

sons, Sam and Max, and four grandchildren: Althea, Sabine, Hudson, and Wilder.

Mr. Coturri's professional journey began with his first harvest in 1965 at Laurel Glen Vineyard, where he gained firsthand experience in vineyard management. In 1979, he founded Enterprise Vineyards, setting out to prove that organic practices could thrive in commercial winegrowing. At a time when chemical use was the industry norm, Mr. Coturri pioneered a holistic, year-round approach focused on soil health and biodiversity. Under his leadership, Enterprise Vineyards has grown to employ more than 160 full-time workers and manage over 700 acres of certified organic and biodynamic vineyards across our Sonoma, Napa, and Solano Counties. His work has helped establish organic viticulture as a cornerstone of modern sustainable agriculture.

Throughout his career, Mr. Coturri has earned widespread recognition for his leadership and innovation. Often referred to as the "Master of Mountain Viticulture" and the "Godfather of Sonoma Wine Country," he has shaped both the cultural and physical landscape of our Sonoma Valley. Mr. Coturri's grapes have supplied many of California's most celebrated wines, with the North Bay Bohemian naming him Winemaker of the Year in 2020 and Winegrower of the Year in 2023. He also played a key role in the 2013 designation of the Moon Mountain District AVA, reflecting his decades of expertise farming the volcanic terrain.

In 2005, the Coturri family founded Winery Sixteen 600, dedicated to Rhone and heritage varietals sourced from notable sites across our Sonoma Valley, including Moon Mountain. In 2015, the family opened the Winery Sixteen 600 Tasting House in downtown Sonoma, which has since become a local hub for music and art. The tasting room features a vast vinyl record collection and artwork celebrating Bay Area creativity. His sons, Sam and Max, now carry on the family legacy through their leadership in the winery and vineyard operations.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Coturri has been an active supporter of the local community. He has contributed to organizations such as the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance, Swim America Sonoma, the Seva Foundation, the Rex Foundation, and La Luz Center, reflecting his enduring commitment to the place and people that shaped his life's work.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Phil Coturri for his six decades of leadership, innovation, and service to our Sonoma Valley. It is fitting and proper that we honor him here today for his lifelong dedication to sustainable agriculture and his lasting contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
EVERETT OLIVER, JR.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Everett Oliver, Jr., a devoted public servant and beloved husband, brother, uncle, and friend, who passed away suddenly on September 5, 2025, at the age of 75. Born in Washington, D.C., on

April 21, 1950, John was a true Washingtonian who embodied dedication to country and community. He grew up in Kensington, Maryland, attending Albert Einstein High School, where he excelled on the baseball field.

After high school, John attended the University of Maryland, College Park, and faithfully served his Nation in the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Meade from 1971 to 1977. His professional journey began modestly, as a payroll clerk in NOAA's Rockville office in 1973. Over the next four decades, through intellect, integrity, and leadership, John rose through the ranks to become the Deputy Assistant Administrator for NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, where he managed a billion-dollar budget and guided thousands of employees. In 1998, John entered the Senior Executive Service, where he was called upon time and again to lead during times of change and crisis. In 2008, he received the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Executive Service in recognition of his role as a key architect of NOAA's fisheries management strategic plan. He also served at the Office of Management and Budget, earning deep respect from his colleagues while working on the President's budget. When John retired, the accolades poured in, with words like mentor, integrity, key change agent, accessible in a crisis, and camaraderie. A former NOAA administrator told him he was a "legend, an institution, and a great American." That was John's catchphrase when he wanted to praise someone's work: "You're a great American." To the NOAA community, John was more than a colleague and a mentor—he was family. It was at NOAA where John met Cheryl, the love of his life. They married in 2004 and together built a life full of joy, friendship, and service, eventually retiring in Leland, North Carolina. In retirement, John and Cheryl continued their commitment to community, supporting charities and educational institutions, including East Carolina University's Coastal Studies Institute. Beyond his professional accomplishments, John was a man of passion and warmth. He was a lifelong Washington Redskins fan, attending four Super Bowls and nearly every home game for four decades. He enjoyed a good cigar, a fine bourbon—particularly Maker's Mark—and had a deep appreciation for history, especially the legacy of World War II. His travels with Cheryl to Normandy, Berlin, and beyond were a testament to his reverence for the sacrifices of those who came before. John will be remembered for his big laugh, his gift for friendship, and his steady presence that lifted all who knew him. To his colleagues, he was a legend; to his family, he was "Jack"; and to all of us, he was a great American.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to John's beloved wife Cheryl, his sisters Joanna Good, Lynn Petty, and Caroline Schofield, his nieces, and his extended family and many friends. May his memory be a blessing, and may we honor his life by carrying forward his example of service, generosity, and friendship.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM (BILL) PATTERSON MATTHEWS, USA, RETIRED, 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 retired USA Lieutenant Colonel William (Bill) Patterson Matthews, of Mexia, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation in recognition of his outstanding service to both his country and his community.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Education from Texas A&M University, Lt. Col. Matthews served with distinction in the United States Army for over 24 years. His military career included service in over 30 countries, and a particularly harrowing tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse), where he served under Colonel George Patton and Colonel Jimmie Leach. During that time, he was twice wounded by RPG attacks, survived two mine explosions, and earned two Bronze Stars for Valor, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was medevacked to Fort Hood after his second Purple Heart. He continued to serve in command roles for the rest of his active service and subsequently earned a Master's in Business Administration from Syracuse University, eventually retiring in 1992.

