

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.

HONORING CAROLYN WYSINGER  
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 honor Mayor Carolyn Wysinger, as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year, in recognition for her extraordinary leadership, service, and dedication to her community and to the people of California. Mayor Wysinger has built an impressive record of civic engagement and public service. She has served as Board President of San Francisco Pride, one of the world's most prominent celebrations of LGBTQ+ visibility and equality, ensuring that the event remains both a powerful expression of community pride and a platform for justice. As Executive Vice President of the City's Democratic Club and an elected member of the County's Democratic Club, she has championed civic participation, expanded representation, and strengthened democratic processes. In addition, Mayor Wysinger has been a delegate for the California Democratic Party, where she has elevated the voices of her community at the state level. Her professional accomplishments include serving as Communications and Political Director for California's State Comptroller, where she advanced key public policy initiatives and represented the office with distinction. Beyond her professional and political work, Mayor Wysinger is a dedicated mentor to youth, investing in the next generation of leaders and ensuring that young people, particularly in underrepresented communities, have the tools and encouragement to succeed. Mayor Wysinger exemplifies what it means to serve with vision, compassion, and integrity. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Carolyn Wysinger for her invaluable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL"  
FOREST HARRIS WITH A CON-  
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-  
MENDATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William "Bill" Forest Harris of Cameron, 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 retirement.

Bill was drafted into the United States Army in 1969 and served a combat tour in Vietnam with the 809th Engineer Battalion. The battalion's mission was diverse, including construction, aviation support, and multi-role bridging capabilities, all while maintaining a combat-ready posture to fight at a moment's notice. Bill's heroic efforts earned him the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service

Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. After being honorably discharged in 1970, Bill served in the Army Reserves until 1975.

Although his military service had ended, Bill stayed committed to the honorable life of a public servant, becoming a firefighter with the Temple Fire Department before turning to serve in their Police department from 1974 to 1981. During his time in the police department Bill rose to the position of investigator and served as part of the Central Texas Narcotics and Organized Crime Task Force. Bill joined the Milam County Sheriff's office in 1982, where he served the remainder of his distinguished law enforcement career. Upon his retirement from that position, he continued to serve as a reserve deputy and as the Sheriff's office Chaplain until 2023.

Bill's commitment to Milam County is evident in every aspect of his life. His business, Cameron Tire Store, has been a staple of the community since he purchased the property in 1992. Bill has served on committees and boards repeatedly since moving to Milam County, as his leadership cannot go unnoticed. In the early 2000's, he was selected to serve on the committee tasked with developing the new jail for Milam County. His work with this committee led to the conversion of an old hospital into the new offices for the Sheriff's Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Precinct One and Two Justices of the Peace, and attached to all of this was a new modern jail.

Bill has served on the Cameron Housing Board, as member and director, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Milam Water Supply District and served as a city councilman for years. From 2000 to 2024, he served as the Mayor of Cameron, stepping in to serve as Interim City Manager while the city was held without one. Bill does not simply lend a helping hand, but he truly commits himself to enforcing change and improvement where it is needed.

At nearly 77 years old, while raising three children and being a grandfather to two, many would have retired, but not Bill. He continues to work hard every day as the owner of multiple businesses, which he runs with his wife Gwyn. His service has been recognized by the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, which named him Citizen of the Year in 2007 and presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023. As a man of great faith, Bill continues to serve as pastor of Davilla Baptist Church.

Through community, both broadly as an American and much more personally in any number of ways, through family, and of course through a strong commitment to faith, Bill has made himself more than worthy of this achievement.

It is with great honor and respect that I present William "Bill" Forest Harris with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. His exemplary service to our Nation and continued contribution to his community stand as an inspiration to us all.

CELEBRATING CHIEF RICK  
BASHOR'S STORIED CAREER AND  
SERVICE TO COLORADO

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor and thank Chief Rick Bashor for his storied career and dedication to serving his community in Lafayette, Colorado, and wish him the best on his well-earned retirement.

Born and raised in Boulder County, Chief Bashor has dedicated the last 43 years in service to the Lafayette Police Department, earning the distinct honor of being the longest-serving chief in the history of the City of Lafayette.

Throughout his career with the Lafayette Police Department, Chief Bashor oversaw significant changes to the community and the department. He has served as a Police Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Master Firearms Instructor and Armorer, Sergeant, Field Training Sergeant, SWAT Negotiator, Lieutenant, Administrative Commander, Operations Commander, and finally, for the last 15 years, as Chief of Police.

When Chief Bashor first joined the service in 1983, the population of Lafayette was around 10,000. The population has tripled since then, and the police department has grown from 18 sworn officers to 51.

Chief Bashor has overseen sweeping changes to the department as they adapted to the needs of a growing community. Chief Bashor led his department through tumultuous times, including adjusting to the needs of a modern police force and navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. When he took on the role of Chief of Police, Chief Bashor committed to leaving the department better than when he found it, and I believe he's done just that. It has been an honor to work with Chief Bashor and to have him represent and serve the people of Colorado.

On behalf of Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, I thank and honor Chief Rick Bashor for his invaluable contributions and service to the community of Lafayette.

We thank Chief Bashor and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE GENERAL WAYNE  
A. DOWNING PEORIA INTER-  
NATIONAL AIRPORT

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport, a cornerstone of transportation and economic growth in the heart of Central Illinois. Since its establishment in 1950, Peoria's International Airport has connected our region to destinations across the country while embodying the innovation and community spirit that defines Peoria.

Peoria's ties to aviation stretch back more than a century. From the Wright Brothers' exhibition flight in 1910, to Charles Lindbergh's