

Additionally, Mr. Steiner serves as the North America/Caribbean World Blind Union representative for the National Industries for the Blind. He is a board member for VisionServe Alliance, the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, UniqueSource, and the National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind, the last of which he served as the president from 2014 to 2016.

Under Mr. Dennis Steiner's leadership, VisionCorps has helped thousands of individuals lead independent and successful lives. Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District is grateful for Mr. Steiner's impact, and I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
LEVITTOWN'S OWN BERNADETTE
MARIE MORAN

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent Bernadette Marie Moran, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and lifelong resident of Levittown, Pennsylvania, who passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025, at the age of 92.

Born in Philadelphia in 1932, Bernadette was a proud graduate of Little Flower High School, Class of 1950. She lived most of her life in Levittown, Pennsylvania, where she and her late husband, William M. Moran, Sr., raised their eight children. Her home was always filled with warmth, laughter, and the welcoming spirit that reflected her deep love for family and faith. For 66 years, she was a devoted parishioner of Queen of the Universe Church, where her faith guided every chapter of her life.

Bernadette embodied a joyful and adventurous spirit that inspired everyone who knew her. Whether she was parasailing at the Jersey Shore, whitewater rafting in Montana, or skydiving to celebrate her 80th birthday, she lived with courage, enthusiasm, and an enduring sense of wonder. She had a lifelong appreciation for music, especially the timeless songs of Frank Sinatra, and a special fondness for autumn, when she would take long drives with her children to admire the beauty of the changing seasons.

After raising her family, Bernadette continued to give back to her community. She volunteered for many years at Mary's Cupboard in Levittown, Pennsylvania, helping those in need with compassion and humility. She also worked for the Pennsbury School District beginning in 1983, first as an administrative substitute and later as a full-time assistant in the Pupil Services Office, where she served for over 15 years until her retirement in 2007. Bernadette treasured her work and the friendships she built along the way.

Bernadette was preceded in death by her husband, William Sr., her daughters Patricia Moran Simkanin and Bernie Moran Rossi, and daughter-in-law Barbara "Bobbie" Palmer. She is survived by her children William Jr., Thomas, Teresa, Kenneth, Kevin, and Cara, along with 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren who lovingly knew her as "Mom-Mom." Her family was the light of her life, and

she filled their hearts with stories, laughter, and unconditional love.

Mr. Speaker, Bernadette Moran's life was one of faith, family, service, and joy. She leaves behind a legacy defined by resilience, kindness, and a boundless spirit of adventure. May her memory continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pennsylvania's First Congressional District's Bernadette Marie Moran, whose life reminds us that love, faith, and laughter are among the most enduring gifts we can give.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MISS CANDIS KING

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Miss Candis King, an adored sophomore at Colgan High School in Prince William County, Virginia.

Candis, a lifelong resident of Prince William County and the cherished daughter of Virginia House Delegate Candi King and Fairfax Deputy Sheriff Joshua King, was a proud member of her school's Color Guard, a dancer, and someone who lit up every room with her kindness and creativity.

Her love for Transformers was more than just a hobby; it was a reflection of her cheerful spirit. Candis had a gift for bringing happiness to all those around her, and her presence made a lasting impact on her peers, teachers, and entire community.

Sadly, Candis passed away due to complications from sickle cell disease, a devastating and often overlooked condition that affects marginalized communities. This serves as a critical reminder of how much work still needs to be done in sickle cell research, treatment, and awareness. We need to invest more in medical research, expand access to care, and raise greater national attention to the seriousness of this disease.

I want to offer my deepest condolences to Delegate Candi King and Deputy Sheriff Joshua King. Your strength during this time of an unimaginable loss is inspiring. I hope you find comfort in knowing that Candis's light touched many lives and that her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Candis King. Though her time with us was far too short, her legacy of joy, creativity, and resilience will live on.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF KENT DOUGLAS WONG

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Kent Douglas Wong, who tragically passed away on October 8, 2025.

Mr. Wong dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of workers and immigrants, and his legacy will live on in the institutions he built, the progress he fought for, and the genera-

tions of leaders he fostered over his decades of work in California and across the country.