Following his military retirement, Lt. Col. Matthews settled in Mexia, Texas, where he launched a second career in education. He earned teaching and principal certifications from Tarleton State University. Beginning in 1994, he taught 7th grade science in Mexia ISD and went on to become principal at Mexia Intermediate and later R.Q. Sims Intermediate School. He earned a reputation as an innovative and passionate educator, implementing impactful programs like "Blackcats Don't Bully" to combat bullying and "Colonel's Kids" to support underperforming students from low-income backgrounds. These initiatives benefited over 400 students and helped earn him recognition as runner-up for Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) Elementary Principal of the Year in 2002. He also helped the district achieve its first-ever "Exemplary" rating and introduced several science-focused initiatives, including dedicated labs and an outdoor classroom. His educational philosophy emphasizes that every child can learn when properly led and supported, a belief he carried throughout his career.

In addition to his educational work, Lt. Col. Matthews remained deeply engaged in civic life. He served multiple terms as president and song leader of the century-old Mexia Lions Club and founded the "Red, White, and Blue Car Show" in 2012, which became the club's major fundraising event. He has also been a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Mexia since 1992, serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and director, and choir member. He has actively participated in church productions like the Easter Pageant and Christmas Dinner Theater. His return to teaching in 2012, where he taught physics and coached golf until his final retirement in 2022, underscores his unwavering commitment to

youth development and community enrichment.

His exemplary record of military valor, educational leadership, and civic dedication makes him an ideal recipient of the Congressional Veteran Commendation. It is with great honor and respect that I present retired USA Lieutenant Colonel William (Bill) Patterson Matthews with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING EMILY GRAETER'S
SERVICE TO AMERICA

HON. MIKE CAREY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Emily Graeter, a daughter of Columbus, an Ohio State Buckeye, and a devoted public servant, who is departing my office to return to our beloved home of Ohio.

Throughout her time on Capitol Hill, Emily has been a model public servant. She spent her time here learning, working hard, and becoming a leader, most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director in my office. If you talk to Emily for more than a few seconds, her brilliance and intense enthusiasm demonstrate why she is so effective.

From impromptu strategy sessions to all-night markups in the Ways and Means Committee, Emily has been at my side with an answer to every policy question and sound guidance on what to do next.

Her passion for service and wealth of knowledge make her an invaluable asset to me, the House of Representatives, and our great Republic.

I thank Emily for years of tireless work and passion for our communities in Ohio and across America. She is an irreplaceable member of our team, and she will be dearly missed.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE
CURRENT RUSSELLVILLE HOSPITAL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor and celebrate the 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee of the current Russellville Hospital facility in Russellville, Alabama. Since its founding in 1957, Russellville Hospital has been a central pillar in delivering health care to the people of Franklin County and the surrounding communities.

The present hospital building, completed in 1975, embodied a forward-looking vision for modern medical facilities in our area. In 1996, Russellville Hospital became part of the North Alabama Medical Center network—expanding its capabilities, resources, and the scope of care it offers to patients.

Over the years, Russellville Hospital has grown in breadth and depth of services. Its commitment to patient care has led to the ad-

dition of pain management, general surgery, orthopedics, plastic surgery, and a Sleep Center, alongside critical services such as a 24/7 Emergency Room, Medical-Surgical floor, Intensive Care Unit, Radiology, and Therapy departments. These expansions reflect both evolving medical needs and the hospital's steadfast focus on excellence in care.

