

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.

We offer our warmest applause to the incredible players of Braintree American—Frankie Fasoli III, Ryan Fennell, Jack Cushing, Charlie Doolin, Trevor Inglis, Henry Kuka, Cam Naumann, Caden McCarthy, Owen Kippenhan, Logan Needle, Sam Trotta, and Colman Gouthro—as well as Manager Frank Fasoli and Coaches PJ Kippenhan and Shaun Needle. Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have made them all true icons of their community. Congratulations.

HONORING 150 YEARS OF FAMILY OWNERSHIP AT CORBISHLEY'S MEN'S CLOTHING STORE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corbishley's Men's Clothing Store, a cornerstone of downtown Bad Axe, Michigan, as it celebrates an extraordinary milestone: 150 years of continuous family ownership—a distinction achieved by only a rare few businesses in the United States.

Founded in 1876 by Charles Corbishley I, a former seaman turned mercantile clerk who found his passion in retail, Corbishley's began in Sandusky, Michigan. In 1928, the family expanded to Bad Axe, where the store weathered the Great Depression and continues to operate today—a living symbol of resilience, tradition, and community dedication.

Now led by Charles "Charlie" Corbishley IV, the store has remained in the Corbishley family for five generations, making it one of the longest-running, family-owned retail establishments in the nation. Charlie began working in the store at age 10 and has devoted nearly 60 years to the business. His remarkable ability to size customers by sight and his deep knowledge of menswear reflect a lifetime of craftsmanship and care.

But Corbishley's is more than a business—it is a living museum of retail and local history. From its Depression-era artifacts to original fixtures and the ever-present touch of the Corbishley family, the store stands as a cultural landmark as much as a commercial one.

In 2001, the Michigan Retailers Association honored Corbishley's as a Michigan Centennial Retailer, recognizing over 100 years of family operation. Today, it remains a rare and enduring symbol of American small-town entrepreneurship and the power of family legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of family ownership at Corbishley's, applauding the Corbishley family's devotion across five generations, and honoring the values they represent: hard work, local service, and the enduring strength of family in American business.

May their legacy continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT MARTHA SOCORRO YBARRA, USAF, 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 USAF Technical Sergeant Martha Socorro Ybarra of Waco, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her 20-year service to our country followed by her heavily involved community service is a template for American Exceptionalism.

TSgt. Ybarra enlisted in the Air Force in May 1986, through the delayed enlistment program and began active duty on September 15, 1986, from the Syracuse, NY Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). She completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), followed by medical technician training at Sheppard AFB, and on-the-job training at Wilford Hall Medical Center. Her performance earned her early promotion and selection as a laboratory journeyman, leadership school graduate, and eventually, instructor at the School of Health Care Sciences. In 1989, she transferred to Sheppard AFB as a lab instructor and married fellow Airman, TSgt. Robert Rene Ybarra, in 1990.

In 1990, both were reassigned to Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina, where she continued lab work and had her first child. After the base closed in 1992, she transferred to Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona. There, she served in leadership roles, completed a Community College Air Force (CCAF) degree, and enhanced pathology specimen operations. Following the birth of her second and third child, she moved to Cannon AFB, New Mexico in January 1996, where she managed the Drug Urinalysis Program for six to seven years. Her leadership ensured a zero percent untestable rate, and she trained numerous program managers. She earned another promotion to TSgt. during this time.

In 2004, she had a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) to Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, where she worked as a Laboratory Craftsman until her retirement in 2006. Throughout her service, she earned a second CCAF degree, was active in chapel ministries, and volunteered extensively in the base and local community, including youth programs and church education.

Following her military retirement, TSgt. Ybarra continued her service to veterans as a National Service Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. By 2007, she had a solo office at the Waco VA campus, where she assisted veterans, spouses, and dependents with their VA claims and hearings for 13 years. She also joined the American Legion Post 121 and actively supported their events. In late 2007, she became involved with the McLennan County Veterans Association and continues to serve as secretary, helping organize major community events such as Vet's Fest and Veterans Day parades.

After resigning from the Purple Heart organization in August 2019, TSgt. Ybarra began working at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Waco as a claims assistant. In January 2020, she joined the Public Contact Team,

and by November, she was selected as a Military Sexual Trauma Outreach Coordinator and alternate Women Veterans Coordinator. A year later, she became the primary Outreach Coordinator, continuing her mission to educate and support veterans and their families in securing the benefits they have earned.

I proudly commend retired USAF Technical Sergeant Martha Socorro Ybarra, of Waco, Texas to her friends, family, and colleagues, and salute her service to the Air Force, her country and community of Waco by awarding her with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF ROGER NEW ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eagan Police Chief Roger New on his retirement after thirty-one years with the police force. From a young age, Chief New knew he wanted to be in law enforcement. After graduating with a social science degree from Concordia College he joined the Eagan Police Department as a Community Service Officer in 1994. Over the next two decades, he took on several roles with the department including as a DARE officer, School Resource Officer, detective, sergeant and lieutenant. New also earned a master's degree in public administration from Metro State University and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

In 2016, New became a Deputy Chief before being named Eagan Chief of Police in 2018. As Chief, New prioritized building strong community partnerships, implemented innovative practices and invested in officer mental health and well-being.

I am proud to have worked with Chief New and the Eagan Police Department on trying to secure funding for the Valley Acres Range. I'll always remember touring and shooting rounds at the facility myself.

I am grateful for Chief New's public service. He has created a lasting impact in Eagan and across the state of Minnesota. He isn't just our Chief, but a dear friend. I will continue to seek his input and guidance on law enforcement and mental health policies. I wish Chief New the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL LAURA CLELLAN

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major General Laura Clellan of Broomfield, Colorado, on the occasion of her retirement following 36 years of service to the United States Army and the Colorado National Guard.

Major General Clellan began her military career in 1989, when she was commissioned as a Military Police Officer. Over the next three decades, she would shape readiness and emergency response both at home and