Alto Saxophone for the Moravian College Wind Ensemble.

His pursuit of excellence in music continued through his master's education at Wilkes University and additional graduate coursework at Villanova University, University of Miami, University of Arts, and West Chester University.

Mr. Parker dedicated 27 years to sharing his musical expertise and passion with QCSD students. From 1998 to 2004, he directed the award-winning Milford Middle School band, even earning them a performance at the 2003 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. During his six-year tenure, the Milford Jazz Band received nothing less than a superior rating at 26 consecutive jazz festivals—an extraordinary feat.

For the past 21 years, Mr. Parker has served as the Director of Bands at Quakertown High School, where he led the Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, and numerous other small ensembles. Under his direction, these ensembles were invited to perform at the PMEA Conference, the NAFME National Conference, and the NAFME Eastern Division Conference an impressive fourteen times.

Additionally, Mr. Parker directed Quakertown High School's award-winning marching band, which has won both national and state-level competitions under his leadership.

At this year's PMEA Conference, Mr. Parker was honored as the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding PA Bandmaster. Over the years, many of his students have been selected to participate in PMEA district, region, and state band festivals.

Outside of his work at QCSD, Mr. Parker has taught saxophone lessons for the past 38 years. He is an active clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor, having led bands across Pennsylvania and Vermont. He is a dedicated member of PMEA, NAFME, QCEA, PSEA, NEA, and Phi Beta Mu.

As a performer, Mr. Parker has experience as a saxophonist with wind bands, big bands, and variety bands in the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia areas, and has performed internationally in Great Britain and the British Virgin islands.

In retirement, Mr. Parker looks forward to guest conducting, running clinics and teaching lessons online, as well as continuing to play his saxophone. He is the proud father of one daughter.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Parker for his 27 years of service to the Quakertown community, and I am honored to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. His efforts have made an everlasting impact on generations of students, enriching their lives through music education and inspiring a deep appreciation for the arts.

HONORING CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL

**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 California Waterfowl as it celebrates 80 years of dedicated conservation service. This organization's decades long work protecting California's waterfowl and wetland resources has made it the largest state-based waterfowl group in the United States and a vital force for environmental stewardship in our state and district.

California Waterfowl was founded in 1945 as the Duck Hunters Association of California by hunters concerned about the rapid loss of wetlands. At the time, California had already lost 90 percent of its original wetlands, and few resources were dedicated to reversing this trend. In 1985, the organization partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct studies that revealed most mallards harvested by hunters in the state were hatched locally, a finding that underscored the importance of in-State habitat to the health of the entire Pacific Flyway.

Today, California Waterfowl includes more than 20,000 members united by a shared vision of a California abundant in waterfowl, vibrant wetlands, and thriving hunting communities. Over the past four decades, the organization has invested \$280 million in conservation efforts and completed more than 1,500 projects to protect, restore, and enhance nearly 730,000 acres of waterfowl habitat statewide. More than half of these projects occurred on public lands, including significant work in the Suisun Marsh and California Delta. Recognizing the importance of agriculture to conservation, California Waterfowl has also partnered with landowners through programs such as the Delayed Wheat Harvest Incentive, Rice Levee and Agricultural Corridors Program, and Fallow Agriculture Program to support nesting waterfowl and pollinators while maintaining productive farmland.

The organization's research and education efforts have contributed significantly to wildlife science and public awareness. Its Wood Duck Program has successfully hatched more than one million ducklings and distributed over 165,000 wood duck boxes. More than 180,000 students have participated in their conservation education programs. In 2009, the Hunt Program was launched to improve land access for hunters, now serving nearly 2,000 participants annually. The Veteran Hunt Program has supported over 5,000 service members, while broader outreach efforts have introduced more than 28,000 Californians to hunting and outdoor stewardship.

Mr. Speaker, California Waterfowl's 80 years of conservation leadership have helped restore and protect hundreds of thousands of acres of critical habitat while educating generations of Californians about the importance of wetland conservation. Their work continues to benefit our state and district's wildlife, agriculture, and outdoor recreation opportunities. It is fitting and proper that we honor them today for their outstanding service to our region's natural resources and conservation heritage.