

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING SHERRY BRYANT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and contributions of Sherry Bryant, a committee reporter from the Clerk's Office of Official Reporters.

As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, I have gained firsthand knowledge of the numerous offices across the Capitol complex whose staff ensure the seamless, high-quality operation of the House of Representatives as it performs its legislative duties. These offices include the Office of the Clerk, and specifically, its Office of Official Reporters, where Sherry has faithfully served for the past decade.

Sherry began her career as a freelance deposition reporter in Pennsylvania and has been a court reporter since 1981. From 1998 to 2012, she reported the annual Pennsylvania Senate Budget Hearing. She later served with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York from 2013 to 2016. Over the course of her career, she has reported countless significant proceedings, including the 42nd President of the United States' remarks at the National Governors Association's annual conference in 2000.

In 2016, Sherry joined the Office of Official Reporters, where she has since covered several historic and high-profile committee and subcommittee hearings, field hearings across the country, transcribed interviews, and depositions. Her dedicated work has helped preserve the official record of this institution at some of its most consequential moments.

In 2025, Sherry won the National Court Reporters Association Speed Competition for the third time, solidifying her status as the fastest court reporter in the Nation. She previously claimed this honor in 2012 and 2018. She is also a Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) and a Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), achieving measured speeds ranging from 180 to 260 words per minute with a minimum accuracy of 95 percent—an extraordinary testament to her skill and discipline. Her colleagues describe her as dedicated, hardworking, conscientious, and unfailingly positive. The Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives described her as “the nicest person—nice and talented.”

It has been a true privilege for the House of Representatives to benefit from the service of the fastest court reporter in the country for all these years. As Sherry prepares to retire, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating her remarkable career and thanking her for her tireless service to this institution and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING KELLY KELL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the extraordinary contributions of one of my constituents, Kelly Kell, a volunteer with the Twisted Arts Initiative in Citrus County. Kelly's impact on the organization is immeasurable. She consistently supports every aspect of our work, from event coordination and crowd management to daily program operations, ensuring success at every turn. Her selfless commitment and hands-on involvement make her a true hero within our nonprofit community.

Mr. Speaker, part of what makes our Nation so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to selflessly give back to their communities. Volunteerism is a cornerstone of our society and a vital thread in the fabric that unites us. Ms. Kell embodies this spirit of service in every sense. It is clear that Kelly Kell has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am deeply grateful for her dedication and service. I am proud to honor her accomplishments by recognizing her as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MR. GLENDON MARKIN, II

HON. ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Glendon Markin, II, a dedicated veteran who has served our country in national security positions for more than 25 years. His excellence in the field is not only an extraordinary personal milestone, but a testament to the character and commitment he brings to every endeavor.

In 2002, Glen joined the United States Navy, after serving as a legislative aid in the U.S. House of Representatives during the September 11, 2001, attacks. His service in the Navy included tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, exemplifying steadfast dedication, courage, and devotion to duty.

Following his military service, he continued protecting America in several critical roles within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, including as the Deputy Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs. In that role, Glen provided essential guidance to the Intelligence Community regarding legislative strategy. He oversaw stewardship of the National Intelligence Program budget, aligned congressional engagement strategies across all intelligence elements, ensured Congress was appropriately informed, and supported the Sen-

ate confirmation of five presidential appointees.

Most recently, he has been serving as the Director of the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs at the National Reconnaissance Office. In this role, he applies his expertise in translating complex, technical information to achieve legislative and public engagement successes.

Beyond his distinguished service, Glen treasures his role as a husband and father to his wife and their two daughters. He exemplifies commitment, a strong work ethic, and a resilient passion for the traditions we hold dear.

