

service is perhaps most evident through her extensive involvement with Habitat for Humanity, where she has generously shared her time, talent, and resources for many years.

Through her company, ProSource of Port Richey, Lynn has donated flooring materials and sponsored multiple Habitat projects, directly supporting families striving to achieve the dream of homeownership. Her contributions have done more than improve physical structures—they have helped transform houses into homes, providing families with stability, dignity, and renewed opportunity.

Lynn's leadership extends well beyond material generosity. She served on the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors from 2021 to 2022 and later on the Executive Committee from 2023 to 2024, helping shape the organization's strategic direction and strengthen its mission. Most recently, she continued her civic engagement through service on the Pasco Leadership Council from 2024 to 2025, further demonstrating her dedication to responsible leadership and community advancement. Lynn attributes her commitment to service to a profound sense of gratitude—gratitude for her faith, for her community, and for the personal growth she has experienced throughout her life. That gratitude has consistently translated into meaningful action, as she seeks opportunities to give back and uplift those around her.

Her example reminds us that strong communities are built not only by institutions, but by individuals willing to lead with humility, generosity, and vision. For her steadfast dedication, generous spirit, and lasting contributions to Pasco County, I am proud to recognize Lynn Skelton as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING BRADLEY FLICK

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Bradley Flick, who, after nearly four decades of service advancing American aviation and aerospace innovation at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California, will retire this month.

Brad began his career in 1986 at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center, then called the Dryden Flight Research Center, as a flight systems engineer, helping lead research flights and experimental programs, such as the F/A-18 High Alpha Research Vehicle (HARV) project, that pushed the boundaries of aeronautics and strengthened our Nation's leadership in aerospace technology. Over the years, he served as mission controller on approximately 100 HARV research flights. Brad rose through the ranks as an engineer, chief engineer, and research leader, ultimately serving as Director of NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center—the Nation's premier civilian flight research institution.

Known by his colleagues as a compassionate leader, Brad helped guide groundbreaking efforts in sustainable aviation and next-generation flight research. Under his leadership, Armstrong Flight Research Center advanced technologies that are shaping the future of flight—from NASA's all-electric exper-

imental aircraft to research into quiet supersonic aviation that could transform how Americans travel.

Brad often reflected on the legacy of those who came before him, noting that today's researchers are "riding on the shoulders of legendary flight pioneers" who made discoveries at Armstrong Flight Research Center over the last 75 years. With that perspective, he led his team with humility, purpose, and a deep belief that the next great aviation breakthrough was still waiting to be discovered.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Brad Flick on his retirement and thank him for his decades of service to our Nation, to the aerospace community, and to the enduring spirit of American innovation that lives in the Aerospace Valley.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREG FIRST

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary servant leader and veteran, Mr. Greg First, whose selfless dedication to his community embodies the very spirit of the 2026 Heroes Among Us Congressional Award. As a proud United States Air Force veteran, Greg has carried his commitment to service far beyond his time in uniform. For the past five years, he has faithfully volunteered at the Metropolitan Ministries East Pasco Family Support Center, where he has become an indispensable member of the team. During that time, he has completed more than 250 volunteer shifts and contributed over 860 hours of hands-on, compassionate service to individuals and families in need. Greg's work is often quiet but deeply impactful. Whether answering phones, comforting a caller in crisis, assisting families seeking essential support, or guiding guests through available resources, he approaches every responsibility with patience, empathy, and genuine care. His steady presence offers reassurance during some of life's most difficult moments.

What sets Greg apart is not only his consistency, but the warmth he brings to every interaction. Staff, volunteers, and clients alike describe him as a source of hope and encouragement. His positive energy and contagious enthusiasm create an atmosphere of dignity and welcome throughout the East Pasco campus. Simply put, he lifts spirits simply by being present. Beyond his daily volunteer efforts, Greg's deep roots in the East Pasco community strengthen the mission of Metropolitan Ministries. Through longstanding local relationships and authentic community engagement, he helps build meaningful connections that expand outreach and ensure that support reaches those who need it most.

