

RECOGNIZING EARLY COLLEGE  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Early College High School in Farmers Branch, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 80 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

This outpouring of kindness reflects the deep gratitude for our veterans that remains strong throughout North Texas.

The creativity and compassion demonstrated by these students are a testament to the caring spirit present throughout their school. I commend them for their generosity and community involvement and thank them for helping make this year's Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas' 24th District.

HONORING OLIVER G. GILBERT, III

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Oliver G. Gilbert, III for his philanthropy and dedication to at-risk youth.

On behalf of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, I present this Congressional Award in recognition of Mr. Gilbert's exemplary leadership and commitment to Miami-Dade County. Each year, we acknowledge distinguished Role Model Mentors, and it is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Gilbert as he joins this esteemed group.

His contributions as a Miami-Dade Commissioner have had a profound impact on our community. Mr. Gilbert's advocacy for youth welfare exemplifies the core values we seek to instill in the young men we serve. His dedication to educational opportunities, equity, and community upliftment has inspired many to pursue excellence. We formally recognize Mr. Gilbert as an Honoree of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. His work not only fosters empowerment but also emphasizes the importance of leadership with integrity and compassion.

Mr. Gilbert's initiatives resonate with our mission by supporting young men of color to achieve their potential. His understanding of community challenges and promotion of social equity have left a lasting impact. It is with pride that we acknowledge his achievements and express our gratitude for his efforts to empower the next generation. I congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. We look forward to collaborating on creating a brighter future for the youth of Miami-Dade County.

We now recognize Role Model Oliver Gilbert, III for his exceptional contributions and significant influence as the Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Commission. His unwavering commitment to fostering educational opportunities, advancing equity, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Miami-Dade County has been widely recognized. Mr. Gilbert serves as a beacon of hope and exemplifies true leadership, consistently demonstrating integrity and compassion in his efforts.

CONGRATULATING BLYTHEWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the Blythewood High School girls' basketball team, "The Bengals," as they defeated Wando High School in the 2026 5A Division I South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) State Championship. This marks the second State Championship in team history.

In their final game, on March 6, 2026, the Bengals won the game 68–44, finishing off their record with 24 wins and only 5 losses.

The Blythewood High team includes players Madison Daniels, Kennedy Anderson, Aniya Guerrero, Kirsten Fulton, Kylie Davis, Alayna Young, Kylie Stovall, Hayley Hightower, Madison Thomas, Kaila Spain, Chase Thomas, and India Williams. Alongside the players is talented coach, Emily McElveen, and Statistician, Kevin Williams.

On behalf of all South Carolina, I congratulate the Blythewood High Bengals on this impressive achievement and I wish them the best of luck as they defend their title in the upcoming season. This victory of the Blythewood High Bengals is well-deserved for the team, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work and support, making their dream come true.

RECOGNIZING GOOD ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Good Elementary School in Carrollton, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 100 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

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the caring spirit present throughout their school. I commend them for their generosity and community involvement and thank them for helping make this year's Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas' 24th District.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT "BOB"  
BOYER

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and I am privileged to recognize Mr. Robert "Bob" Boyer of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, upon the blessed and auspicious occasion of his 102nd Birthday.

Mr. Boyer was born on March 13, 1924, in Harrisburg, by the lock on the Susquehanna River. Sickly as an infant, he was sent to live with his grandmother in Carlisle, where he was nursed back to health.

While he was in 10th grade, Bob's family purchased a farm near Middlesex, and he quit school to help get the farm going. While he enjoyed spending time with the cows and donkeys, money was tight—as it was for many Depression-era families—and for a time, they lived only off of goat's milk.

In 1948, Bob and a friend were at the roller-rink, where he saw a beautiful girl—about whom he told his friend: "I'm going to marry that girl!" Well, "that girl" became his wife, Beulah (Be-Be), when they eloped six months later. Be-Be grew up on a farm and hated farm work; she vowed she would never marry a farmer, but not long after they married, Bob rented a farm from his father, and Be-Be helped by doing one of her least favorite chores—milking cows—and she kept the books for the farm.

In 1959, Bob purchased his own farm in Carlisle, where he farmed for more than 30 years, raised their three daughters, and a foster child for four years. After selling the farm in 1967, Bob started his own business, Agriservice, in 1969, from which he would deliver farm supplies to local farmers. Amazing with numbers, Bob remembered everything he bought for the company, how much he paid for it, and how much profit he made.

In 1988, Bob sold Agriservice and purchased a junkyard, where he sold scrap metal to the United States Military for Operation Desert Storm. It took him six years to clean out the property, after which he sold part of the land to his great-granddaughter.

