

Laureles County Park. Meanwhile the Brownsville Fire Department stood alongside residents to safeguard their health and safety. Together, these coordinated actions reflect the best of who we are in South Texas—neighbors helping neighbors, united through compassion and service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of South Texas, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to the Brownsville Engineering and Public Works Department, along with all the city staff who answered the call to serve. Their dedication and solidarity in times of hardship embody the very spirit of community that makes the Rio Grande Valley strong.

**HONORING TERRI “WINDTALKER” CLAH AS A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION**

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terri “WindTalker” Clah as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award.

Terri “WindTalker” Clah of the Diné (People of the Land) Nation and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe was raised in the Four Corners region on her ancestral lands, immersed in the beauty, resilience, and painful history of her people. Listening to the elders’ stories from a young age—some filled with hope, others scarred by struggle—shaped her deep understanding of cultural identity, spiritual strength, and the need for healing across generations.

Leadership is woven into Terri’s heritage. Her great-uncle, Deshna Clah, served as the second Chairman of the Diné Nation, while her uncle, Peter McDonald, was both a President of the Diné Nation and is one of the last living U.S. Marine Code Talkers. Inspired by her mother, Bessie Clah, who modeled a life of service, Terri embraced her own path of advocacy and reconciliation.

At age 26, she encountered Jesus Christ, whose message of love and restoration affirmed her Native identity and calling to bridge cultures. Through her Moccasins Across America Prayer Walk—from California to Washington, DC, May through October 2025—Terri has ignited a national movement for prayer, justice, and healing. Today, as a She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction, she continues to inspire others to walk in faith and carry the love of God to the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

**HONORING MAJOR GENERAL LAURA M. CLELLAN**

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a truly remarkable leader and dedicated public servant, Major General Laura M. Clellan, on the occasion of her retire-

ment as The Adjutant General of Colorado. For over three decades, Major General Clellan has served our Nation and the State of Colorado with unwavering commitment, integrity, and distinction.

Major General Clellan’s exceptional career began in 1989 when she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Army ROTC program. Her journey has been one of exemplary leadership and selfless service, marked by numerous key assignments and deployments that have taken her across the globe in defense of our freedoms. She has answered the call of duty in Afghanistan, Hungary, Panama, Saudi Arabia, and Honduras, leading our troops with courage and compassion.

Her command of the 193rd Military Police Battalion during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan stands as a testament to her leadership under the most demanding of circumstances. She has consistently demonstrated a profound dedication to the well-being and readiness of our Soldiers and Airmen.

In her most recent role as the 44th Adjutant General of Colorado, Major General Clellan made history as the first woman to hold the position. She has been a transformative leader for the Colorado National Guard. Assuming command in 2020, she expertly guided the organization through a period of unprecedented challenges, including the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, devastating wildfires, and floods. Her steady hand ensured the safety and security of our communities while fostering a climate of excellence and inclusivity. As Executive Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, her strategic vision enhanced not only the readiness of our forces but also the support for our state’s veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Major General Clellan’s career is a shining example of a life dedicated to service. Her leadership has left an indelible mark on the Colorado National Guard and our Nation. On behalf of a grateful state and Nation, I extend my deepest gratitude to Major General Laura M. Clellan for her more than 35 years of distinguished service.

**RECOGNIZING THE COMMISSION OF USS PIERRE (LCS 38)**

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the officers and crew of the USS *Pierre* (LCS 38) as they prepare for the commissioning of their ship, the 19th and final Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship of the United States Navy.

The USS *Pierre* is the second Navy vessel to bear the name of South Dakota’s capital city. Littoral combat ships are fast, agile, and mission-focused, built to counter 21st-century coastal threats while ensuring security and supporting joint operations across the globe. The men and women who serve aboard the USS *Pierre* will carry forward this mission with dedication and distinction.

For the people of South Dakota, it is a great honor to see the name of our capital city once again sail under the flag of the United States

Navy. This ship and her crew will continue a proud legacy of service that began with the first USS *Pierre* during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the officers and crew of the newly commissioned USS *Pierre* (LCS 38). We honor their commitment and thank them for their service.

**RECOGNIZING FRANK ESTEN COOK III AND HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Esten Cook III and his service to his country. Frank was born in Washington, D.C. on March 25, 1963, and passed away in Richmond, Kentucky on September 13, 2025. He was an avid outdoorsman, boater, and hunter.

Frank was a U.S. Army veteran and served his country as a commissioned officer. His first love, however, was serving as a non-commissioned officer as a Blackhawk helicopter Crew Chief with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR).

In 1994, Frank was awarded Night Stalker Soldier of the Year for Outstanding Individual Contribution to Army Special Operation Aviation. This award was sponsored by Robertson Research Group, Inc.

Frank was tough in every sense of the word, but he also cared deeply for his friends, family, and country. He would give you the shirt off his back, if you really needed it. He taught his family the value of being tough and rolling with what life gives you. He was fond of the saying “rub some dirt on it, you’ll be fine”, which carries weight with everyone who knew him.

Frank took immense pride in being a Night Stalker. These men and women are some of the best rotary wing aviator crews in the world. Frank’s attention to detail, his skills, and his tenacity drove him to join this elite regiment.

Frank was very proud of both of his sons, Frank E. Cook IV (Frankie) of Jersey City, NJ and Anthony Guidi of Aloha, OR. As Frankie says, “My dad wouldn’t want anyone to cry over him.” So today Mr. Speaker, we won’t cry over him but rather honor this man as a veteran, a father, a brother, a son, and an American.

