

On the underground tour, you descend 100 feet into the Orphan Girl Mine, a cornerstone of Butte's mining legacy. Established in 1875, the mine eventually reached 3,200 feet and produced silver, lead, and zinc that powered America's industrial rise. During the Copper Boom, Butte became the largest city between Chicago and San Francisco and one of the world's most important mining centers, representing half of all copper mined in America and a quarter of the world's copper. That copper wired cities, energized factories, and connected the Nation through telegraph and telephone lines. Decades of mining fueled the U.S. war effort in both World Wars, supplying the munitions, equipment, and power that helped secure victory from tyranny and fascism. Walking through the tunnels, it is impossible not to reflect on the generations of workers who built this backbone of industry and defense.

Like the town it belongs to, the World Museum of Mining has a long and rich history. In 2024, the museum became the official home of the Montana Mining Hall of Fame, further cementing its role in honoring the industry's legacy and protecting the artifacts and structures of an area that featured nearly 10,000 miles of tunnels.

Mr. Speaker, on the 250th anniversary of the United States, it is important to look back at our country's history and the people who built it. The World Museum of Mining has preserved the stories of America's biggest strength: hardworking people willing to risk everything in the pursuit of opportunity and freedom.

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA
DELGADILLO EVANS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Rebecca Delgadillo Evans, a remarkable public servant whose distinguished career reflects the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and dedication to the administration of justice in the United States.

For more than sixteen years, Rebecca Evans served with distinction at the United States Attorney's Office in Riverside, California, where she became a cornerstone of the office's daily operations and long-term success. Her work as a Senior Legal Assistant and Grand Jury Coordinator exemplifies quiet excellence—service rendered not for recognition, but for the betterment of our institutions and the communities they serve.

Throughout her career, Rebecca earned the trust and respect of Assistant United States Attorneys, judges, law enforcement partners, and colleagues alike. She was known for her precision, discretion, and unwavering commitment to accuracy in the most demanding and high-stakes federal litigation matters. Her expertise in federal court filings, sealed pleadings, trial preparation, and discovery management ensured that justice was not only pursued, but pursued correctly.

Rebecca's role as Grand Jury Coordinator was especially vital. She oversaw all grand

jury proceedings with professionalism and calm authority, maintaining complex schedules, coordinating witnesses and jurors, and ensuring that each proceeding was conducted efficiently and lawfully. Her ability to manage sensitive information with care and integrity made her indispensable to the administration of justice in the Central District of California.

Beyond her technical expertise, Rebecca was a leader. She mentored newly hired legal assistants, filled supervisory roles when needed, and consistently stepped forward to ensure continuity of operations during times of transition. Her steady presence brought confidence to those around her and stability to an office charged with weighty responsibility.

What sets Rebecca apart is not only what she did, but how she did it—with grace, humility, and a genuine commitment to public service. She understood that the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office is not merely procedural, but foundational to the rule of law and the protection of our democratic institutions. Her career is a testament to the often-unseen professionals whose diligence ensures that our justice system functions honorably and effectively.

Outside of her professional duties, Rebecca has remained deeply committed to her community, volunteering with the City of Corona and exemplifying the spirit of service that has defined her life's work. She is a proud graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she laid the academic foundation for a career marked by excellence and purpose.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my privilege to know Rebecca Evans not only as a public servant, but as a person of character, kindness, and unwavering dedication. Her legacy is one of service well rendered and standards faithfully upheld. As she concludes this chapter of her professional journey, our community, our courts, and our country are better because of her contributions.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Rebecca Delgadillo Evans for her extraordinary service to the United States and to the cause of justice.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GULF WAR AND LIBERATION OF KUWAIT

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the 35th anniversary of the Gulf War and liberation of Kuwait.

Each year, a ceremony to commemorate this anniversary is held at the Arizona Heroes Memorial in Oro Valley.

While I cannot join in person this year, I would like to take this time to honor those who served in our armed forces in the Gulf War and fought to bring peace to the nation of Kuwait.