In conjunction with this golden jubilee, I want to acknowledge the outstanding leadership that guides Russellville Hospital today. Under the stewardship of: Chris Ware, Chief Executive Officer; Danny Crowe, Chief Operating Officer; Kathy Martin, Chief Financial Officer; Alis Welborn, Director of Nursing; Audrey Daniels, Director of Marketing—these executives have worked diligently to advance the hospital's mission, support its staff, and ensure the highest standards of patient care. Their leadership is integral to Russellville Hospital's continued success and its reputation as a trusted healthcare provider.

Indeed, their efforts, together with those of the broader medical staff and supporting personnel, have not gone unnoticed. In 2024, Russellville Hospital was honored with Becker's "Cleanest Hospital" award, and in 2025 it was named "Best Hospital in Franklin County." These recognitions are a testament to the dedication, diligence, and professionalism of everyone serving there.

As Russellville Hospital marks 50 years in this facility, it stands as a living example of resilience, growth, and compassionate service. I join with the people of Franklin County, the State of Alabama, and all those served by this institution in congratulating Russellville Hospital. May its next half-century be filled with continued innovation, healing, and unwavering care for its community.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB"
PARKER SOLOMON

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert "Bob" Parker Solomon, who passed away on November 26, 2024, at his home in Carmel, Indiana, at the age of 65. Born on December 22, 1958, in Albany, New York, to the late Congressman Gerald B.H. Solomon and Freda Parker Solomon, Bob excelled academically and athletically at Glens Falls High School, becoming a standout football player and Hall of Fame wrestler.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Bob loved skiing, windsurfing, sailing, and cheering for his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers. He earned an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and an MBA from Western New England University. Bob began his career at Northeast Utilities in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he worked for 14 years, before joining friends on a virtual reality video game project. He later moved to Indiana, starting a 23-year career at Hoosier Energy, rising to Compliance Manager of NERC and Power Markets.

Sailing was Bob's greatest passion. As a longtime member and Commodore of the Indianapolis Sailing Club, he competed in open-water races, including 29 consecutive FIGAWI

races from Hyannis to Nantucket—winning the event and earning the inaugural Howard K. Penn Spirit Award. He also tackled the grueling 636-mile Newport Bermuda Race.

Deeply patriotic, Bob dedicated himself to supporting veterans. Through the Holidays for Heroes program, he hosted wounded veterans on his boats, proudly flying the American flag during races. He cofounded Operation Set Sail, helping veterans cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Each year, Bob also spearheaded the September 11 boat parade on Geist to honor our heroes and remind us of the ultimate price of freedom. My daughters and I were honored to join him—sailing alongside Bob in that meaningful tradition and enjoying his many fun sailing stories.

As we approach the first anniversary of his passing, we remember Bob's infectious smile, generous spirit, unwavering support for veterans, and zest for life. He left an indelible mark on everyone he met, and his legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

HONORING THE 2025 BRAINTREE
AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable achievements of the Braintree American Little League team from Massachusetts, who proudly represented New England at the 2025 Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Their journey was nothing short of historic. As the first Braintree team in 72 years to win the Massachusetts State Championship, and the first to ever capture the New England Regional title, the Braintree Americans entered the World Series with an undefeated 3-0 regional record. In their opening game on August 14th, they faced South Carolina and fell 13-0. Yet, despite that tough loss, they remained undeterred, continuing to show the resilience and spirit that had gotten them this far.

On August 16th, they made history by earning their first-ever World Series victory, defeating Richmond, Texas (Lamar LL) 7-3 in thrilling fashion. Caden McCarthy's two-run triple, a wild pitch score, and a clutch two-run hit by Sam Trotta sealed the win and etched their names in history books.

The following day, on August 17th, they battled Bonney Lake, Washington, but were narrowly defeated 3-2, bringing an end to their valiant run. Although their tournament ended with a loss, Braintree American captured the hearts of their entire community. The players, coaches, and families of this extraordinary team have our deepest admiration for their resilience, teamwork, and the pride with which they represented their town. Through their efforts, they have not only made history but have united the Braintree community and shown the true meaning of sportsmanship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to the 2025 Braintree American Little League World Series Team, their coaches, and their families. They have inspired a new generation of athletes and have put Braintree on the map as a community of champions.