In honor of his upcoming retirement, I congratulate Mr. Markin and extend my deepest appreciation for his enduring contributions to the United States and to the Intelligence Community. I wish him every happiness that life has to offer in the next chapter of life. May God bless him, and may God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING DENISE O'BRIEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denise O'Brien, a devoted community servant whose compassion, generosity, and steady leadership have made a lasting difference throughout our community. Since joining the Krewe of Chasco in 2017, Denise has become far more than a member—she has become its heart. Lovingly known as the “Krewe Mom,” she has earned this title through her unwavering care, encouragement, and willingness to support others in every season. Whether offering guidance, organizing efforts behind the scenes, or simply providing a listening ear, Denise consistently puts the needs of others first.

Her dedication to service extends well beyond the Krewe. Denise is actively involved in numerous community organizations, including the Community Service Council, A.F.I.R.E., Amvets, and the Junior Service League. Through each of these organizations, she invests her time and energy into advocacy, fundraising, and hands-on volunteer work that strengthens families and uplifts those in need. Denise's impact is not measured solely by the hours she gives, but by the heart she brings to every cause. Her steady, compassionate presence fosters unity and encouragement among fellow volunteers and community members alike. She leads not through fanfare, but through consistency, kindness, and a genuine desire to serve. In every organization she touches, Denise O'Brien leaves it stronger, more connected, and more compassionate. Her commitment reminds us that true leadership is rooted in service and that the most meaningful contributions often come from those who quietly and faithfully show up for others.

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For her selfless dedication, generous spirit, and profound impact on our community, I am proud to recognize Denise O'Brien today as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

APPRECIATING PATRIOT LOU
HOLTZ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolinians are grateful to express appreciation for the life and extraordinary career of Coach Lou Holtz, who led the University of South Carolina Gamecocks football team from 1999 to 2004.

He will always be remembered by his famous quote, "Today's athletes talk about rights and privileges. And the players 50 years ago talked about obligations and responsibilities. And to me that describes society today."

I include in the RECORD a review of his accomplishments presented by the Dawson Funeral Home of East Liverpool, Ohio:

Louis Leo "Lou" Holtz, a national championship-winning college football coach and National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Famer member who devoted more than five decades to college coaching and broadcasting, died on March 4, 2026, at age 89.

Holtz passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Orlando, Florida. A devoted husband, father, faithful Catholic and one of college football's most legendary figures, he leaves behind a legacy defined by faith, family, perseverance and an unwavering belief in the potential of others.

Born January 6, 1937, in Follansbee, West Virginia, as one of three children to Andrew and Anne Holtz, Holtz grew up in a working-class family that instilled in him a relentless work ethic and an abiding sense of gratitude from an early age.

Holtz married his East Liverpool hometown love and best friend, Beth Barcus, on July 22, 1961. Their loving, faith-filled marriage endured more than five decades until Beth's passing in 2020, and those who knew them will remember Lou and Beth as inseparable partners through both life's joys and challenges.

He is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Luanne Altenbaumer (Terry) of Houston, Texas, their daughter Lindsay Altenbaumer (Raul Ganzalez) and their children Amelia and R.J.; Louis Leo "Skip" Holtz (Jennifer) of Six Mile, South Carolina, their children Louis Leo "Trey" (Rachel), Chad and Hailey; Kevin Holtz (Kelly) of Port Orange, Florida, their children Katherine and Aaron; Liz Messaglia (Mike) of Brownsburg, Indiana, and their children Zachary (Nicole), Beth and Jacob. In addition to his wife and parents, Holtz was preceded in death by his sisters Vicki Haggerty and Shirley Youst.

After earning his undergraduate degree in history from Kent State University, where he played football for two seasons, a football injury led him to assist the coaching staff and later complete his master's degree at the University of Iowa, laying the foundation for a life devoted to teaching, coaching, and inspiring others.

Commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve upon graduation, he carried that commitment forward throughout his life, supporting the military

through multiple USO tours and uplifting deployed service members in places such as Camp Liberty in Baghdad and Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan.

Holtz began his football coaching career in 1960 and spent time as an assistant coach at Iowa, William & Mary, Connecticut, South Carolina and Ohio State (under Hall of Famer Woody Hayes), winning the National Championship in 1968.