Greg's faithful and humble service reflects the very best of our Nation's values. He does not seek recognition or applause. Instead, he quietly and consistently works to improve the lives of others—motivated not by reward, but by conviction and compassion. In every sense, Greg First exemplifies what it means to be a hero among us. His dedication to both country and community serves as an inspiring reminder that the call to serve does not end with military service—it continues in the everyday

acts of kindness that strengthen our neighborhoods and uplift our fellow citizens. For his extraordinary commitment, uplifting presence, and steadfast devotion to serving others, I am proud to recognize Greg First as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Texas' Southernmost College (TSC), the first institution of higher education in the Rio Grande Valley. For a century, Texas Southmost College has made a lasting impact on our community, expanding opportunity and improving the quality of life for generations of South Texas families.

Since its founding in 1926, Texas Southmost College has grown into one of the most affordable and accessible higher education centers in the region. It has empowered students to pursue their academic and professional goals close to home.

Throughout this time, TSC has grown to be a nationally recognized, community-rooted, and student-centered institution dedicated to transforming lives through high-quality education. Its commitment to serving the Rio Grande Valley has built a stronger workforce and brighter future for our region.

As Texas Southmost College marks its centennial, it continues to expand access to education through its dual enrollment program. Partnering with 24 public, private, and charter schools, TSC allows students to earn college credit, often at no cost, and even earn an associate's degree before graduating high school.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Texas Southmost College and all those who have contributed to its mission over the past century. May TSC continue to strength, serve, and uplift the Rio Grande Valley for many generations to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. JAY GUNDY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional volunteer whose quiet dedication has made a profound and lasting impact on the Disability Achievement Center—Mr. Jay Gundy. Since beginning his volunteer service in May 2024, Jay has exemplified the very best of community commitment. Month after month, he dedicated approximately ten hours of his time to one of the most essential—yet often unseen—functions of the organization: inventorying donated durable medical equipment. While this work may occur behind the scenes, it is critical to ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive the

equipment they need in a timely and efficient manner. Through meticulous attention to detail and thoughtful analysis, Jay quickly recognized opportunities to strengthen the agency's inventory systems. He did not simply complete assigned tasks—he sought ways to improve them. His recommendations led to transformative, agency-wide improvements in how donated equipment is organized, tracked, and accessed. Today, because of Jay's efforts, the Disability Achievement Center operates with a far more streamlined and efficient warehouse system, ensuring that vital equipment is readily available to those who depend upon it.

His contributions produced measurable impact. By significantly reducing the time staff and management previously devoted to inventory management, Jay helped free countless hours that can now be redirected toward serving individuals with disabilities and expanding the organization's reach within the community. Yet Jay's legacy extends beyond systems and logistics. He brought with him a positive attitude, steady professionalism, and genuine kindness that uplifted staff and consumers alike. He became not just a volunteer, but a trusted and valued member of the team. His humility and heart for service were evident in every interaction. When unforeseen circumstances required Jay to step away from volunteering, his absence was deeply felt. In a heartfelt letter, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and for the warm welcome he received—a testament to his character and the sincerity with which he approached his work.

Jay Gundy's dedication, compassion, and meaningful contributions embody the true spirit of a Hero Among Us. His service reminds us that lasting change is often driven by individuals willing to invest their time, talents, and heart in helping others.

It is my honor to recognize Jay Gundy for his extraordinary volunteerism, the enduring difference he has made in the lives of so many, and as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MISS TEEN USA
MAILYN MARSH

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the reigning Miss Teen USA, Mailyn Marsh of Ozark, Missouri. Mailyn is a 17-year-old junior at Ozark High School. She was crowned Miss Teen USA 2025 in Reno, Nevada.

Mailyn is a driven student leader and community advocate, who is consistently recognized for her poise, purpose, and passion for creating meaningful change. She is known for her academic excellence and for being heavily involved as a student mentor.

Mailyn has served as president of the Kindness Club, vice president in the Health Occupations Students of America organization, and is an active member of Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, and Educators Rising. She is the Educators Rising State Champion, demonstrating her commitment to education, sustainability, and future healthcare leadership.