Bob and Be-Be love to travel and do so whenever they can. In 1967, Bob bought a sedan on a whim and took the family on a summer trip to California, stopping at every National Park along the way. On another occasion in Alaska, Bob and Be-Be slept in the back of their truck because there were no motels in the remote area they were visiting.

Bob and Be-Be have been married for a blessed and astonishing 73 years. From their three daughters, they have seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and are expecting the imminent birth of their first great-grandchild this year. Before they moved into Silver Spring Personal Care Home, they lived in a small home from 1989 to November of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, I am so greatly humbled and honored to recognize Mr. Robert Boyer on the blessed and truly amazing occasion of his 102nd Birthday. His life truly epitomizes that of "The Greatest Generation" and of a life done right—as evidenced by his wife, Be-Be, his family and friends who love him dearly, and the countless people whose lives he has touched and affected in myriad ways. He sets the standard by which all should be judged, and I wish him continued God's blessings.

RECOGNIZING ISABELLA ZAHN

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school athlete from Ohio's 5th Congressional District. Isabella Zahn, a senior at Coldwater High School, has represented her school ably on her way to achieving three Division III State Titles for the 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, and Girls Long Jump at the State Track and Field Meet. Isabella overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in her effort to win the title.

In pursuing the State Championship, Isabella defeated her opponents with an impressive time of 23.04 seconds in the 200 Meter Dash, 52.89 seconds in the 400 Meter Dash, and a jump of 18–08.50 in the Girls Long Jump. Her hard work and dedication, both on and off the track, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. She has achieved an impressive season, bringing pride to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Isabella Zahn of Coldwater High School. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING H. GRADY SPRUCE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of H. Grady Spruce High School in Dallas, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, Junior ROTC students created more than 130 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

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for helping make this year's Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas' 24th District.

CONGRATULATING RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize Columbia's Ridge View High School boys' basketball team, "The Blazers," as they defeated Ashley Ridge High School in the 2026 Class 5A Division I South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Basketball State Championship. This marks their seventh state championship in the past 9 years.

On March 6, 2026, the Blazers won the game 65–44, bringing their final record to 27 wins and 3 losses.

The Ridge View High basketball team includes players Talan Stanley, Jourdin Mack, Robert Wylie, RJ Davis, CJ Moore, Brayden Mack, Noah Sanders, Khabir McLawhorn, Gregory Williams, Joshua Vankallen, Kaleb Peters, Christopher Horton, and James Ross. Alongside the players are their talented coaches, Joshua Staley, Devonte Coulter, Reginald Murray, Kenneth Hunter, Christian Savage, David Smith, Chris Johnson, and Rion Davis.

On behalf of all South Carolina, I congratulate the Ridge View High Blazers on this impressive achievement and wish them the best of luck as they defend their title in the upcoming season. These victories are well-deserved for the teams, coaches, families, and community for all their hard work and support, making their dream come true.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARIZONA VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT MARANA

**HON. JUAN CISCOMANI**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana.

Before becoming the 100th state Veterans' cemetery in the Nation to be built under the Department of Veteran Affairs cemetery grant program, the memorial's founders spent years advocating for its construction. Paul Marsh, together with Norman Ross and Wendell Hague, were instrumental in their incredible legacy and service to Arizona's veterans to make this cemetery come to fruition.

They found support in the town of Marana, especially the Kai family, making the dream of a veterans' memorial in Marana a reality. I want to personally thank and recognize the Kai family for their generous donation of the land where the cemetery sits.

Ten years after their donation and the construction of this beautiful memorial, nearly 4,000 veterans have been laid to rest.

To the Board of Directors, their foundation, Tom Shambo, and all staff who made this moment possible—I thank them. With nearly 80,000 veterans in our congressional district, their work has allowed for a wonderful and hallowed resting place for our local veterans.

To all veterans and active service members—I thank them for their commitment to keeping our Nation free and all of us here safe. Their sacrifices have allowed us to enjoy this beautiful Nation we call home, and the many freedoms we have here unlike anywhere else in the world.

I Congratulate the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana on 10 years. I know this memorial will continue to be a pillar of our community for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING HARRY C. WITHERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Harry C. Withers Elementary School in Dallas, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 320 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served.

I would also like to recognize the members of their Student Council for their leadership in organizing and supporting this project. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make it a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SAMUEL "SAM" STRUTH

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Samuel "Sam" Struth of Monroe as the Veteran of the Month for March and honor him for his dedicated service to our great Nation.

Sam Struth served in the United States Army from 1975 to 1980. He completed basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and attended U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning in Georgia. He was assigned to the 548th Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he participated in numerous emergency relief operations, including earthquake relief in Guatemala in 1976, as well as flood recovery efforts