**HONORING CECE HEIL AS A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION**

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CeCe Heil as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

CeCe Heil is Senior Counsel and International Legal Director at the American Center for Law and Justice, specializing in public policy and global legal matters, including the

United Nations. She heads a team of lawyers handling cases in defense of life, defense of Christians, protection of U.S. national security interests, defense of Israel, and confronting Islamic extremism. She was the lead attorney responsible for the release of Pastor Brunson from Turkey and Pastor Nerren from India.

Heil is a recognized leader in advancing pro-family, pro-life, and pro-free enterprise policies, including being a former candidate for U.S. Congress. Her service and expertise as a constitutional law scholar earned her the support of Sarah Palin, who named her one of a handful of "Mama Grizzlies." In recognition of her leadership and faith, she is being honored as a 2025 She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction.

Guided by her deep faith in Jesus Christ, Heil views her legal work as more than a profession—it is a calling. Prayer and biblical values shape her decisions and sustain her courage to stand for truth and justice on behalf of the vulnerable.

Heil has practiced law for 33 years and is licensed in California, Tennessee, Virginia, and Missouri, as well as being licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

---

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE OF THE BROWNSVILLE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

---

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding service of the Brownsville Police Department during the historic flooding that struck South Texas earlier this year.

In just two days, our community in South Texas was hit with nearly a year's worth of rainfall. The city of Harlingen was hit especially hard, receiving over twenty inches of rain, which left vehicles stranded, streets flooded, and many residents without power or access to food.

In response to this natural disaster, the Brownsville Police Department answered the call for help. Partnering with The Salvation Army, they served over 600 hot meals to families in need. Their swift action and compassion provided critical relief to families struggling in the aftermath of the storm. Mr. Speaker, this cross-city partnership is a powerful reminder of our region's resilience and commitment to service. When disaster struck, the Brownsville Police Department stepped up when our community needed them the most, exemplifying the highest standards of service and solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful South Texas, I am proud to honor the brave men and women of the Brownsville Police Department for their exemplary heroism during a devastating flood.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY  
NURSES WEEK

**HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only as a Member of Congress, but as a geriatric nurse practitioner and an advocate for our nurses across the Nation, to recognize the unyielding composure of our emergency nurses during Emergency Nurses Week.

In the United States, it is federal law that an emergency room never closes and that every person who comes to an ER receives care. Day or night, emergency nurses answer the call of duty—providing quality care to patients in critical condition while operating in demanding, high-stakes environments where every second counts. Emergency nurses work around the clock, caring for patients of all ages and across every specialty—from cardiology and oncology to pediatrics and geriatrics.

Emergency nurses are heroes, often the first point of contact for patients within the ER, and they provide comfort and attentive care during an uncertain or stressful time for patients and their families. Their critical thinking skills and their compassion for their patients make their role essential for preserving our Nation's healthcare system.

It is important that we give our emergency nurses the praise and attention they deserve during Emergency Nurses Week to show our appreciation for the dedication they have to our Nation's health and for the millions of lives they touch on a daily basis. We're forever grateful for their sacrifice.

---

CONGRATULATING DR. STEVEN  
ASHBY ON HIS RETIREMENT

---

**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Steven Ashby on his retirement as Director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington.

Since 2015, Dr. Ashby's leadership at PNNL has driven scientific excellence and innovation, advancing the lab as a world leader in science, national security, and energy research and development.

Dr. Ashby believes our biggest challenges cannot be solved alone, and his tenure reflected that belief. Having spent over a decade working to expand the lab's reach with new partnerships and opportunities, he transformed PNNL from a research lab to a world-class institution held in the highest regards throughout the scientific community.

I also commemorate Dr. Ashby for his work on modernizing PNNL and equipping the lab for the future. Under his leadership, the campus became a hub for new and emerging technologies, including the Energy Sciences Center and the Grid Storage Launchpad, that will contribute to research and innovation for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Ashby for his willingness to work with myself and members of

the Washington Congressional Delegation. We built a strong relationship over the years and worked diligently to ensure PNNL had the resources needed to not only be successful but excel in their mission.

I wish Dr. Ashby the very best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service.

---

HONORING BROOKE L. ROLLINS AS  
A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA  
CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINC-  
TION

---

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brooke L. Rollins as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

Brooke L. Rollins is the 33rd U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and only the second woman in history to serve in this role. A native of Glen Rose, Texas, she brings decades of leadership in law, policy, and public service. Most recently, she was the Founder, President, and CEO of the America First Policy Institute (AFPI). During President Trump's first administration, Rollins served as Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives, and Director of the Office of American Innovation—roles in which she helped develop and lead transformational domestic policy initiatives with lasting national impact.

Her career began in Texas, where after graduating with honors from Texas A&M University and becoming the school's first female student body president, she earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law. She went on to serve as Governor Rick Perry's policy director and later as CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, transforming it into a nationally recognized think tank.

Guided by her deep Christian faith, Rollins views her work in public policy as a calling to serve people, strengthen families, and uphold biblical values. She is being honored as a 2025 She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

---

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID  
SCHAECTER

---

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the extraordinary life of David Schaecter. President of the Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, who passed away on September 4, 2025, at the age of 96.

David was born in a small town in Slovakia in 1929. At age 11, after witnessing the murder of his father, he and his family were rounded up by the Nazis and sent to the Auschwitz death camp. He survived the hell of Auschwitz, and even a transfer to Buchenwald. But the entire rest of his family; his