I thank each veteran who served in these operations. Their dedication to our Nation and the fight for peace is remembered every day and will never be taken for granted.

It is because of men and women like themselves that we are able to live in a free country.

We know that freedom is not free. Our freedom has been fought for by countless men and women who have answered the call.

I thank every veteran who served in the Gulf War, including Desert Storm, or the liberation of Kuwait for their fearless and selfless decision to fight so that freedom may reign.

I thank each man and woman who lost their life fighting in these operations for their love of country and willingness to lay it all on the line to keep our Nation safe. They paid the ultimate price, and their sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Saying "thank you" is nowhere near sufficient, but these two words are our best attempt at expressing our utmost gratitude for their heroic acts in service to our Nation.

HONORING MRS. TERRY LEIN FOR
ALMOST 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mrs. Terry Lein, a proud constituent of Woodbridge, Virginia, as she retires from the United States Navy after 29 years of extraordinary service in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Mrs. Lein built a remarkable career rooted in both compassion and dedication. She earned a bachelor's degree in Zoology/Animal Biology, followed by master's degrees in nursing and business administration, an academic foundation that would prepare her to lead and care for our communities. Her commitment to service was inspired early on by her father, who served in the Navy during the Korean War.

In 1996, she began serving as an Operating Room nurse, where she managed patient care in support of combat operations, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief efforts.

Throughout her nearly three decades of service, Mrs. Lein was stationed across the world, including assignments in Italy, Iceland, Japan, and Alaska.

When Hurricane Katrina hit, she was the Nurse Officer in charge, leading a unit of nurses during one of our Nation's most challenging moments, making sure patients received the consistent care they needed and deserved.

Recognized for her exemplary service, she earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (NMCCOM) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement (NMCAM), both of which are a testament to her superior performance and meritorious service.

Although she has retired from the line of duty, Mrs. Lein's service to others continues. She now serves as Nurse Manager at the Bitar Cosmetic Surgery Institute, where she oversees clinical operations, supports nursing staff, and ensures patients receive the highest standard of safe, quality care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Lein on her well-earned retirement and thanking her for almost three decades of service to our Nation.

HONORING DR. NATALIA GIRALDO-SANTIAGO, 2025 NATIONAL TRIO ACHIEVER

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Natalia Giraldo-Santiago, an extraordinary Puerto Rican scholar and clinician whose journey exemplifies the transformative power of the federal TRIO programs.

Dr. Giraldo-Santiago is a proud alumna of the TRIO Upward Bound program at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. With the support and mentorship she received through TRIO, she overcame early academic and personal challenges to pursue a career defined by excellence in research, clinical care, and teaching. Today, she serves as an instructor at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, as well as a research fellow at the Massachusetts Center for Alzheimer and Dementia Behavioral Research in Minority Aging.

Her groundbreaking work in health equity, mental health, and chronic pain management for underserved Latino and Spanish-speaking populations has earned support from the National Institutes of Health and recognition from her peers, including the 2024 Diversity Award from the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

On September 9, 2025, the Council for Opportunity in Education honored Dr. Giraldo-Santiago at their Educational Opportunity Dinner as one of the 2025 National TRIO Achievers. The 2025 National TRIO Achievers remind us why TRIO programs are not just necessary but transformational. These exemplary leaders embody resilience, purpose, and commitment to giving back. They represent what is possible when we give students from low-income and first-generation backgrounds a real opportunity to thrive.

As the Congressional Representative of Puerto Rico and a member of the TRIO Caucus, I am proud to celebrate Dr. Giraldo-Santiago's accomplishments and reaffirm my commitment to ensuring that these life-changing programs remain a strong federal priority.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CONGRESSMAN LEE H. HAMILTON

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Congressman Lee H. Hamilton, a devoted public servant, a champion of bipartisanship, and a true Hoosier icon.

