

has earned the Ranger Tab, Master Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge, symbolizing a career defined by excellence, sacrifice, and mastery of his profession. He is also a proud member of the Order of St. Maurice, the Order of St. Barbara, and the Order of Saint Michael—Airborne, and an honorary member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Association.

Without question, Command Sergeant Major Charles "Doug" Walker represents the very best of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. His leadership, professionalism, and devotion to soldiers have strengthened every formation he has served and have left an enduring legacy within the United States Army.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Command Sergeant Major Walker for his exemplary service and for his unwavering commitment to the defense of our Nation.

HONORING WATCH COMMANDER
RUBEN GARCIA, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Watch Commander Ruben Garcia, Jr. for his distinguished 25 years of service with the United States Border Patrol.

Watch Commander Garcia currently serves at the Harlingen Border Patrol Station, a role which he assumed on April 21, 2024. He previously served as Watch Commander at the Hebbronville Station beginning May 22, 2022. Since joining the U.S. Border Patrol on August 21, 2000, as a member of Class 448, he has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the mission and the men and women he leads.

Promoted to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent in December 2008 at the McAllen Station, Mr. Garcia managed the Border Community Liaison program, served as an Intelligence Officer, and contributed to the Station and Sector Confined Space Entry Team. In addition to his many roles, he also established the first Border Patrol Explorer Post at the McAllen Station, reflecting his commitment to mentorship and community engagement. In 2016, he was selected to serve as a Special Operations Supervisor, overseeing the Rio Grande Valley Horse Patrol Unit and later coordinated the unit's participation in the 2017 Presidential Inauguration Parade in Washington, D.C.

Throughout his career, Mr. Garcia has served in multiple leadership capacities, including Acting Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge at McAllen and Acting Assistant Chief at Headquarters over Specialty Programs. In this role, he coordinated the National Horse Patrol Program and earned a Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement. Mr. Garcia holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in English from the University of Texas—Pan American and served eight years in the United States Army Reserves.

Mr. Speaker, Watch Commander Ruben Garcia, Jr.'s career reflects integrity, professionalism, and a steadfast commitment to public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his strong leadership and his endur-

ing contributions to South Texas and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call vote No. 70 on H.R. 2189, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NAY.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a critical national resource that for 30 years has served as a lifeline for victims and survivors of domestic violence and relationship abuse across our country: the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Based in Austin, Texas, in my Congressional district, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is the only national hotline that operates 24/7, responding to all those in the U.S., its territories and military bases across the globe via phone, chat and text. These services are free and confidential.

Authorized by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and funded through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the National Domestic Violence Hotline was created to ensure that anyone experiencing relationship abuse would have a safe, confidential place to turn for help. On February 21, 1996, the National Domestic Violence Hotline answered its very first call—marking the beginning of a national commitment to listening to survivors, offering support without judgment, and helping people see pathways to safety and healing.

Since that first call, The Hotline has served more than 7.8 million people through phone, chat and text—each contact representing courage, resilience and hope. Its highly trained advocates provide compassionate support, personalized safety planning, and connections to local resources, responding to thousands of contacts each day as the demand for services continues to grow. Thirty years later, The Hotline continues to experience incredibly high demand for its services. Every day, The Hotline receives nearly 3,000 calls from those needing crisis support and a path to safety—demand for services has more than doubled during the past decade.

As the needs of survivors have evolved, The Hotline has implemented responsible, survivor-centered technology innovations—including expanded chat and text services and improved resource navigation to increase access, reduce barriers, and better meet demand nationwide.

This 30-year milestone is not a celebration of the continued prevalence of domestic violence. The ongoing need for a national hotline is a sobering reminder that relationship abuse

affects millions of people across every community, demographic, and geography. Survivors, particularly those from marginalized communities, often face compounded barriers to safety and support, and too many endure abuse in silence.

But the courage of survivors is something worthy of recognition. Every day, individuals reach out to The Hotline, often for the first time, taking a brave step toward safety, healing, and freedom. The Hotline bears witness to that courage by offering hope, validation and practical support in moments of crisis.

