

his ministry, walking in the proud tradition of priests such as Monsignor Geno Baroni and Father Martin Hernady, tirelessly advocating for the poor, the marginalized, and those without a voice in our society; and

Whereas, in retirement from assigned parish ministry since 2009, Father Gallagher has continued his vocation of service—working with the Multifaith Council, Social Justice Advocates, Care of Creation, the CCMT School, and the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests—to advance understanding, promote equality, and strengthen bonds among people of all faiths and backgrounds; and

Whereas, his ministry of presence, his philosophy to “show up, shut up, and cheer,” has inspired generations of Toledoans, demonstrating what it means to encounter and accompany others with grace and humility; and

Whereas, Father Gallagher’s deep empathy and compassion are reflected not only in his advocacy, but in the quiet acts of kindness that have defined his life from feeding the hungry at Claver House and St. Paul’s Community Center to offering comfort and companionship to those in prison and on the streets; and

Whereas, as Father Gallagher celebrates his 90th birthday on November 21, 2025, the people of Northwest Ohio and all who his ministry has touched give thanks for his enduring witness to faith, justice, and love of neighbor;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that I, MARCY KAPTUR, Member of Congress for the Ninth Congressional District of Ohio, do hereby recognize and commend Reverend Anthony “Father Tony” Gallagher for his lifetime of selfless service, his moral courage, and his unwavering commitment to the common good. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City of Toledo hereby recognizes and commends the Reverend Anthony Gallagher for his outstanding service and significant contributions to our community and to our common good; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Citation of Merit be presented to Father Gallagher as a token of this city’s deep appreciation and gratitude for his unwavering dedication to making Toledo a better place for us all.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR. CENTENNIAL PARK

HON. SHRI THANEDAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park in Detroit on October 25, 2025.

Each year, more than three million people visit the Detroit Riverfront, one of the highest-rated riverfronts in the United States, bringing in revenue and exposure to our community. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park is a 22-acre park that will have a 4-acre playground, a sports house with basketball courts, and a 2.5-acre water garden. The opening of this park is part of a 5.5 miles long revitalization project along the riverfront, part of a larger commitment by the city of Detroit to reinvest into the community and continue our city’s historic revitalization.

The namesake of this park, Ralph Cookerly Wilson Jr., was raised in Detroit, Michigan, the son of a salesman and who had ambitions for

bigger and better things in life. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Wilson embodied the true virtues of leadership, sacrifice, and service to his country and community. Most famously, he is known for founding and owning the Buffalo Bills football team, at one point being the oldest owner of a National Football League (NFL) team. His contributions, like those being made through his foundation, will be remembered and felt by the Detroit community for years to come.

Since I became the U.S. Representative for Michigan’s 13th congressional district in 2023, I have been incredibly proud to see the amount of work being done by the community and the funds being brought in for reviving Detroit and the surrounding neighborhoods and townships. Projects like the Michigan Central Station, the New Center project, and the building of new affordable housing are all promising developments that will bring more opportunities and improve the quality of life for all Detroiters. Developments like the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park build on the Motor City’s greatness, and I look forward to continuing this work through efforts made in the halls of Congress.

HONORING BRITTNEY GREER AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA’S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT’S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Brittney Greer as she is honored as one of California’s 8th Congressional District’s Women of the Year. Brittney serves her community as the driver of Bus 9 for the Travis Unified School District. Through her work, she not only ensures the safety and secure transportation of the children of our community, but she does so with consistent positivity and optimism. As a loving mother of three children, it comes as no surprise that Brittney’s kindness, care, and diligence make a daily impact on the students and families of the Travis-USD community. Brittney goes above and beyond to ensure the safety of her students, checking the bus for any potential mechanical issues every morning, and fixing them herself if possible. She is a source of consistency for parents providing a reliable, safe and caring environment for the students. This is a responsibility she does not take lightly, and she does so with grace. In addition to her role as a school bus driver, Brittney also displays leadership by serving her church congregation in Antioch, helping address the needs of her community. After realizing her community lacked support groups for women, she began studying to attain her certificate in Christian Life Coaching, with the goal of starting a women’s support group. Brittney is a committed, pivotal part of the community, and her work improves the lives of the students and families within it. On behalf of the people of California’s 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Brittney Greer for her positive contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. RANDALL BRYANT’S SELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DART BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. JASMINE CROCKETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Randall Bryant, my constituent and the incoming Chairman for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board of Directors. His selection as Chairman is not only a testament to the agency’s forward momentum, but it also marks a milestone: Mr. Bryant is now the twenty-second board chair in DART’s forty-two-year history, and he becomes the youngest individual ever to lead the Board.