For 34 years, Congressman Hamilton represented Indiana in the United States House of Representatives with integrity, civility, and unwavering dedication to his constituents. Throughout his tenure, he earned national respect for his thoughtful leadership on foreign affairs, intelligence, and national security matters, serving as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and playing a pivotal role in the Iran-Contra investigation. Later, as

Vice Chairman of the 9/11 Commission, he helped guide our Nation through one of the most consequential inquiries in modern American history.

Congressman Hamilton believed deeply in representative democracy and the responsibility of elected officials to work across party lines. He forged lasting bipartisan partnerships, including with Senator Richard Lugar, demonstrating that principled collaboration strengthens Indiana and our Nation. His commitment to civil discourse and institutional integrity set a standard for all public servants.

After retiring from Congress, Congressman Hamilton continued to serve our community through scholarship and civic education at Indiana University. Through the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies and the Center on Congress, he helped prepare future generations to understand and engage in public life with seriousness and respect.

A son of Evansville, a proud graduate of DePauw University and Indiana University, and a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Lee Hamilton never lost sight of his Hoosier roots. His life embodied service to his district, to Indiana, and to America.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Congressman Lee Hamilton's extraordinary legacy. May we follow his example of integrity, bipartisanship, and devotion to democratic ideals. May his children, grandchildren, and all who mourn his passing be comforted by the knowledge that we honor his legacy here in Congress, and treasure the incredible leadership he shared with us.

RECOGNIZING TRUMP PEACE BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this month, Massad Boulous, the Senior Advisor to President Donald Trump, sponsored peace talks in Spain encouraging peace between Morocco and Algeria. A breakthrough could help push war criminal Putin out of North Africa.

Algeria and Putin in the past have had a strategic partnership, as Russia is the main arms supplier to Algeria.

Peace between Morocco and Algeria can move Algeria into a better relationship with America which can bring benefits for all North Africa including Tunisia, where Algeria is the key sponsor for tyrant President Saied. The people of Tunisia are recognized as revolutionaries for freedom.

The future of Algeria lies in moving past support for the Polisario and backing a realistic autonomy solution for the Sahrawi people, rather than prolonging a conflict that destabilizes the region. Creating a country run by a Marxist cult in the middle of the Sahara Desert is not in the best interest of innocent Sahrawis, as Marxism always fails.

Stable, peaceful, and prosperous North Africa can be achieved with the visionary encouragement of President Donald Trump facilitated by courageous Massad Boulous.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize February as National Cancer Prevention Month and to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to reducing the burden of cancer in communities across our Nation.

Cancer is a devastating disease that has touched far too many families in my district and across the country. Nearly every one of us knows a parent, child, sibling, or friend whose life has been altered by a diagnosis. The grief that follows the loss of a loved one to cancer is profound, and it strengthens our resolve to do everything in our power to prevent this disease wherever possible.

This month reminds us that while cancer has affected so many lives, there are meaningful steps we can take to reduce its impact. Research shows that a significant share of cancer cases may be preventable through practical, evidence-based measures. Simple but important actions, such as staying physically active, maintaining a healthy diet, protecting our skin from excessive sun exposure, and keeping up with recommended screenings, can make a real difference in reducing risk.

At the same time, prevention must extend beyond individual choices. Too many families face obstacles to early detection and timely care. Access to screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies can mean the difference between early treatment and a far more difficult journey. We must also confront the persistent disparities in cancer outcomes, as rural communities and communities of color too often face greater barriers to prevention, screening, and care.

National Cancer Prevention Month serves as a solemn reminder of both the progress we have made and the work that remains. By strengthening prevention efforts, expanding access to lifesaving screenings, and working to close gaps in care, we can honor those we have lost and help spare other families from the hardship of a cancer diagnosis.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NANCY PATTERSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Patterson, a U.S. Army veteran and accomplished leader in public education, workforce development, and cross-sector collaboration. With more than two decades of experience, Ms. Patterson has focused on advancing College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) for students across Texas and the Nation.

She has held executive leadership roles in a public school system that serves over 40,000 students, leading systemwide improvements that enhanced accountability outcomes and student readiness. She is recognized for supervising and coaching school leaders,