He went on to excel by building programs as head coach at William & Mary (1969-71), North Carolina State (1972-75), Arkansas (1977-83), Minnesota (1984-85), Notre Dame (1986-96) and South Carolina (1999-2004). He finished with a career collegiate record of 249-132-7 and won a dozen postseason bowl games. At each stop, he inherited a program with a losing record and transformed it into a winner, taking every team to a bowl game by his second season and ultimately capturing the 1988 National Championship with the Fighting Irish. His extraordinary ability to revive struggling teams made him the only coach in college football history to send six different programs to bowl games and to guide four of them to final Top 15 rankings.

His love of golf began at William & Mary, where coaching the golf team to supplement his football salary sparked a lifelong passion for the game. He later treasured his memberships at Lake Nona and Augusta National, forming lasting friendships on their fairways, celebrating six holes in one, and cherishing the highlight of winning the Jamboree at Augusta.

Holtz lived by the values of trust, love and commitment. He taught three essential rules: do what is right, do it to the best of your ability, and show people you care. These principles not only shaped the teams he built, but more importantly, they shaped character, instilled purpose, and helped young men become the best versions of themselves, on the field and in life.

Lou Holtz received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Trump during a White House ceremony on December 3, 2020, recognizing his extraordinary impact as one of America's greatest football coaches and a lifelong teacher of character and leadership.

Beyond the gridiron, he became a trusted analyst for CBS and ESPN, a New York Times bestselling author and one of America's most sought-after motivational speakers. Known for his quick-wit and charm, he turned every podium into an opportunity to inspire others to believe in themselves. His wit, wisdom and warmth reached far beyond football.

Through the Holtz Charitable Foundation, he and Beth supported countless educational and community initiatives, continuing to shape lives long after his final game. Holtz's Heroes Foundation, organized by his former Notre Dame players, supports scholarships at Notre Dame, former players and the Bread of Life Food Drive.

RECOGNIZING JOSELINE TRUJILLO
AYLLON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the extraordinary contributions of one of my constituents, Joseline Trujillo Ayllon, a devoted volunteer with CASA Citrus Abuse Shelter. Ms. Trujillo Ayllon works tirelessly—and often quietly—on behalf of survivors and their families. She is, in many

ways, a "secret agent" for those in need: a compassionate helper who seeks no recognition, only results. Whether securing free theme park tickets to give survivors and their children moments of joy and normalcy, or spending countless hours listening with empathy and care, she consistently goes above and beyond to uplift others. Many of her most meaningful efforts are carried out behind the scenes, known only to those whose lives she has touched. She is the silent, steady force—the glue that helps hold the safe house together—ensuring that those who have endured trauma feel supported, valued, and not alone.

Mr. Speaker, part of what makes our Nation so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to selflessly give back to their communities. Volunteerism is a cornerstone of our society and a vital thread in the fabric that unites us. Ms. Trujillo Ayllon embodies this spirit of service in every sense. It is clear that Joseline Trujillo Ayllon has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am deeply grateful for her dedication and service. I am proud to recognize her as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA JUROR PAY PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Juror Pay Parity Act, which would require D.C.'s local trial court, the Superior Court, to pay jurors the same amount federal courts pay jurors. Currently, the Superior Court pays jurors the same amount federal courts pay jurors, but the Superior Court has sometimes paid less.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, Congress assumed responsibility for funding the local D.C. courts. The local D.C. courts, however, have always been under the direct control of Congress, even when they were funded by D.C. The D.C. Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law with respect to any provision of Title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). Under Title II, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court sets juror pay.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING LYNN SKELTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lynn Skelton, a dedicated community leader whose longstanding commitment to service has made a meaningful and enduring impact throughout Pasco County. Having relocated to Florida at the age of two and proudly calling Pasco County home since 1984, Ms. Skelton has demonstrated a deep and sustained investment in the growth, stability, and well-being of her community. Her heart for