Beyond academics and advocacy, Mailyn is an accomplished equestrian and has a deep love of horses. She is a young woman grounded in faith, kindness, and integrity. With aspirations of becoming a board-certified dermatologist, she hopes to merge her love of science, wellness, and empowerment to help others feel confident in their own skin.

Mailyn is proud to be only the third young woman from Missouri in history to take the coveted Miss Teen USA title. She is honored to advance her advocacy on a national stage, using her platform to inspire the next generation to lead with compassion, pursue excellence with confidence, and create meaningful impact within their communities and beyond. I am proud to have her as a constituent.

RECOGNIZING MS. TAMMY
BRINKER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Tammy Brinker for her extraordinary leadership and the transformative impact she has made during more than a decade of service as Chief Executive Officer of her organization.

Through visionary leadership, strategic foresight, and an unwavering commitment to students and educators, Ms. Brinker guided the organization from an annual revenue of less than \$100,000 to a thriving, mission-driven nonprofit generating more than \$3 million annually. Under her stewardship, more than \$40 million has been raised to support schools, teachers, and students—all while maintaining the highest standards of financial integrity, transparency, and sustainability. Ms. Brinker's legacy is defined not only by growth, but by meaningful impact. She has been instrumental in launching innovative, high-impact programs designed to remove barriers and meet real, tangible needs within our community. The Free Tools 4 Schools Store and Mobile Store have provided teachers with free classroom supplies, directly supporting those who dedicate their lives to educating the next generation. Through Operation Cinderella Boutique, she ensured that students could participate in milestone events with dignity and confidence, reinforcing that no child should miss out on life's important moments due to financial hardship. Her leadership also strengthened mentoring and scholarship initiatives such as Take Stock in Children, expanding access to academic support, college readiness resources, and postsecondary opportunities. By broadening these pathways, she helped countless students envision—and achieve—brighter futures.

Beyond programmatic success, Ms. Brinker elevated governance and operational excellence. She cultivated a highly engaged Board of Directors and implemented sound strategic and financial practices that earned the trust and confidence of donors, partners, and the broader community. Her approach reflects not only competence, but character—ensuring that growth was both responsible and sustainable.

Mr. Speaker, Tammy Brinker's leadership has profoundly shaped both the organization she served and the countless lives it touches.

Her vision, integrity, and steadfast dedication exemplify the very best of community-focused leadership. For these reasons, I am proud to recognize Ms. Tammy Brinker as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING BARBARA FEINGOLD

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Feingold for her steadfast leadership, devoted public service, and unwavering commitment to the Jewish community and the enduring alliance between the United States and the State of Israel.

Barbara currently serves as a Presidential Appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, having been appointed in May 2025. In this role, she contributes to the mission of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and ensure that future generations remember the lessons of history so that such atrocities are never repeated.

A respected national leader, Barbara serves as a National Board Member and Florida Chair of the Republican Jewish Coalition, where she works tirelessly to strengthen the voice of Jewish conservatives and advance the values of faith, freedom, and democratic partnership. She is also a National Board Member of the Combat Antisemitism Movement, where she actively works alongside elected officials and community leaders to combat antisemitism and promote unwavering support for Israel and Jewish causes. Barbara has long been a passionate advocate for the principle of "Never Again." In 2025, she participated in the March of the Living, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. Following this solemn journey of remembrance, she traveled to Israel on a fact-finding mission to further deepen her understanding and strengthen her advocacy for the Jewish state and its people.

An engaging public speaker and dedicated philanthropist, Barbara has spent decades advancing causes that strengthen the Jewish community both in the United States and abroad. Her philanthropic work includes longstanding involvement with Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, where she and her family sponsor an Israel Defense Forces battalion and helped build a synagogue on an IDF base in the Negev—an enduring symbol of faith and support for those who defend Israel's security.

Barbara's commitment to public service extends to education. She served on the Florida State Board of Education, helping guide education policy for the state, and later served as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Florida Atlantic University, contributing to the advancement of higher education and academic opportunity.

Her professional journey began in the field of education as a speech and language pathologist. Alongside her late husband, Jeffery, Barbara co-founded MCNA Dental, building it into the largest privately held dental insurance company in the United States before its sale in 2020. Through hard work, vision, and dedication, she helped create a company that served millions of families across our Nation.