In addition to its core hotline services, The Hotline operates the National Dating Abuse Helpline, which provides 24/7/365 chat, text and phone support to help teens and young adults experiencing abuse or unhealthy dating situations. The Hotline also runs love is respect, a program dedicated to engaging, educating and empowering young people facing abusive or unhealthy relationships.

I also wish to recognize the dedicated advocates who staff the National Domestic Violence Hotline and its programs. Their work requires extraordinary compassion, resilience, and skill, as they respond to heart-wrenching calls and messages with care and professionalism. Their commitment saves lives and strengthens families and communities across our Nation.

For 30 years, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has stood as a beacon of hope—answering the call when it matters most. As we mark this 30th anniversary, we honor the survivors who inspire this work, the advocates who make it possible, and the enduring mission to ensure that everyone can live a life free from violence.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF REVEREND GEOFFREY B. CURTISS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Geoffrey B. Curtiss. Please join me and his parish, Trinity Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey, in celebrating this milestone of devotion and service of Reverend Curtiss in his priesthood.

To Reverend Curtiss, priesthood is an opportunity to connect, teach, and empower his congregants for the better. For a significant period, Reverend Curtiss served at the All Saints Episcopal Parish in Hoboken, New Jersey. Admirably, Reverend Curtiss oversaw the consolidation of three local Episcopal churches and facilitated the bridging of communities complete with benevolent initiatives and ministries. In these spaces, Hudson County low-income youth were provided after-school resources, summer programming, and a partnership to the Jubilee Family Life Center. In 1982, as president of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, Reverend Curtiss advocated and established the Hoboken Shelter for the Homeless.

Throughout his tenure, Reverend Curtiss has taken to activism in numerous good-faith organizations for causes such as housing access, youth enrichment, racism, and urban renewal. These organizations have included the

Hoboken North Hudson YMCA, Hoboken Rotary Club, Diocesan Council, Episcopal Urban Caucus, Department of Missions Board, the Commission to Dismantle Racism, and the Union City Renaissance Urban Renewal Associates.

Today, Reverend Curtiss and his wife, Linda, retired to Bradley Beach, having owned their house here since 1985. Reverend Curtiss serves as an Assisting Priest at Trinity Church Episcopal Parish in Asbury Park. He is a volunteer at the Monmouth County New Jersey Reentry Corporation and the Monmouth Affordable Housing Coalition. He is also a board member of the human rights organization, Cristosal, where he continues his lifelong mission to support the dignity of every human being.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Reverend Geoffrey B. Curtiss for his lifetime dedication to his faith, advocacy, and community.

RECOGNIZING ROHRER SEEDS FOR
THEIR CENTURY OF SERVICE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Rohrer Seeds, of Smoketown in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, for over a century in business.

Rohrer Seeds began in 1919 when P.L. Rohrer bought the business he worked for and introduced a mail-order seed catalog. Four years later, P.L. Rohrer built the company's retail store and headquarters in Smoketown, where it remains to this day.

What began as a small seed store has since adapted to the changes in both the market and in Lancaster County. While the customer base was once mostly agricultural, Rohrer Seeds shifted and found success in gardening and lawncare. Today, Rohrer Seeds sells hundreds of different kinds of seeds, alongside gardening and lawn supplies, to customers and other businesses. Their original service, the mail order catalogue, is still released annually and attracts customers from across the region. Rohrer Seeds continues to be family-owned and is led by P.L. Rohrer's great-grandson, Doug Rohrer.

Few businesses can say they have lasted a century, and even fewer can say that they have remained family owned during that time. I congratulate Rohrer Seeds for their longevity, and I appreciate the services that they have provided to generations of constituents. I wish them another century of success.

HONORING RANDI MARTOS

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Bronxite and an extraordinary public servant, Randi Martos.

