

to excellence has earned the trust of clients across the region and contributed to the strength of the local economy.

Under the leadership of Jeff and Pam Murray, the company has remained dedicated to the values of hard work, integrity, and customer satisfaction. Their stewardship has ensured the continued success of this family-owned business and deepened its positive impact within the community it proudly serves. Jeff and Pam are also committed philanthropists, generously giving back to Western New York while remaining actively engaged in civic life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Murray Roofing Company on this significant milestone and in wishing Jeff and Pam Murray continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING GARY EDWARDS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Edwards, the City of Sonoma's 2026 Honorary Alcalde, honoring more than two decades of service and leadership in support of the Sonoma community.

The Honorary Alcalde program, established in 1975, recognizes a Sonoma resident whose long-term volunteer service, leadership, and quiet dedication have made a meaningful difference in the community. The title "Alcalde," the Spanish word for mayor, reflects Sonoma's early civic history and remains a ceremonial honor today.

Mr. Edwards has a background working in cheese marketing, a career path he pursued since he graduated from Analy High School in 1977. He is currently the owner of Sage Marketing LLC, a company he founded in 1991 to connect cheese and dairy producers with resellers and consumers.

Gary Edwards brings out the best in our community with his work in civic positions. He served on the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission (SVCAC) and the Planning Commission. From 2014 to 2018, Edwards served on the Sonoma City Council. Also, he served two terms on the Board of the Redwood Empire Food Bank and is newly serving on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley.

Mr. Edwards is widely known for his hands-on approach to service, including improving and cleaning up our parks, organizing Sonoma's annual free Thanksgiving Day dinner for more than 20 years, and his efforts to rebuild the City of Paradise after it was destroyed by wildfires in 2017. His service also includes leadership roles with local Rotary clubs, support for youth and education programs, and assisting our community through food insecurity.

Mr. Edwards celebrates this honor alongside his wife, Ruth, his daughter, Madeline, and his son, Sullivan.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Edwards' passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Sonoma community. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that we recognize his invaluable contributions here today.

RECOGNIZING MS. ELIZABETH
OSWALD

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Ms. Elizabeth Oswald, a dedicated volunteer whose expertise, compassion, and tireless service have made a lasting impact on our community through her work at the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Over the past year, Ms. Oswald has brought more than 20 years of patient care experience to support the doctors and staff, ensuring that every patient receives attentive, knowledgeable, and compassionate care. Beyond her work in the clinic, she has been instrumental in expanding our small food bank, skillfully procuring items to meet immediate community needs and ensuring that no family goes without essential resources. Her dedication, insight, and proactive approach have strengthened both our clinic and the broader community it serves.

For her unwavering commitment, compassionate heart, and remarkable impact, I am proud to recognize Ms. Oswald as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional service, her expertise, and the lasting difference she has made in the lives of the patients and families she supports.

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NA-
TIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING
MONTH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize March as National Athletic Training Month and to honor the dedicated athletic trainers who serve our communities.

Athletic trainers play a vital role in keeping athletes and active individuals safe, healthy, and performing at their best. From preventing injuries to providing life-saving care in critical moments, these highly trained professionals are often the first line of defense in sports and physical activity settings.

In Pennsylvania alone, there are approximately 4,345 certified athletic trainers, each making a meaningful impact in schools, clinics, and communities across the Commonwealth. In Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I am proud to represent 146 members of the National Athletic Trainers Association, whose commitment to patient care strengthens our community every day.

During National Athletic Training Month, let us recognize and thank athletic trainers for their expertise, dedication, and service. Their work truly makes a difference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN R.
FORBES

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Forbes as he departs service to this body to assume the role of Clerk for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Over the course of his distinguished career spanning more than two decades, John has honorably served in the United States Air Force, the executive branch, and the legislative branch. As we mark the close of this chapter of John's service, I am pleased to honor his dedicated contributions as a professional staff member for the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense.

John began his career as an enlisted airman in the Air Force in August 2000, a formative experience that grounded him in the practical realities of the men and women our defense budgets are meant to serve. Over the following decade, John rose through the ranks and earned his commission as an officer, accumulating experience across multiple Air Force installations. He completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Troy University, and later earned a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

As his career progressed, John was selected as a Strategic Policy Fellow, serving at the Office of Management and Budget's National Security Division and the Defense Innovation Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He commanded the 27th Special Operations Comptroller Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, during which time he established the first-ever Air Force Special Operations Command wing innovation cell, garnering Small Business Innovation Research contracts to accelerate the application of emerging technology to the wing's mission. For this and his broader service, he was recognized as both the United States Air Force Comptroller of the Year and the United States Special Operations Command Comptroller of the Year.

John also served as a Politico-Military Planner for the Joint Staff's J-5 Strategy, Plans, and Policy Directorate, where he was the principal strategist and advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for twelve European allies and partners. Among many consequential assignments, he developed and coordinated the Chairman's foreign engagement plan in response to the threat of Russian incursion into Ukraine and Chinese influence in the region.

In March 2022, John transitioned to Capitol Hill, where he served as a professional staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense, where he oversaw Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the Army; Shipbuilding and Conversion for the Navy; and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

John joined the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense in January 2023, where

he had oversight responsibility of critical defense and intelligence community accounts, including Operation and Maintenance, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the United States Special Operations Command. John was essential in developing the first full-year continuing resolution for Defense in fiscal year 2025, as well as bringing the Subcommittee back to a resemblance of regular order in fiscal year 2026—both among the most challenging appropriations cycles in recent memory.

