FAA Management Advisory Council and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Commission on the Future of the U.S. Aerospace Industry.

When Ed joined NBAA in 2004, he brought an exceptional understanding of aviation, Congress, and the policies that sustain the business aviation industry. Over the next 22 years, he became one of aviation's most respected voices and a trusted resource to lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

Ed has been a consistent and effective advocate on issues ranging from FAA reauthorization and air traffic control modernization to airport access, aviation safety, workforce development, and emerging technologies. He has testified before Congress numerous times, ensuring that the perspectives of business aviation operators, manufacturers, and the communities they serve were heard. He also understood that our national airspace is a vital resource that must remain accessible to general aviation, small businesses, rural communities, and those who depend on aviation in times of emergency.

I am particularly grateful for Ed's partnership during consideration of the bipartisan FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. He worked closely with Congress to advance policies that strengthen aviation safety, support our workforce, modernize infrastructure, and prepare our industry for the future. The legislation included a priority of mine—the first dedicated General Aviation title in an FAA reauthorization bill—a significant milestone for an industry Ed has spent his career championing. His leadership helped ensure that general aviation had a strong voice throughout that process.

Beyond the legislative accomplishments, Ed has always understood that business aviation is about much more than aircraft. It supports American jobs, connects businesses and communities, strengthens our economy, and provides critical services during natural disasters and other emergencies. As a pilot, I appreciate that Ed has never lost sight of the people, communities, and freedom that make aviation so important to our country.

I am especially grateful for Ed's friendship and his willingness to work together, even when the issues were difficult. He has always brought candor, professionalism, and a genuine passion for aviation to our conversations. His credibility on Capitol Hill was earned over decades of hard work, strong relationships, and a reputation for doing what is right for the industry.

Mr. Speaker, few individuals have shaped American aviation from as many perspectives as Ed Bolen. His legacy will live on in the laws he helped enact, the industry he helped strengthen, and the countless people whose careers and opportunities have benefited from his leadership.

I am proud to call Ed a friend. I thank him for his extraordinary service to American aviation and our Nation, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on a remarkable career and wishing him and his family all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH RODRIGUE

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to humbly honor and celebrate the heroic courage and commitment of New Orleans Police Officer Joseph Rodrigue. Officer Rodrigue has served the citizens of New Orleans, Louisiana for 10 years. He currently serves as a Senior Police Officer in the 3rd District Unit.

On Wednesday, January 1, 2025, a man drove a pickup into crowds celebrating the New Year on Bourbon Street early killing 14 people. President Biden said he was ''inspired by ISIS.'' This unfortunate event occurred near the intersection of Canal and Bourbon Streets in the city's historic French Quarter, the heart of the Louisiana tourism industry and a driver of the state's economy. This attack was clearly intended to harm many more people. This terrorist used a 6,000-pound truck as a weapon and then opened fire. He had planted explosives, which he intended to detonate.

He sped his rented truck around a police car that was blocking an entrance to Bourbon Street at about 3:15 a.m. Wednesday morning and struck several people along the street before crashing the truck into an obstacle setup in the street. He then opened fire and died in a shootout with police. Two of those injured in the attack were police officers. Investigators confirmed they found what appeared to be improvised explosive devices in the truck.

''This man was trying to run over as many people as he possibly could,'' the New Orleans police superintendent, Anne Kirkpatrick, said in a news conference Wednesday. ''He was hellbent on creating the carnage and the damage that he did.''

The actions of Officer Joseph Rodrigue and his fellow officers on New Year's Day highlight the profound impact of the NOPD's dedication to public safety. His teamwork, professionalism, and courage under fire are a reminder of the daily sacrifices made by law enforcement officers to protect the lives of others.

The officers didn't have a chance to make actual tactical decisions amongst themselves. They acted as a team. Some of these men and women didn't work together ever before, many from different jurisdictions and departments. But the individual officers who were closer to the scene, who acted on a threat and eliminated the threat, did everything that you would expect them to do and more, especially under the circumstances. At least 57 others were injured, including Officer Rodrigue, receiving a gunshot wound to his left leg, requiring multiple surgeries. Another police officer was wounded and is also recovering from his injuries.

Throughout numerous interviews, each of them expressed the same sentiment—they were simply doing what they believed was expected of them when they joined the New Orleans Police Department. Officer Joseph Rodrigue's bravery is a testament to his character and his commitment to serving and protecting this city and its visitors.

The only reason there wasn't a greater loss of life was because of the quick work of the New Orleans Police Department. We have all heard stories of police officers and responders in other cities freezing in the face of a crisis—not Officer Rodrigue. He ran to danger and quickly neutralized it before the attacker could cause more harm. For this reason, I recognize Officer Joseph Rodrigue, a true hero saving countless lives. I humbly thank him for his courageous efforts and unwavering service as a member of the New Orleans Police Department.

HONORING CLAY LACY ON RECEIVING THE KANSAS AVIATION MUSEUM'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Clay Lacy, a native of Wichita, and one of the most accomplished aviators in American history. Tonight, the Kansas Aviation Museum will present him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for his extraordinary contributions to aviation around the world.

Nearly a century ago, in 1928, Wichita was designated as the Air Capital of the World, thanks to aviation pioneers like Clyde Cessna, Olive Ann Beech and Lloyd Stearman. Clay grew up on farmland outside the Air Capital during the Great Depression, and it didn't take long for him to find his passion for flight. He took his first flight on an airplane at age 8. By age 12, he was working at a local airport in exchange for flying time, and by 16, he was a certified flight instructor.

