

usable materials from landfills, offers low-cost household goods, and directly funds housing initiatives, demonstrating innovation, stewardship, and community partnership.

For 35 years, volunteers, churches, businesses, and civic organizations have come together under one mission: to build stability, dignity, and hope. Blue Water Habitat for Humanity stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a community serves alongside one another in common purpose.

Mr. Speaker, on this milestone anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Blue Water Habitat for Humanity—its leadership, volunteers, donors, and partner families, for three and a half decades of faithful service. May their example continue to inspire service, personal responsibility, and the belief that stronger homes build stronger communities.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL RAYMOND L. HYLAND, JR.

**HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Raymond L. Hyland, Jr., United States Air Force, a resident of Cranberry Township, PA, who is retiring after 36 years of faithful service to our Nation and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania following his commission from Air Force ROTC at Kent State University.

After graduating from Kent State in 1989, Colonel Hyland began his dedicated service to our nation. Colonel Hyland served the Air Force in a wide variety of roles over the next thirty-six years, both throughout the country and overseas.

His active-duty years include flying assignments at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Castle Air Force Base in California, Plattsburgh Air Force Base in New York, and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. In 1999, Colonel Hyland transferred from active duty to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard where he served in various KC-135 Operations and Maintenance roles at the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, culminating as the Wing's Commander.

Throughout his career, Colonel Hyland has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the country. He is a Command Pilot with more than 5,600 flight hours in various aircraft. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal (four awards), Air Force Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

I commend Colonel Hyland for his dedication to our country and the sacrifices he and his family have made. I thank him, his wife Kim, and their two children, Kathleen and Ryan, for their service and wish him blue skies as he concludes a distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Colonel Ray Hyland as he retires from the U.S. Air Force.

#### HONORING MR. PATRICK MORAN'S SERVICE

**HON. TONY WIED**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional community leader, veteran, and volunteer, Mr. Patrick Moran.

In recognition of Mr. Moran's selfless service and steadfast leadership, he is the recipient of the 2025 De Pere Community Silver Knight Award. Since 1968, the De Pere Community Silver Knight Award has been bestowed upon outstanding individuals nominated by De Pere service clubs, civic organizations or members of the community.

Mr. Moran's decades of service are truly remarkable. It is evident that Mr. Moran has dedicated his life to serving others and has undoubtedly played an instrumental role in the success of several organizations throughout Brown County and Northeast Wisconsin. From his time serving as a Cub Scout Leader and Soccer Coach in De Pere to his over 50 years with the De Pere VFW Post 2113, Mr. Moran's unwavering support and guidance deserves our highest admiration.

In addition to Mr. Moran's community service, his most important role has been a supportive husband to his wife Linda and father to three children, Phillip, Renee, and Nickolas. Throughout his children's upbringing, Pat was a leader that you could always count on—serving as a Cub Scout Leader, Lost Dauphin 4H leader, Soccer Coach, and member of the MBX Motorcycle Club and the West De Pere Snow Owls Snowmobile Club. I commend Mr. Moran's unwavering commitment to Northeast Wisconsin.

Mr. Moran's decades of guidance, support, and leadership in his community deserve the highest degree of recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me to congratulate Mr. Patrick Moran on receiving the 2025 De Pere Community Silver Knight Award. I am proud to represent such incredible men and women who call Northeast Wisconsin home.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CARLOS ALBERTO LÓPEZ RIVERA

**HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of a remarkable public servant, Carlos Alberto López Rivera, better known to his beloved community simply as "Carlitos."

Born on September 14, 1958, in Dorado, Carlitos grew up with the values of hard work, service, and loyalty instilled in him by his parents, Pedro López Maldonado and Ana Rivera. After graduating from José S. Alegría High School and earning a degree in Business Management from the University of Puerto Rico, he could have chosen many paths. But his heart was rooted in Dorado, and he devoted himself to serving the very place that had shaped him.

That calling led him to the mayor's office, where on August 3, 1987, he was sworn in as

the mayor of Dorado. What followed was nothing short of historic. For 38 years, through 10 consecutive elections, Carlitos was entrusted by his neighbors with the responsibility of guiding their community. He transformed Dorado into a thriving center of tourism and development while never losing sight of the needs of working families. He often described Dorado as the "paradise of Puerto Rico, where life is beautiful," and under his leadership, that vision became a reality.

But Carlitos was more than just an astute and skillful politician. He was a man of loyalty, wit, and heart. He had a gift for words, painting images and phrases that stuck in the memory of the people he served. He balanced economic progress with social justice, reminding all who knew him that growth should never leave anyone behind. And to those who knew him best, he will always be remembered for his loyalty. In the hardest and loneliest moments, Carlitos was there, steadfast and encouraging, urging us forward "at full speed and with even greater strength."

Carlitos made history as one of the longest-serving mayors in Puerto Rican history, second only to his contemporary in Manatí, Juan Aubín Cruz Manzano. Yet beyond the records and accomplishments, his true legacy will live on in the people of Dorado, who saw in him not only a mayor, but a neighbor, a motivator, and a guardian of their community's spirit.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Carlos Alberto 'Carlitos' López Rivera reminds us that true leadership is measured not only in years of service, but in the lives uplifted along the way. Our prayers are with his family, and I respectfully ask this body to rise in tribute to his life and service. As we reflect on his legacy, may we honor him by carrying his spirit forward, always pressing on "at full speed and with even greater strength."