Randi is a lifelong resident of Riverdale, a proud product of our public schools, PS 24, MS 141, and the Bronx High School of

Science. Her love for community was born and raised in the Bronx, and deepened as she raised her son, determined to ensure that he and every child would have access to the very best our borough has to offer. Today, of all her titles, the one she cherishes most is Grandma.

For more than 25 years, Randi has been a force for good in our borough. As Democratic District Leader for the 81st Assembly District, she served with distinction. As Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, she helped lead both district and Albany operations with skill and integrity.

But perhaps her greatest legacy lies in our public schools. When parents demanded a local high school option, Randi led the charge to transform MS 141 into what is now the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, changing the lives of future generations. She went on to become the longest-serving Parents Association President in the Academy's history.

From her leadership in local co-ops to her tireless community activism and her unwavering loyalty to the Bronx Bombers, Randi Martos embodies the very best of the Bronx and we are better because of her service.

HONORING PHYLLIS JOHNSON

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to honor the life of Phyllis Johnson, who passed away on January 13, 2026. Phyllis was a pillar of our community, and her life was marked by unwavering dedication and service to others.

Ms. Johnson worked with California State Retirees, Chapter 2, in Sacramento. As a devoted member, she generously gave her time and energy in numerous leadership roles, serving as both President and Vice President, and contributing her talents on the Membership Committee. Phyllis had a deep passion for supporting fellow members and strengthening the organization she cared so deeply about. She was known for her steady leadership, her willingness to lend a helping hand, and her genuine concern for the well-being of others.

In addition, Phyllis worked with SEIU Local 1000 as DLC 762 President and with the Sacramento Central Labor Council, where she was a tireless advocate. She also served as a member of the City of Galt Commission on Aging. Phyllis represented state workers, state retirees, working families, and seniors.

Mr. Speaker, as family, friends, and the community gather to celebrate the life of Phyllis Johnson, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her remarkable legacy of service and compassion. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched.

HONORING JUDGE KEVIN KANE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Judge Kevin Kane upon his retirement after

more than four decades of distinguished service to the courts and to the people of Arizona. Over his 44-year legal career, Judge Kane earned a reputation as a fair, thoughtful, and compassionate jurist who understood that the justice system works best when it is both principled and humane.

Judge Kane has a deep commitment to public service and to improving how courts serve their communities. His career spanned roles as a state supreme court law clerk, public defender, and municipal judge, including service on the bench in Utah, Phoenix, and Tempe. He was appointed to the Phoenix Municipal Court in 2006 and became the first openly gay judge to serve on that bench, following more than a decade of prior service as a staff attorney for the court. In 2016, he was appointed Presiding Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court, a role he has carried out with distinction for the past decade.

Under Judge Kane's leadership, the Tempe Municipal Court became more efficient and accessible. He made it easier for people to navigate the legal system, including expanding remote court access and creating partnerships to connect individuals with vital city services. Judge Kane continued to carry a full judicial caseload while making these reforms, demonstrating his commitment to both effective leadership and fair administration of justice.

Judge Kane is especially recognized for his work advancing ideas that help people solve problems instead of getting stuck in the justice system. He served as Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court and currently chairs the East Valley Regional Veterans' Court, which brings together legal and treatment professionals to support veterans facing challenges such as post-traumatic stress. He also presided over Tempe's Mental Health Court, which helps individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities receive the care and support they need.

Judge Kane's impact on Arizona's justice system is lasting. He leaves behind stronger institutions and countless lives positively affected through his commitment to service with compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Kevin Kane on his retirement and in thanking him for a lifetime of service to Arizona and to the rule of law.

HONORING THE HEROIC MILITARY
SERVICE OF SPECIALIST-5
MANUEL LEE CAMPBELL

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2026

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the valiant military service of Manuel Lee Campbell of Johnson City in Washington County, Tennessee, or simply "Lee" for those who know him best. As a partner of the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, I had the honor of recognizing Lee in-person at one of our local ceremonies last year.

SP-5 Campbell was drafted by the U.S. Army in September 1966, where he completed Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and soon received orders to report to Oakland Army Base,