Mr. Bryant joined the DART Board following his appointment by the Dallas City Council in 2024 to fill a vacancy, and he was reappointed to a full two-year term in May 2025. Over the past fifteen years, he has served our city through multiple appointments to boards, commissions, and committees, including his prior role as Immediate Past Chair of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, and his membership on the Dallas Citizens Council and North Texas Commission.

Since joining DART, Mr. Bryant has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and he will now represent DART on the Regional Transportation Council. His broad experience in civic, business, and community affairs positions him well to lead at this pivotal moment for transit in our region.

Under his upcoming chairmanship, DART is poised to advance its role as the mobility backbone of North Texas. Established in 1983, DART now serves a 700-square-mile service area across thirteen member cities, including Addison, Carrollton, Cockrell Hill, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Highland Park, Irving, Richardson, Rowlett, Plano, and University Park. Its network spans light rail lines, bus routes, commuter-rail service (the Trinity Railway Express and as of this weekend the new Silver Line), GoLink on-demand services, and paratransit. Recently, DART has adopted an updated Strategic Plan setting bold new vision and mission statements, guiding the agency into the decade ahead as a “first-in-mind mobility partner” and a premier regional economic and mobility asset. With Mr. Bryant’s leadership as chair, I am confident the Board will continue building on DART’s legacy of innovation—expanding service, improving accessibility, enhancing sustainability, and ensuring that transit remains affordable and reliable for all our neighbors.

Again, I extend my congratulations to Mr. Randall Bryant. I thank him for his ongoing service throughout our community and for his commitment to ensuring the presence of safe, accessible, and affordable transportation for all our neighbors across the region. I look forward to our continued partnership.

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HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the birth of Reese Patricia Fritsch.

Reese was born on October 7, 2025 at 2:45 P.M. at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center weighing seven pounds, two ounces and measuring 21 inches long to loving parents Taylor and Kristin Flukey Fritsch, who serves as a valuable member of my team on the Subcommittee on Health for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

I'm grateful to have Kristin as a part of the Energy and Commerce family, and I'm excited for her and Taylor to start their family with their newest addition.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
THOMAS REW

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the honorable life of Major General Thomas Rew.

Having lived for over a century, born on March 13, 1922, Maj. Gen. Rew served 34 years as a U.S. Air Force officer, and fought bravely in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to keep American families safe and protect freedom with Peace Through Strength.

In 1976, he retired from the military and moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where he became a valued community member. I especially appreciate his service as myself the son of U.S. Army Air Corps Flying Tigers in World War II, 1st Lieutenant Hugh Wilson, having served in Kunming, Chengdu, and Xian, China.

Maj. Gen. Rew is a true American hero, and I am grateful for his service to the country. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends.

Maj. Gen. Rew was honored on June 7, 2025, at the WWII Veterans Honor Event at Woodward Field Camden, hosted by Colonel Rick Mantei and his wife Lisa through the Rick Mantei Charitable Fund.

His loving obituary has been published by Dunbar Funeral Home:

"Maj. Gen. Rew died Sunday, October 12, 2025. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas J. and Lucy Davey Rew. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in New York City. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps during WWII and was quickly selected for officers' training and flight school. After the war he graduated from Springfield College, Massachusetts with a degree in Physical Education, married Marie Hartigan of Queens, New York, and was subsequently recalled to active duty in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He remained on active duty for the next 25 years flying B-47 and B-52 bomber aircraft. He served in a variety of command positions and in combat during the Vietnam War. He retired from the military in 1976 and resided in Columbia, South Caro-

lina, ever since. In addition to his Christian faith and his family, his three main passions in life were fishing (with his children), sports (playing handball and watching the Los Angeles Dodgers), and aviation.

"Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Rew, and his three sons: Fredric Rew (wife Paige and children James, Mark, Elizabeth); William Rew (wife Christy and children Jessica, Mandy, Kat); Thomas Rew (wife Diana and children TJ and Lindsay); grandchildren Keegan Robar, Devin Brown, and Taylor Brown; plus seven great grandchildren."

"He was predeceased by wife Marie Elizabeth Hartigan, sister Mary Carpenter, daughter Maureen Rew Brown, and grandson William Rew."

As I attended the funeral services at Northeast Presbyterian Church (PCA), thoughtfully conducted by Rev. Dr. George Crow with Dr. Robert Jones and Rev. Josh Desch, I was inspired to know firsthand of the success of Major General Rew with his World War II, Korea, and Vietnam service. He made possible my visits to formerly deadly enemies of Berlin, Tokyo, Rome, Pyongyang, Seoul, and Hanoi. Now Germany, Japan, Italy, and Republic of Korea have been enriched with American aid and in Vietnam, Americans are beloved. Today, more people live in freedom and democracy than ever in world history due to the American military.

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

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Callie Augustson as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. For over 24 years, Callie has made a significant impact in her community. Her service continues today through her current role as Plans Analyst and Crisis Action Team Manager for the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base. In her current position, Callie is responsible for critical crisis-response operations, including operational planning, deployment execution, natural disaster response, and emergency management plans. She also provides strategic command and control for the Wing Commander and senior leadership. Callie brings years of training, expertise, and education to this role. Initially enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in September 2000 as a Bio-environmental Engineering Technician, Callie then went on to attend technical school at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, earn an associate degree in bioenvironmental engineering technology, and earn a Bachelor of Arts in homeland security. After completing her active-duty enlistment, Callie served in the Bioenvironmental Engineering and Medical Readiness Offices at Minot Air Force Base. In 2009, she brought her expertise to Travis Air Force Base, where she worked at David Grant Medical Center as the Medical Counter-Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Program Manager for Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Office of the Command Surgeon. Callie then became a Federal Civil Service employee, assuming her current position with the

60 AMW Wing Plans and Programs Office. Her intelligence and diligence are evident through her numerous accomplishments, including the Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor. Callie's work has had a profound impact, benefiting many members of the community. She has played a critical role in establishing Travis Air Force Base as the West Coast Patient Distribution Hub. Under her supervision, Exercise Ultimate Cadeuceus, transported injured service members to 21 hospitals in Northern California. This exercise strengthened the support between the Base and other regional agencies, including Cal Fire, Fairfield and Vacaville first responders, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Callie's commitment to her community and public service goes beyond her professional work. In her spare time, Callie serves as a Certified National Little League volunteer and a Vacaville Girls Fast Pitch Team Parent. Callie is a fiercely committed member of the community, and her dedication makes Solano County a better place for all. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Callie Augustson for her positive contributions to our community.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC DAY OF
KAZAKHSTAN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, this month, Kazakhstan celebrates Republic Day, commemorating its declaration of sovereignty on October 25, 1990. This pivotal moment paved the way for Kazakhstan's independence from the Soviet Union and symbolizes the nation's enduring commitment to self-determination, prosperity, and peace.

From its earliest days, Kazakhstan pursued a forward-looking vision rooted in partnership, openness, and modernization. Its early alignment with the West, especially in developing a free-market economy, has shaped its remarkable transformation. Over the past three decades, Kazakhstan has emerged as a thriving nation with a dynamic economy, an active international presence, and a strong and growing partnership with the United States.

The U.S.-Kazakhstan relationship is grounded in shared values and mutual respect. As we mark this important national holiday, we reaffirm our commitment to deepening cooperation between our two nations to meet global challenges and advance peace, security, and prosperity.

Kazakhstan's commitment to transparency, the rule of law, and an open investment climate has made it a magnet for American business. U.S. companies remain the largest source of foreign direct investment, helping drive Kazakhstan's diversification and sustainable development. This alignment supports the country's broader goal of becoming a resilient, innovative economy and a hub for regional growth.

Kazakhstan continues to stand as a pillar of stability in Central Asia and a leader on the world stage in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament. Despite external challenges,