

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,

Cheryl remains active in her faith community at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, and treasures time with her two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She exemplifies the spirit of commitment that keeps our communities strong and our democracy vibrant. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Cheryl Collier for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING COMMANDER DOUG
HIGH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special patriot, Commander Doug High of Lexington, Kentucky. After twenty-three years of service, he retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves on October 1, 2025.

Commander High is originally from Cincinnati and Mansfield, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History/Political Science from Otterbein University. He and his wife Lyssa have lived in Lexington since 1999. They have two sons, Jackson and Harrison.

With no prior military experience, High requested and was granted a Direct Commission as a U.S. Navy Reserve Public Affairs Officer following the terrorist attacks on our Nation on September 11, 2001. He was commissioned as an Ensign in April 2002. He has served in numerous Navy Public Affairs Reserve units in his career, including the Navy Media Center, Washington, D.C. and the Sixth Fleet Public Affairs in Naples, Italy. In 2009 and again in 2010, Commander High was deployed for the Africa Partnership Station missions. He was recalled to active duty and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2017 as part of NATO's Resolute Support Mission. For his service in Afghanistan while under fire, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, NATO Service Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Many of Commander High's other missions throughout his Navy career involve conducting media training for Navy Leadership and Navy Mass Communication Specialists. These trainings have occurred on many overseas bases as well as stateside. He has also produced several video programs for the Navy. Commander High has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (twice), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards).

In civilian life, Doug High has served for the past 16 years as a News Anchor for WTVQ-TV ABC 36 in Lexington. He is an EMMY Award winning documentary film producer/director and has four additional EMMY nominations. For four years, he served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society.

It is my honor to recognize, before the House of Representatives, the dedicated and patriotic service of Commander (Retired) Doug High during his outstanding military career. His service to our country is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOSÉ-MARIE GRIFFITHS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AT DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Dr. José-Marie Griffiths for her outstanding decade of leadership as President of Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota.

Since 2015, Dr. Griffiths has led Dakota State University to national leadership in cybersecurity education and research, broadening programs and partnerships that strengthen South Dakota's workforce and the Nation's cyber resilience.

Her vision and leadership have positioned the university as a key contributor to South Dakota's technology-driven economy while also advancing our Nation's cyber defense capabilities. Through initiatives such as the Madison Cyber Labs and innovative workforce development programs, Dr. Griffiths has built an enduring foundation for future generations of students and professionals in the cybersecurity field.

Following this year, Dr. Griffiths will step down as president to become Dakota State University's first chancellor, continuing her work to advance the university's mission and expand its national reach in the cyber and technology fields.

Dr. Griffiths's dedication has strengthened both the university and our state. I thank her for her outstanding service and congratulate her on this well-deserved appointment.

REMEMBERING MARGARET
"MARGE" BROWN, OREGON, OHIO
MAYOR AND NEIGHBOR

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable public servant, educator, and friend to many across Northwest Ohio, the Honorable Margaret "Marge" Brown, former Mayor of the City of Oregon, who passed away on October 19, 2025, at the age of 88.

Marge Brown was a woman whose life embodied the spirit of service, faith, and community. Born on July 21, 1937, the twelfth of thirteen children to John and Mildred TenEyck, she grew up in Oregon, Ohio, in a home filled with love, laughter, and the values that would guide her entire life. A proud graduate of Clay High School's Class of 1955 and Mary Manse College, she went on to dedicate nearly four decades to the teaching profession, shaping young minds in Graytown, at St. Thomas Aquinas, and throughout the Oregon School System. To her, teaching was a calling she pursued with compassion, patience, and joy.

Her deep commitment to her community extended well beyond the classroom. Elected to the Oregon City Council in 1989, Marge Brown went on to serve as Mayor from 2001 to 2009, the first woman to hold that office in

Oregon's history. As Mayor, she led with grace, integrity, and a steadfast belief in the power of collaboration. Her leadership helped strengthen the city's infrastructure, expand its recreational opportunities, and build bridges, literally and figuratively, across Northwest Ohio.

Marge also served in regional leadership through the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, where her voice carried the interests of local communities to the broader stage of regional development. She believed deeply that progress was not the work of one city alone, but of neighbors joining hands to meet shared challenges.

Beyond public office, Marge's faith guided her every step. A lifelong member of St. Ignatius Church, she served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and volunteer. She often said her greatest joy came from serving others. A truth that was evident in the way she lived, loved, and led.

She was also a woman of adventure, traveling with her husband, Lenny Fetterman, to every state and county in America, as well as to all seven continents. Even crossing the equator, the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Hers was a life lived fully, humbly, and with gratitude.

Marge Brown leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, and public service that will endure for generations. She is survived by her beloved children, Joani, Jean, and Jeff; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and countless friends, colleagues, and former students who will forever remember her warmth and wisdom.

May the life of Marge Brown stand as a testament to what one dedicated citizen can accomplish through service, compassion, and perseverance. Her light will continue to shine in the city she loved so dearly and in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, the United States House of Representatives, and myself, I extend our deepest condolences to her family and to the entire Oregon community. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her example continue to inspire us all.

HONORING CAROL ABREU AS ONE
OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRES-
SIONAL 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 the contributions of Carol Abreu as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her exemplary service and leadership in the Benicia-Vallejo community. Carol has earned the admiration and respect of her community through her tireless efforts to uplift others, promote good citizenship, and foster a spirit of compassion and inclusion. As Assistant to the Senior Pastor at Northgate Church, a non-denominational congregation serving the region, Carol plays a vital role in connecting individuals to support, resources, and