

Civic Center, embodying the best of the Midwest and providing metropolitan amenities within a welcoming, mid-sized community. Peoria is also home to Bradley University and Illinois Central College, preparing the next generation of leaders in Central Illinois.

Above all, Peoria County is a wonderful place to call home. The many diverse communities which compromise Peoria County carry forward a tradition of family values, hard work, and small-town charm that continue to define the region.

As we celebrate the bicentennial of Peoria County, we honor its proud past and look forward to the continued leadership role in Illinois and across the Midwest. I am pleased to represent this remarkable community and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peoria County on 200 years of history and progress.

RECOGNIZING DANNY CHARLES MASUR WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Charles Masur, of Rockdale, Texas, by presenting him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His persistent efforts in fostering beliefs of sacrifice and respect reflect his value as a leader during service and in retirement.

After completing his early education in Lockhart, Texas public schools, Danny enrolled at Southwest Texas State College. Within his first week there, he recognized the potential of the ROTC program, and after his first experience with them he was set on a path to earn his pilot's license, graduate, and head to Air Force Pilot Training as soon as possible. He dedicated five years and one day of service to his country before his release from active duty.

Beginning in June 1968, Danny spent a year at Del Rio's Laughlin AFB Pilot Training, and upon completion he was assigned to Dover AFB, Delaware's Military Airlift Command. He flew the C-133 Cargomaster, the largest military transport aircraft at that time. Danny flew special missions world-wide including flights into Vietnam, followed by European and Middle Eastern trips supporting our Nation's Cold War military exercises. He also flew into other various conflicts such as the Israel-Jordan Crisis, and across the world to Pakistan, Ethiopia, Panama, Greenland, and Libya. Danny had the privilege of flying the last C-133 to the Boneyard at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

After leaving the Air Force, Danny became a tracking pilot/recovery supervisor at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. He was located in Palestine, Texas at their Balloon facility, wherein, alongside some of the world's top scientists and astrophysicists, he contributed to invaluable scientific discoveries in the facilities critical outer space work.

Danny then moved to work at the ALCOA plant in Rockdale, Texas, where he began

dedicating his life to his family and several community volunteer organizations. For twenty-two years he was a board member of the Rockdale Fair Association, as well as the Goat Superintendent and Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs. In 1982, he joined the Rockdale Knights of Columbus, serving as Columbus Club treasurer for 18 years and spending significant time as a Crew Leader. Since 2012, Danny has served as a Board Member for Minerva Water Supply Corporation; and for 17 years has served the Minerva community as a volunteer fireman where he currently serves as their treasurer.

Alongside his wife, Linda Matocha Masur, Danny has dedicated 58 years of marriage to raising four children and has extended his love and commitment to nurturing nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Danny's heart has never left the sky. As a pilot in the Rockdale Flying Tigers Flight Club, Danny is an EAA member and works with the Young Eagles Flight Program giving introductory flights. He has been an instructor pilot for years, serving as a technical, emotional, and mental mentor to many students who have made piloting their career.

It is with great honor and respect that I present Danny Charles Masur 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 an inspiration to us all.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DONNA R. WILLIAMS, RETIRED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, who has been named the 2025 Honorary Chairperson of the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Brigadier General Williams was selected for this honor in recognition of her longstanding community involvement and her distinguished service to our Nation. She served honorably for over 31 years in the United States Army, culminating her career as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) of the 412th Theater Engineer Command, located in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A native of Vicksburg, Brigadier General Williams graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1982. She went on to earn her commission in 1986 through the Senior Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program at Jackson State University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

Beyond her military career, Brigadier General Williams continues to contribute to her community. She is an active member of the Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Vicksburg Branch of the NAACP, and Kappa Epsilon Psi Military Sorority. She is also a lifetime member of the United States Army ROTC Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of Brigadier General Donna R. Williams, Retired, and congratulating her on being named the 2025

Honorary Chairperson of the National Alliance on Mental Illness local chapter. Her career of service and dedication to community uplift exemplify the best of Mississippi and our Nation.