The following text is a direct Spanish translation of the statement above:

Mr. Speaker, me levanto hoy para rendir homenaje a la memoria y el legado de un servidor público extraordinario, Carlos Alberto López Rivera, conocido por su querido pueblo como "Carlitos."

Nacido el 14 de septiembre de 1958 en Dorado, Carlitos creció con los valores de trabajo duro, servicio y lealtad inculcados por sus padres, Pedro López Maldonado y Ana Rivera. Tras graduarse de la Escuela Superior José S. Alegría y obtener un título en Administración de Empresas de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, pudo haber elegido muchos caminos. Pero su corazón estaba en Dorado, y dedicó su vida a servir al pueblo que lo había formado.

Ese llamado lo llevó a la alcaldía, donde el 3 de agosto de 1987 juró como alcalde de Dorado. Lo que siguió fue nada menos que histórico. Durante 38 años, a través de 10 elecciones consecutivas, Carlitos fue confiado por sus vecinos con la responsabilidad de guiar a su pueblo. Transformó a Dorado en un centro próspero de turismo y desarrollo, sin perder nunca de vista las necesidades de las familias trabajadoras. A menudo describe a Dorado como el "paraíso de Puerto Rico, donde la vida es bella," y bajo su liderazgo, esa visión se convirtió en realidad.

Pero Carlitos fue más que un político astuto y hábil. Fue un hombre de lealtad, ingenio y corazón. Tenía un don para las palabras, pintando imágenes y frases que permanecían en la memoria de la gente a la que servía. Supo equilibrar el progreso económico con la justicia social, recordando a todos los que lo conocieron que el

crecimiento no debe dejar a nadie atrás. Y para quienes lo conocieron de cerca, siempre será recordado por su lealtad. En los momentos más duros y solitarios, Carlitos estaba ahí, firme y alentador, impulsándonos siempre hacia adelante “a toda marcha y con más fuerza”.

Carlitos hizo historia como uno de los alcaldes con más años de servicio en Puerto Rico, superado solo por su contemporáneo en Manatí, Juan Aubín Cruz Manzano. Sin embargo, más allá de los récords y logros, su verdadero legado vivirá en la gente de Dorado, que vio en él no solo a un alcalde, sino a un vecino, un motivador y un guardián del espíritu de su pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, la vida de Carlos Alberto “Carlitos” López Rivera nos recuerda que el verdadero liderazgo no se mide solo en los años de servicio, sino en las vidas que se elevan en el camino. Nuestras oraciones están con su familia, y respetuosamente pido a la Cámara que se levante en tributo a su vida y servicio. Al reflexionar sobre su legado, honrémoslo llevando adelante su espíritu, siempre avanzando “a toda marcha y con más fuerza.”

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RECOGNIZING DELMAN LEON  
ORME WITH A CONGRESSIONAL  
VETERAN COMMENDATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 17, 2025*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Delman Leon Orme of Crockett, Texas, as a distinguished recipient

of the Congressional Veteran Commendation. His servant's life reflects the hard work and dedication that exemplifies the best of our Nation's values.

Delman answered the call to service when he enlisted in the United States Army in March 1989, right out of high school. He followed in his older brothers' footsteps, one serving as a Military Police Officer and the other as a Combat Engineer. He entered as a Delta 19, which meant riding motorcycles. He served in the Scout Platoon, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor during Operation Desert Storm displaying outstanding tactical and technical skills. His proficiency enabled the Scout Platoon to quickly in advance friendly forces so the enemy could be destroyed while displaying high morale and a cool demeanor. During his tenure, he served with courage and distinction, embodying the highest standards of military excellence. His bravery and leadership in combat were recognized through numerous awards, including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

The Purple Heart is a solemn testament to his sacrifice in defense of our freedom, having been wounded in action while serving his country. The Bronze Star Medal further attests to his heroic or meritorious achievement in a combat zone, an enduring reflection of his courage under fire and commitment to mission and comrades alike. Delman doesn't consider himself a hero but credits the men that would not quit until he was safely off the battlefield. They provided protection and care and were

amazingly able to get a helicopter in after three attempts. This was all on the last day of the war and fortunately, because he got shot, the battalion behind was able to make an overwhelming counterattack, which led to total victory. Had he not been discharged, he would have made a career out of serving his country.

Following his honorable discharge in August 1991, Delman continued his life of service at home. In his community of Crockett, he has remained steadfast in supporting fellow veterans and contributing to civic life. He is well respected by both the community and his peers for his hard work and dedication. While he does not volunteer in specific structured organizations, whenever there is a need in his community, he is the first to not only volunteer, but to take initiative when he sees a community need. He spends many hours volunteering on the weekends maintaining cemeteries and managing the landscape downtown and has also spent many hours assisting with hurricane disaster relief. He enjoys helping others and can't say no when asked for help.

Delman's story reflects the unwavering spirit of America's veterans, men and women who not only fought for freedom abroad but who continue to strengthen the fabric of our Nation here at home.

It is my distinct privilege to recognize Delman Leon Orme for his exceptional service to the United States of America and his enduring contributions to the people of East Texas. His devotion to both country and community stands as a shining example of patriotism and selfless service.