At 19, Clay joined United Airlines as a DC–3 copilot. He flew for United for more than 41 years and retired in 1992 as the airline's most senior pilot. He also served his country in the California Air National Guard.

Clay's leadership helped usher in a new era for the American business aviation industry. In 1964, the first Learjet to touch down at Van Nuys Airport was flown by Clay. Four years later, he founded Clay Lacy Aviation, the first executive jet charter company in the western United States.

His impact on American aviation extends beyond the cockpit. Clay helped develop Astrovision, an air-to-air camera system that changed how aircraft are filmed. His camera system on planes captured aerial footage for more than 2,000 projects, including the films Top Gun and The Right Stuff. In 1988, he flew a Boeing 747SP named Friendship One around the world in just under 37 hours, raising more than $500,000 for children's charities.

For more than seven decades, Clay has logged over 55,000 flight hours on hundreds of different aircraft types. He was enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010 and inducted into the Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame in 2011. Through the Clay Lacy Foundation, he has also helped young people pursue careers in aviation.

Clay has truly lived a life that advanced the aviation industry, and his story began in the Air Capital of the World.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Kansas' 4th Congressional District, I want to

congratulate Clay Lacy on his well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award and thank him for a lifetime of contributions to American aviation.

RECOGNIZING ISABELA GOANS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Isabela Goans for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Isabela has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Isabela, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Isabela's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Pomona High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Isabela Goans on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID VALDEZ

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Valdez of Georgetown, Texas. Mr. Valdez has committed his life to uplifting service members, veterans, and his community, both in uniform and as a civilian. His enduring passion for others demonstrates the finest traditions of the United States Air Force, and it is my distinct honor to recognize him with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Mr. Valdez served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and trained as a photographer, later earning a B.A. in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park. Over his distinguished career, he served as Chief Official White House Photographer and Director of the White House Press Office under President George H.W. Bush. After working with President Bush, Valdez spent eight years with The Walt Disney Company and subsequently dedicated another decade of service to the U.S. government.

Throughout his service and career, he earned national acclaim as an icon of American photography. He's used that incredible skill to give back to his community. Mr. Valdez initiated a project to take portraits of Soldiers and their families at Fort Hood. He is also the founder of the Texas Photography Festival and Chairman of the Georgetown Arts and Culture Board.

David Valdez represents the very best of Central Texas through his unwavering dedication and hard work. His work will continue to share a direct look at some of America's most iconic moments, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our warmest congratulations to him on his exceptional achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERE ''MIKE'' RICHARDSON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an extraordinary Connecticut community member, Jere ''Mike'' Richardson, who passed away on October 12, 2026, at 86 years old.

Throughout his life, Mr. Richardson devoted his time to the engagement and betterment of his country and community. For example, he honorably served our Nation in the United States Army and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and on the local level as a member of both the Lyme Land Trust and the Old Lyme VFW. His attainment of excellence in those endeavors made an indelible positive impact, and he will be deeply missed by those whose lives he touched.

Mike was born in Plentywood, Montana to a family employed by and serving in the war effort in the 1940s. At an early age, Mike decided to step up and serve our country in the United States Army and was nominated and accepted into the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. He graduated first in his class in 1964, which given the high level of West Point's student body, is proof of his exceptionalism.

While serving in the Army, Mike received his master's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois and was stationed in Thailand where he aided the Royal Thai Air Force in the development and construction of their runways.

After completing his military service, Mike continued to expand his impactful and wide-ranging career. As an engineer in Seattle, he contributed to the creation of the first tidal aquarium in the world. After earning his law degree from the University of Washington, Mike moved to Washington, D.C., where he returned to public service at the Environmental Protection Agency, establishing the enduring, groundbreaking concept of ''you pollute, you pay,'' forever altering in a positive direction the approach to environmental regulation in the United States. Mr. Richardson then went on to a new career as a lawyer for Pfizer in New England, where he retired as the vice president of Environmental Health and Safety.

Mike Richardson made immeasurable contributions to his local community and to the Nation as a whole. It is a privilege to share some of his many accomplishments, and to honor his service to our country. I had the honor and pleasure to know him and his amazing wife Faye Richardson over a number of years, and benefited greatly from their thoughtful, well-informed perspectives on many issues and challenges our country has confronted during my time in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in expressing our condolences to Mike's wife and high school sweetheart, Faye; his sons, Tom and Pete, and their wives, Heather and Dass; and to his nine grandchildren for their loss. His legacy of deep intelligence, kindness, and integrity will long live amongst all of us who knew him and be an example of a life well lived.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC COURAGE AND COMMITMENT OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE OFFICER SERGEANT NIGEL DAGGS

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to humbly honor and celebrate the heroic courage and commitment of New Orleans Police Officer Sergeant Nigel Daggs. Sergeant Daggs has served the citizens of New Orleans, Louisiana, since 2003. He currently serves as the Platoon Supervisor of the 5th District.

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The actions of Sergeant Nigel Daggs, and his fellow officers on New Year's Day highlight the profound impact of the NOPD's dedication to public safety. His teamwork, professionalism, and courage under fire are a reminder of the daily sacrifices made by law enforcement officers to protect the lives of others.

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