HONORING DIANE POWER ZIMMERMAN AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Diane Power Zimmerman as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Diane is a fifth-generation Solano County resident whose lifelong dedication to education, leadership, and community service has left an enduring mark on her community and the State of California. Diane began her journey in her family's longstanding local business, where she served as a manager and helped sustain a legacy of entrepreneurship and community connection spanning five generations. Her commitment to excellence and growth led her to pursue higher education, earning a Ph.D. in Organizational Management, a testament to her belief in lifelong learning and professional development. Over the course of a distinguished 36-year career in public education, Diane served as a speech pathologist, educator, and school administrator before culminating her service as Superintendent of Schools in Petaluma. Her leadership inspired innovation, equity, and collaboration across classrooms and districts, ensuring that generations of students had access to the tools and opportunities they needed to succeed. Even after retiring from public education, Diane continued to share her expertise and passion for learning. She has authored five books on education and business, offering valuable insight to educators, leaders, and professionals across the country. Beyond her professional achievements, she is deeply involved in her community. She volunteers her time at local museums, housing shelters, and with neighbors in need, embodying the values of service and compassion that have defined her life's work. Diane Power Zimmerman exemplifies the finest qualities of Solano County, with a proud legacy rooted in family, education, and civic responsibility. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Diane Power Zimmerman for her extraordinary leadership and her lifelong contributions to education and community service.

HONORING LANGHORNE BOROUGH POLICE CHIEF JOHN GODZIEBA ON 46 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief of Police John Godzieba of Langhorne Borough, Pennsylvania, upon his retirement following an extraordinary 46-year career in law enforcement.

Chief Godzieba's journey has been defined by integrity, commitment, and a lifelong devotion to the safety and well-being of the people he served.

At the age of 20, John Godzieba began his service as a young officer with the Bristol Township Police Department. Over the course of nearly four decades, he rose through the ranks to become a respected lieutenant and the longest-serving officer in the department's history. His professionalism, humility, and steady leadership left a lasting mark on generations of officers who followed in his footsteps.

In 2017, Chief Godzieba accepted the call to serve as Chief of Police in Langhorne Borough, bringing with him decades of experience, wisdom, and a heartfelt dedication to community policing. In this close-knit town, he became not just a leader in uniform, but a trusted neighbor and familiar face at community events, local celebrations, and moments of shared reflection. Under his leadership, the department continued to foster trust, respect, and partnership between officers and residents alike.

Throughout nearly five decades of service, Chief Godzieba witnessed dramatic changes in the profession, yet through every transformation, one thing remained constant within him. His unwavering belief that law enforcement is first and foremost about helping people and protecting the dignity of every individual.

Chief Godzieba also served with distinction as a member of the Bristol Township Police Honor Guard, paying solemn tribute to his fallen brothers and sisters in blue. His participation in those services reflected the deep reverence and compassion he carried for the law enforcement family and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Godzieba's career has been a testament to duty, perseverance, and faith in public service. His example reminds us that effective policing is not measured solely by enforcement, but by empathy, understanding, and dedication to community. On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I extend my sincere gratitude to Chief John Godzieba for his outstanding service and leadership, and I wish him and his family every happiness and fulfillment in his well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING COPS/METRO ON ITS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Communities Organized for Public Services (COPS), also known as COPS/METRO. On Sunday, October 26, 2025, community members will gather to recognize five decades of transformational leadership and community empowerment in San Antonio. Attendees will reflect on past accomplishments, honor the leaders who paved the way, and reaffirm their shared commitment to building a more just and equitable future for all San Antonians.

For half a century, COPS/Metro has empowered community members to voice their

opinions and influence policies that impact their lives. This diverse, nonpartisan coalition of religious congregations, schools, civic groups, labor and professional organizations, and nonprofits has built connections across communities and achieved meaningful, lasting change.

Working with partners in both the public and private sectors, COPS/Metro has established a strong forum for advocacy that has enhanced the quality of life for families throughout Bexar County. From affordable housing and workforce training to environmental justice and government accountability, COPS/Metro has promoted fairness, opportunity, and dignity for all residents.

COPS/Metro has consistently supported the people of San Antonio with dedication and purpose. I commend COPS/Metro for fifty years of outstanding leadership and community service, and I look forward to its continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING JOHN HOLGER LYNGSO

HON. KEVIN MULLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. John Holger Lyngso, a remarkable 97-year-old World War II veteran, lifelong entrepreneur, and beloved member of the San Mateo County community. Born on April 18, 1928, in San Francisco, California, to Alfred Holger Lyngso and Edith Schack, John's story is a testament to the ideals upon which our Nation was built: service, perseverance, and aspirations. His parents immigrated from Denmark in the early 1920's, and their maritime heritage instilled in John a lifelong love of the ocean nurtured by family stories and, as he proudly put it, "Viking blood."

At just sixteen, driven by a sense of duty and adventure, John enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine on December 22, 1944, serving as an oiler aboard the U.S. Army tug *LT-518*. Often referred to as the "fourth arm of defense" during World War II, the Merchant Marine played a critical role in transporting troops, equipment, and supplies across dangerous waters, ensuring the success of Allied operations. From the final days of the war through its aftermath, John contributed to the vital maritime efforts that sustained American forces and supported victory around the globe.

Following his service, John continued to embody the values of hard work and perseverance. On August 28, 1950, he married Mary Eva Morris in San Francisco, beginning a marriage and family legacy that would span generations. Together, they built what would become a cornerstone of our local community, Lyngso Garden Materials. Initially, John did grading, including work on Highway 101. The business grew by accident, when John discovered that there was a market for different types of gravel. Everyone who saw the gravel wanted some, and a business was born. He would later name the stone mixes after his daughters. What began as a modest backhoe and hauling service grew into Redwood City's first landscape materials business, a thriving enterprise that remains to this day. John's en-

trepreneurial journey embodies the American dream: identifying a need, serving his community, and building lasting success from humble beginnings.

Rooted in his maritime heritage, he captained boats well into his 80's, including a memorable 2012 voyage from Ensenada, Mexico to San Francisco, California, to bring home his final vessel, an N37 trawler named *Lena*. The 550-mile trip took nine days steaming up the California coast, stopping first at San Diego to clear into the country, at Morro Bay for a rest, and at Monterey for repairs before finally passing under the Golden Gate Bridge. Throughout the journey, John displayed his ability and agility in the engine room, kept his appetite despite rough seas, and entertained his companions with his humor.

Today, John Lyngso is the proud patriarch of a large and loving family, including three daughters, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way, and two great-great-grandchildren. His legacy is one of faith, dedication, and boundless curiosity. Now at 97 years young, he remains committed to reaching his next goal of celebrating his 100th birthday, a milestone that, given his strength and determination, he is sure to reach.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing John Holger Lyngso for a lifetime of devoted service and unwavering purpose. His service during World War II, his entrepreneurial contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area, and devotion to family, hard work, and community are appreciated and admired.

HONORING CHERYL COLLIER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheryl Collier as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her dedication to the community and her civic engagement in West Contra Costa County. Cheryl's tireless work to uplift her neighbors and expand participation in democracy has strengthened the very fabric of her community. A lifelong Californian and proud resident of Richmond, Cheryl graduated from Berkeley High School and earned her associate degree from Contra Costa College. Over the years, she has served her community in countless ways, working in education, retail, and property management, leading her neighborhood council, and doing outreach to those experiencing homelessness. Although she has "retired" several times, Cheryl continues to devote her time and heart to helping others. Her deep belief that "if you don't vote, you're giving away a fundamental right that affects every part of your life" inspires her work encouraging others to register and participate in elections. Cheryl is especially proud of the diversity and strength of the communities she serves. She works to uplift younger generations, believing mentorship and inclusion are vital to sustaining progress. In addition to her civic work,