As the director of the UCLA Labor Center for 32 years, Mr. Wong brought it to national prominence as the leading institution for innovative research, advocacy, and leadership development on labor issues. He was instrumental in expanding and renovating a new headquarters for the center near MacArthur Park, which was named after his mentor, non-violent civil rights leader, Rev. James Lawson, Jr. Under his leadership, the University of California established labor centers at all nine campuses. Mr. Wong also led the establishment of such centers at three universities in Mexico and helped strengthen labor education programs overseas in China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan and the Philippines. Mr. Wong was the founding president of the United Association for Labor Education and a vice president of the California Federation of Teachers. His leadership within such a multitude of institutions demonstrated his lifelong dedication to advancing the rights and empowerment of immigrants and workers.

In 1992, Mr. Wong founded the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), the first and only national organization of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) workers. Under Mr. Wong's leadership, APALA gave AANHPI workers a stronger voice in the labor movement and developed a comprehensive strategy to address the unique challenges that AANHPI communities face nationwide.

As a fifth-generation Chinese American whose grandmothers were stripped of their American citizenship under the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mr. Wong believed every individual, regardless of background, deserves equal rights and the opportunity to succeed. From teaching in UCLA's Asian American Studies and Labor Studies programs to launching Dream Summer, the first paid, national fellowship for undocumented youth, he brought immigrant voices to the heart of labor and education. He authored and co-authored several books teaching lessons of immigrant and labor organizing as well as nonviolent philosophy, including "Dreams Deported: Immigrant Youth and Families Resist Deportation."

Mr. Wong was born and raised in Los Angeles and attended the University of California, Berkeley, before earning a law degree and beginning a career fighting for civil and workers' rights. He was the first staff attorney for Asian Americans Advancing Justice, which was then known as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center for Southern California, before serving as an attorney for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 660.

Mr. Wong's courage, humility, and unwavering commitment to justice inspired everyone who had the privilege of knowing him, and I was fortunate to count him as a dear friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating his life and recognizing his incredible legacy, which will continue to energize the next generation of leaders in the fight for equality and opportunity for all.

RECOGNIZING DANNY WALLACE SMITH WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to present Danny Wallace Smith of Crawford, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation for his exceptional armed forces service and unwavering commitment to our country, state, and local communities. Danny served three years in the United States Army, including 18 months in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive of 1968, one of the most significant and challenging periods in United States military history. His bravery and dedication were recognized with numerous commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 5 Bronze Service Stars and one Silver Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Navy Valorous Service Ribbon, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Following his military service, Danny pursued higher education at Hardin Simmons University and earned a B.A. from Wayland Baptist College. He then dedicated 32 years to the Texas Department of Public Safety, where he rose to the rank of Regional Commander, overseeing 46 counties. His leadership and commitment to public safety earned him widespread respect. Notably, he served as the Commander of all DPS uniformed forces during the Mt. Carmel incident, further underscoring his critical role in high-stakes situations.

After retiring from DPS, Danny continued to serve by leading in the field of education. As Director of the Law Enforcement Academy and Division Chair of the Emergency Services Education Center at McLennan Community College, he mentored and trained future law enforcement professionals. His service extended further when he was called upon to serve as Interim Police Chief in Bellmead (2019) and Robinson (2020), Texas. In 2023, he was appointed as the full-time Police Chief of Robinson, where he later retired in August 2025.

Spanning over 54 years, Danny's career reflects a lifetime of selfless service, from the battlefield to public safety leadership, education, and community policing. His enduring contributions have had a lasting impact on the people of Texas and the broader law enforcement community.

It is with great honor and respect that I present Danny Wallace Smith with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. His exemplary service to our Nation and continued contributions to his community stand as a powerful example of public duty and honor.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAYOR WILLIAM S. "SANDY" STIMPSON

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the remarkable ac-

complishments of Mayor William S. "Sandy" Stimpson, 108th Mayor of the City of Mobile, Alabama. Since his election in 2013, Mayor Stimpson has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service, fiscal responsibility, and the shared vision of building Mobile into a city that is safer, more business-friendly, and more family-friendly for all.

Under his leadership, Mobile has achieved major financial reform, including reducing their bonded debt by nearly \$210 million and their unfunded liabilities by more than \$200 million. These reforms led to multiple credit rating upgrades and allowed for significant investments to improve public safety, infrastructure, and city personnel.

