

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

abroad through five major operational deployments, including missions in Honduras, Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, Joint Task Force Panama, and the Hungarian Stabilization Force. As a senior commander in the Colorado National Guard, Major General Clellan led during some of the most challenging times in our state's history. Whether responding to natural disasters, public health crises, or civil unrest, she ensured that the Guard remained a trusted force for stability and service in our Colorado communities.

Major General Clellan's remarkable career has had a lasting impact and has inspired generations of service members, particularly women pursuing leadership roles in uniform. Her service reflects the very best of our military.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Major General Clellan has been awarded the Legion of Merit with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Parachutist Badge.

On behalf of the people of Colorado and the United States Congress, I extend profound gratitude to Major General Laura Clellan for her remarkable service.

HONORING DR. GLENN
COCKERHAM

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Glenn Cockerham, a distinguished physician, veteran, educator, and leader in ophthalmology who has devoted his career to serving our nation's Veterans. Throughout his decades of service, Dr. Cockerham has led national efforts to improve eye care for Veterans, advanced ophthalmic policy across federal health systems, mentored future physician leaders, and exemplified integrity and professionalism in every role. After many years of service to our nation, he retired in June from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

After earning his medical degree, Dr. Cockerham completed his ophthalmology residency at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., followed by a fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at Harvard Medical School's Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary.

He obtained the rank of colonel while serving in the U.S. Air Force (USAF), and his military assignments included Senior Flight Surgeon with the 7th Special Operations Squadron, Chief of Flight Medicine, and Chief Consultant for Surgery at the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General Office.

Dr. Cockerham served as the National Program Executive Director for Ophthalmology Services and was responsible for the implementation of policies impacting eye care services throughout the Veterans Health Administration. His previous national leadership roles include Acting Deputy Director at the Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs (DoD/VA) Vision Center of Excellence and Acting Chief Consultant for VA Specialty Care Services. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor in both the Departments of Ophthalmology and Pa-

thology at Stanford University School of Medicine.

In 2009, Dr. Cockerham was honored with the Olin Teague Award for War-related Research Most Beneficial to Veterans, which he received alongside Dr. Gregory Goodrich. The award recognized their exceptional research on traumatic brain injury (TBI) and its impact on vision in Veterans. Their work focused on identifying and addressing vision problems associated with blast-related TBI, including the development of innovative screening tools and therapies. Dr. Cockerham's contributions led to the identification of critical TBI-related vision disorders and the generation of data that informed U.S. Department of Defense prevention efforts.

Dr. Cockerham is also a widely published academic, with peer-reviewed work appearing in JAMA, Ophthalmology, Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Military Medicine, the New England Journal of Medicine, and others. His research has informed clinical practices and contributed to national conversations on eye health.

Dr. Cockerham has played a key role in shaping the future of ophthalmology and advancing care for Veterans. His expertise has influenced health policy, clinical standards, and medical education, and he continues to impact both federal healthcare systems and academic medicine. He was and remains a strong advocate for patient safety, clinical excellence, and the needs of Veterans at the highest levels of government. It is an honor to formally recognize his remarkable service and enduring contributions to our nation and to the field of ophthalmology.

RECOGNIZING A MAGNANIMOUS
MEDIA MOGUL: MR. BYRON ALLEN

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an accomplished media mogul, Mr. Byron Allen, who has embodied the ideals of persistence, innovation, and integrity throughout his life and career.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Byron Allen's interest in the entertainment industry began at a young age when he was first taken to the NBC Studios in Burbank by his mother, publicist Carolyn Folks, who was—and still is—Byron's biggest supporter. At the tender age of just fourteen years old, he was already pitching jokes to show biz titans Jay Leno and David Letterman.

By 1979, at just eighteen years old, Allen had become the youngest comedian ever to appear on The Tonight Show. Following this historic and meteoric ascent in the comedy scene, Byron Allen became a host-correspondent on NBC's reality TV show Real People and secured a leading role in the 1988 film Case Closed. After both projects wrapped, Allen hosted The Byron Allen Show, a talk show that ran from 1989 to 1992.

Allen toured as a stand-up comic up until 1993, when he launched his production firm, CF Entertainment, which originally focused on low-cost TV programming. The company underwent a name change in 2003, re-emerging as Entertainment Studios, as Allen's extraor-

dinary business acumen and strategic moves were beginning to differentiate his business as a premier player in the entertainment industry.

Entertainment Studios, once a small-scale television programming company in Los Angeles, is now a division of the larger Allen Media Group, and it has evolved into one of the largest cable network portfolios in the broadcasting industry, featuring ten, 24-hour HD television networks. The company has produced and distributed Emmy Award-winning shows while handling advertising for dozens of television programs. Its growth has continued through major acquisitions: In 2016, Allen Media Group acquired The Grio, a digital media leader creating compelling content for African American audiences. In 2018, Allen Media Group acquired the universally recognized Weather Channel, one of the crown jewels of cable television.

Still, Byron Allen's influence extends far beyond his business triumphs, and he has always worked to give back to his community. The Allen Media Group is the first African American owned media studio producing and distributing wide-release motion pictures and content for all platforms. In pursuit of racial equity in advertising dollars and channel carriage, he has successfully led lawsuits that secured settlements with the major corporations McDonalds and Comcast. Allen is also a noted philanthropist, helping to raise tens of millions of dollars for charitable causes.

Over the years, Allen has established himself as a prominent Black entertainment mogul who holds the principle of equity in extremely high regard. He recognizes the disadvantages that underrepresented communities face, and he has vigorously advocated for diversity and inclusion at all levels of his career.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Byron Allen in the hope of encapsulating a man who has left a lasting mark on entertainment without ever straying from his moral undertaking of corporate social responsibility. Byron Allen is a role model for us all and has led a trailblazing life dedicated to excellence and the molding of a better, more equitable future.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD REAGAN
HORN 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 Richard Reagan Horn, of Huntsville, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His servant's life reflects the hard work and dedication that exemplifies the best of our Nation's values.

Richard entered active duty at Camp Pendleton, California in May of 1966 at twenty-one years of age. He served with honor and heroism during the Vietnam War, serving in the Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion 13th and 5th Divisions of the Marine Corps. His service instilled a resilience and commitment to mission and purpose he has carried all throughout his life.

Richard served 3 years in foreign service to our Nation in combat earning the following: Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal,