

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

fellowship. Her presence at the church's information desk is a point of welcome and warmth for all who enter. She goes out of her way to ensure that people are not just seen but known, remembered, and valued by name. Carol and her husband, Terry Abreu, a respected former Boy Scout Troop Leader, have long exemplified servant leadership. Together, they have volunteered countless hours feeding the hungry through organized meal programs held in the basements of several churches across Vallejo. Their deep commitment to helping others, particularly those who are underserved, reflects a shared belief in the dignity of every person and the power of community. In 2025, Carol has continued to lead and inspire women throughout the Benicia-Vallejo area by providing enriching activities and fostering civic engagement. She is known for her eagerness to serve and her ability to bring people together for the common good. Her leadership does not seek recognition but seeks impact. Her legacy of service, humility, and community-building sets a powerful example for all of us. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Carol Abreu for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING STAFF MEMBER
DILLON MAXWELL CHRISTOPHER

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dillon Maxwell Christopher, a dedicated member of my team for the last two years. Since August 2023, Dillon has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District.

Dillon was born and raised in the great city of Seattle, Washington. After graduating from Ballard High School in 2010, he spent an impressive decade traveling across the country as a musician, singing and playing with numerous bands before going to college in 2017. Dillon graduated from the University of Maryland in 2022 with a degree in political science and during that time, interned for Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk at the Maryland House of Delegates. His passion for politics ushered him into pursuing a career on Capitol Hill, where he diligently worked under Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD), Representative JAMIE RASKIN (D-MD), and HALEY STEVENS (D-MI). Dillon later joined my office before returning to the Senate to serve as the Operations Assistant to Senator BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT).

As the only Special Assistant & Driver in my office, Dillon embraced his role with sincere dutifulness, patience, and humility. He joined our team during one of those many stretches where everything seemed to happen at once, from late night travel to late night votes, and somehow made it all look easy. To work in a congressional office, one must be adaptable, resourceful, and unflinching in their actions and responsibilities. Dillon demonstrated all of those qualities. In his role as Special Assistant & Driver and as the Office Emergency Coordinator, I entrusted Dillon with my office's and my safety and security requirements daily, and

he never failed to ensure our protection. He delivered hundreds of correspondences to my colleagues in Congress and constituents, proudly embodying our 5th District progressive values in both Washington and Minnesota.

Outside the office, Dillon is deeply rooted in his community and in D.C.'s arts scene. He is the lead singer of a new band, named, appropriately, Dillon Maxwell, and can often be found playing at PorchFest or supporting local music venues. When he is not performing, he's working in neighborhood restaurants, continuing the same ethics of service and generosity that define his work and perspective on Capitol Hill. Dillon's commitment to public service and democratic values is clear—it can be felt in everything he does and how he carries himself everyday as a tireless public servant, a good neighbor, and a loving husband and son (and father to many furry friends).

During his two years of service in our office, Dillon has become an integral part of our team. He lights up every room with his good-natured humor and witty personality. He has brought levity to long days and authenticity and warmth that kept morale high even during the most chaotic times. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Dillon, and I am confident he will drive forth our shared goals of making out country a better place for all wherever he goes.

On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Dillon for his service. His contributions to my office and the constituents of the 5th District will forever be remembered. It was an honor to work with Dillon in the office, and he will be dearly missed. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors as he takes his efforts and skills to the Senate.

HONORING PASTOR JEFFREY A.
JOHNSON, SR.

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary ministry and lifelong service of Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., as he retires from his role as Senior Pastor of Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, Indiana after more than 35 years of faithful leadership.

An Indianapolis native, Pastor Johnson accepted his call to ministry at 17 and has remained steadfast in his commitment to God, community, and service. Lady Sharon Johnson, and their four sons have been instrumental in his success, and together they have formed a cornerstone of spiritual life in Indianapolis. Pastor Johnson's impact reaches far beyond the pulpit—he is a preacher, a teacher, builder, and visionary. Since becoming Senior Pastor in 1988 at just 25 years old, he has guided Eastern Star Church through unprecedented growth, transforming it into one of our Nation's most influential congregations. Under his leadership, the church expanded to three campuses and now serves over 17,000 members through more than 30 active ministries.

Through Kingdom Word Ministries, Pastor Johnson has authored books, mentored leaders, and shared the Gospel nationally and globally. His preaching—known for its depth,

clarity, and passion, earned him honors such as "Best Pulpit" by the Black Christian News Network.

Pastor Johnson has always embraced both the personal and social gospel. Under his guidance, Eastern Star Church built a school, launched church plants, supported families in need, and served as a voice for justice and hope in Indiana and beyond. As he begins a new chapter, Pastor Johnson will continue serving as "Legacy Pastor," a title honoring his lasting influence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable contributions of Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr.—a man of vision, conviction, and compassion. May his continued journey in faith and leadership inspire generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON VICIOSO

HON. DEREK TRAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved husband, devoted father, thoughtful grandfather, and courageous Purple Heart Veteran, Ramon Vicioso. Ramon, known as Ray to those close to him, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the age of 93.

Ray was born in New York City, grew up in the Bronx borough, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on October 23, 1947 at the age of 17 with his father's permission. He was first stationed at Camp Pendleton in Southern California before being sent to the frontlines of the Korean War. In July 1951, his tank platoon in Korea was traveling down a road when foot soldiers came up behind them. The tanks were ordered to pull off the road, unknowingly into a mine field, to let the soldiers pass. Unfortunately, Ray's tank was one of the first to be blown up, which resulted in his left leg being amputated and his right leg severely damaged. Upon returning to California, Ray continued his recovery, was awarded the Korean Service Medal, and received a Purple Heart for his sacrifice in the war.

As he transitioned back into civilian life in the 1960's, he began his long career in aerospace planning for Bendix and later Martin Marietta, supporting their critical efforts in the race to outer space as well as working on the latter's Titan IV launch team. Ray retired in Nevada where he was an active member of the local veteran community. He was known for his unwavering pride in the Marines and his own service, never complaining about what happened to him in Korea.

Ray was also a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. While his wife of over 40 years, Patricia Vicioso, passed away in 2024, he is survived by his five children, Victoria Hoffman, Ted Vicioso, David Vicioso, Paul Iverson, and one of my constituents, Beth Brown, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I have requested that the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capital in recognition of Ray's life and sacrifice to this country. Ray will be dearly missed by his friends and family, and his fiery legacy will continue on in the hearts of everyone who knew him.