Mayor Stimpson has also championed long-term improvements, including modernizing the city's zoning code and launching a nationally recognized urban blight reduction program. As a founding member and chairman of the Alabama Big 10 Mayor Association, his influence extends beyond Mobile, strengthening the voice of Alabama's cities across the state.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I want to thank Mayor Stimpson for his leadership and deep commitment to public service. Through his work, every Mobilian has been empowered to have a voice and a seat at the table in shaping a better future for their city.

HONORING MR. DENZEL WASHINGTON: NO ROLE TOO BIG

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an esteemed artist who truly needs no introduction: actor, producer, and director, Denzel Washington. The two-time Oscar winner and Tony Award recipient has carved a path for actors and performers who seek to dedicate their lives to the pursuit of artistic accomplishment.

Born in Mount Vernon, New York, Denzel developed his acting skills at Fordham University, the American Conservatory Theater, and even at a summer stock theater in St. Mary's City, Maryland. His film debut was in 1977's *Wilma*, which proved significant for reasons entirely unrelated to the movie—it was on that set that he met Pauletta Pearson, who 6 years later would become his wife. He credits her as the most important person in his life, the one who keeps him grounded and fills his days with love and purpose.

Denzel began receiving national attention for his talent in the early 1980s. He impressed critics and audiences alike in the television drama *St. Elsewhere*, and his true breakout film role was in 1984's *A Soldier's Story*.

In 1989, Mr. Washington reached the pinnacle of his profession, winning his first Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in the film *Glory*, directed by Edward Zwick, wherein he portrayed a soldier in the illustrious 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, fighting for his race's freedom in the Civil War.

His portrayals on the silver screen demonstrate his brilliance and remarkable range as an actor. Washington's films are both critically acclaimed and beloved by the viewing public. Some of his most notable works include *The Preacher's Wife*, *American Gang-*

ster, and *Training Day*, which earned him a second Oscar, this time for Best Actor. Denzel was only the second Black actor in history to win the Best Actor award, after Sidney Poitier won it in 1964 for his performance in *Lilies of the Field*.

Mr. Washington's contributions to society extend far beyond the lives that he portrays in his films. Denzel has redefined what it means to be a star in Hollywood, speaking out about his commitment to service and efforts to be an advocate for good.

Since the 1990s, Mr. Washington has served as both a board member and national spokesman for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which provide voluntary after-school programs for our nation's young people. He even received the distinction of having a New York City elementary school named in his honor, thanks to his extensive work with the Boys & Girls Club.

Denzel was also named the 2021 Honorary Sergeant Major of the Army due to his work with the Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit that constructs housing for military and veteran families, free of charge. In 2022, President Joe Biden awarded Mr. Washington the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

In 1996, I had just departed from the Congress to become the president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). That year, I selected Denzel and songstress Whitney Houston to co-host the NAACP Image Awards, which celebrate the outstanding achievements and performances of people of color across film, television, music, and more.

Mr. Speaker, Denzel Washington's career encapsulates what it means to use art for good. He is an artist who wields his platform to foster inclusion and support numerous worthy causes. His work doesn't just entertain—it empowers people of every race, color, and creed. It is a true honor to recognize Mr. Denzel Hayes Washington, Jr., as an inspiring force for future generations of filmmakers and artists.

HONORING PHIL COTURRI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phil Coturri as he celebrates his 60th harvest in Sonoma Valley. Over six decades, Mr. Coturri has become a pioneer in organic viticulture and a leading voice in sustainable winegrowing, leaving a lasting impact on California's agricultural and environmental landscape.

Born on October 3, 1952, in San Francisco, Mr. Coturri grew up in the Italian neighborhood of Visitation Valley and spent weekends and summers at his family's home in Glen Ellen. When Mr. Coturri was eight, his parents purchased a small property on Sonoma Mountain, where they planted two acres of Zinfandel. By age eleven, he was making wine alongside his father and brother, sparking a lifelong passion for viticulture. Mr. Coturri later earned a Bachelor of Arts in American Literature from Sonoma State University and married his wife, Arden Kremer, with whom he shares two