As John begins a new chapter in the Senate, I would be remiss if I did not reflect on the tremendous contribution he has made to the House Appropriations Committee and to our national security. John brings to every task an exceptional breadth of experience—the perspective of an enlisted airman, a commander, a strategist, a budget officer, and a legislative professional. His depth of knowledge, his professionalism, and his abiding commitment to the men and women of our armed forces have made him an invaluable member of the defense appropriations staff. I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending John Forbes for his extraordinary service to our country, and I wish him every success in his important new role.

HONORING THE CITY OF
ST. HELENA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of St. Helena on the sesquicentennial anniversary of its official establishment as a municipality, and to recognize its rich history, community spirit, and enduring role as the heart of the Napa Valley. This celebration honors the generations of residents, civic leaders, and organizations that have shaped the city's unique character, agricultural heritage, vibrant cultural identity, and forward-looking community values.

The City of St. Helena was officially incorporated on March 24, 1876, though its roots trace back to 1854, four years after California attained statehood. The city grew from an agricultural settlement to a lively hub for wine production and hospitality, centered around a strong and vibrant community. Before Euro-American settlement in the 1840s, the area was inhabited by the Wappo and indigenous people. A local Callajomanes triblet village called Annakotanoma or Anakonoma was also located nearby.

St. Helena is renown as a hospitality destination and was centered around the location on its western edge of the first hot springs resort in California. The wine industry in Napa Valley as we know it today was originally centered around the two major wineries that were established in St. Helena and thrive today—Beringer and Krug—whose founders were instrumental in the incorporation of the City. Like many municipalities in California, what began as a Board of Trustees elected annually evolved to a modern city council with a separately elected mayor and the compliment of staffing that enables a small municipality to serve its populace. For 150 years now, city managers, mayors, and councilmembers have

paved the way for volunteerism and community-driven projects through the city that reflect the values of stewardship and collaboration within our local community.

The City of St. Helena is home to a strong public education system with its own St. Helena Unified School District and values education as a cornerstone of community success with a long-standing tradition of supporting life-long learning through its public library. Our public library was originally established with the help of Andrew Carnegie after he—like many others before and since—visited and were impressed by both the natural beauty of the Napa Valley and the energy found in the local community of St. Helena.

Mr. Speaker, the City of St. Helena has had a profound impact on our community and our community on the city. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the city's sesquicentennial anniversary here today as they celebrate this milestone.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT
JACOBSEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Mr. Robert Jacobsen, a dedicated volunteer whose generosity, ingenuity, and tireless commitment have made a profound impact on our community through his work with the Free Senior Health Clinic.

Robert is consistently among one of the clinic's most valuable volunteers, ensuring that every patient's needs—whether food, clothing, shoes, or medical equipment—are met. Together with his wife, he approaches every challenge with determination and care, leaving no need unmet. Beyond direct assistance to patients, Robert is a fundraiser extraordinaire, tirelessly advocating for the clinic, its patients, and its food bank, securing resources that sustain and strengthen our community.

For his unwavering dedication, compassionate heart, and remarkable impact, I am proud to recognize Mr. Jacobsen as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his selfless service, extraordinary commitment, and the lasting difference he has made in the lives of countless patients and families.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
COMMANDER BRADLEY LILE

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the admirable career and dedicated service of Commander Bradley Lile of the Kingsville Police Department.

A native Texan, Commander Lile has committed his life to serving and protecting our community. He is a proud veteran of the United States Army and has served in the Army National Guard and the Texas State

Guard. Since joining the Kingsville Police Department in 1997, Commander Lile has demonstrated strong leadership and an unwavering commitment to public service.

Throughout his tenure, Commander Lile has served with distinction in numerous positions, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Corporal, Patrol Corporal, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Communications Sergeant, Patrol Division Commander, Interim Police Chief, and his current role as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. In addition, he has taken on critical assignments such as Field Training Officer Coordinator, Crime Stoppers Coordinator, and Public Information Officer.

Commander Lile's expertise is also highlighted by his multiple certifications through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, including Master Peace Officer, Instructor, SFST Instructor, Court Security Officer, and Sexual Assault and Family Violence certifications. Commander Lile is also a certified Latent Print Examiner and is qualified to testify on fingerprint evidence in the 79th and 105th District Courts.

Through his multitude of experiences, Commander Lile has displayed a strong passion for public service and a clear understanding of what it means to serve and strengthen our community. It is an honor to represent exemplary citizens such as Commander Lile whose dedication, leadership, and integrity have made a lasting impact on those he serves. Our community has been made better because of his service.

Mr. Speaker, our community extends its deepest gratitude to Commander Lile for his courage, integrity, and the personal sacrifices he made in service of our community. He is a source of pride and inspiration for all South Texans, and I am honored to recognize his outstanding contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97, and YEA on Roll Call No. 98.

HONORING VORIS BRUMFIELD
REED

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Voris Brumfield Reed. I have named Mrs. Brumfield Reed as the California 4th District's Woman of the Year for Lake County. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service.

Mrs. Brumfield Reed was born in San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from Chapel Hill School for Girls in Waltham, Massachusetts,