

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLARD
"WILL" HOFFMAN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Mr. Willard "Will" Hoffman, a dedicated volunteer whose skill, energy, and generosity keep the Free Senior Health Clinic running smoothly and bring joy to countless members of our community.

Will is the clinic's "Mr. Fix-It," tackling every repair and maintenance need—from fixing faucets and toilets, to cleaning floors and bathrooms, painting, and organizing—always with reliability and good cheer. He also meticulously manages all storage areas, ensuring the clinic operates efficiently and effectively. Beyond his hands-on work, Will dedicates his Mondays to calling bingo for Star One participants with disabilities, delighting them with prizes and bringing smiles to their faces week after week.

For his unwavering dedication, practical skill, and meaningful impact on the lives of patients and volunteers alike, I am proud to recognize Mr. Hoffman as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his selfless service, tireless work ethic, and the lasting difference he makes every day at the clinic and in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE AKRON BLACK
ARTIST GUILD

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Akron Black Artist Guild as the Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

The Guild is a dynamic community of talented and passionate Black artists who have come together with a singular mission: to strengthen the creative community in Northeast Ohio.

The organization works to expand fair access to funding, professional growth, and public opportunities for artists. Through its programs, the Guild brings people together, connects generations, and uses all to promote learning, economic opportunity, civic engagement, and community well-being.

Now in its fifth year, the Akron Black Artist Guild continues to build leadership and encourage civic participation throughout Northeast Ohio's arts and cultural landscape. The Guild also provides a safe and welcoming space for artists while working to overcome barriers created by racial and economic inequality.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions." The Akron

Black Artist Guild has upheld this legacy through the work they have put in to strengthen our region. This organization has certainly made our community proud and I thank them again for their tireless efforts.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
ARMEL LOVELL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Armel Lovell upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard after 23 years of selfless service.

Master Sergeant Lovell served his entire career in 211th Engineering Installation Squadron. Some of his myriad job responsibilities within Cyber Transport Systems included deploying, sustaining, troubleshooting, and repairing standard voice, data and video network infrastructure systems, IP detection systems, and cryptographic equipment. Additionally, he managed devices and systems with the most current software tools and implemented and maintained all aspects of network systems, cryptographic equipment, and video services using technical data, voltage, waveform measurements, and block diagrams.

At the time of his retirement, Master Sergeant Lovell served as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Cyber Transport Unit. His work protecting and strengthening the Air Force's communications network helped keep his fellow Airmen and our Nation safe.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize, commend, and congratulate Master Sergeant Armel Lovell on his retirement upon more than 23 years of selfless service in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and on a job extremely well done. His dedication, professionalism, and tireless devotion are a great credit to himself, his fellow Airmen, the Pennsylvania National Guard, the United States Air Force, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATSY GEIGER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Ms. Patsy Geiger, a dedicated volunteer whose energy, warmth, and unwavering commitment have made a remarkable impact through Seniors in Service AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Pasco. At 83 years old, Patsy brings vitality, compassion, and a tireless work ethic to every role she undertakes. Since joining Seniors in Service in 2022, she has become a steady and trusted presence both at

the One Stop Shop Food Pantry in Dade City and throughout our volunteer community. Week after week, she checks in clients and welcomes each person with a genuine smile, ensuring that visitors facing challenging circumstances feel seen, respected, and cared for. Her kindness transforms the atmosphere of the pantry, leaving clients with more than just food—they leave with dignity and hope.

What makes Patsy especially remarkable is her steadfast dedication, even while managing her own health challenges. During busy months, she contributes over 60 volunteer hours—a remarkable commitment at any age, and truly extraordinary for someone over 80. Patsy shows up not because it is easy, but because she believes in serving others. Beyond her regular shifts, she actively participates in Seniors in Service events, supports broader community initiatives, and recently stepped into a leadership role as an RSVP Ambassador. In this role, Patsy exemplifies the natural leadership, consistency, and encouragement that her fellow volunteers admire. True to her adventurous spirit, Patsy is a self-described daredevil who has skydived over 500 times—proof that she has never been afraid to jump in and give life her all. That same fearless energy defines her volunteer service, inspiring everyone around her and leaving a lasting impact on the community she serves.

For her dedication, compassion, and remarkable example, I am proud to recognize Ms. Patsy Geiger as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her extraordinary service, her fearless spirit, and the lasting difference she has made in the lives of countless neighbors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, today, due to unforeseen circumstances, I missed Roll Call Vote No. 104, Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act. Had I been present, consistent with my three previous votes to oppose additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security, without the needed accountability measures for ICE, I would have voted NO.

This is in addition to my vote against the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which included \$75 billion in funding for ICE, and my leadership of the PUBLIC SAFETY Act to redirect this funding away from ICE and toward local law enforcement agencies that invest in well-trained officers with strong ties to the communities they serve.

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HIGHLIGHTING OREGON'S
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, after 35 years PeaceHealth Hospital, the only level 2 trauma center between Corvallis, Oregon and Crescent City, California, abruptly ended its contract without the local emergency room staffing and the group of Eugene Emergency Physicians.

With little notice and significant local opposition, PeaceHealth has awarded the contract to a Georgia based management and medical staffing firm. Beyond losing locally based physicians who have met or exceeded performance standards in a hospital that has refused to address the lack of adequate patient care rooms, Apollo group appears to be a shell company set up to get around Oregon's ban against corporate practices in medicine law.

Apollo group bills itself as "physician owned", however their office houses around 40 "local" groups in Atlanta which is also housed in the same office as Valor Bridge, a venture capital fund managed by the same person who manages the Apollo staffing firm. When my office asked PeaceHealth CEO Jim McGovern about this obvious conflict he said—and I quote—"that's just a side hustle. A side hustle."

Allowing venture capital firms and hedge funds to siphon off money from our healthcare systems instead of providing quality, affordable and appropriate care to our communities is what's wrong with our healthcare system. We need to follow Oregon's lead and make this practice illegal. And I assure you, we will fight to keep local providers caring for our community.

RECOGNIZING MS. SHEILA DWYER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my outstanding constituents, Ms. Sheila Dwyer, a dedicated volunteer whose tireless leadership and commitment have made a profound difference through Seniors in Service AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Pasco. Sheila serves as a site coordinator for the VITA tax preparation program, ensuring that seniors and low-income residents in Pasco County have access to free, reliable, and trustworthy tax support—a service many could not afford or access elsewhere. This season alone, Sheila has completed nearly 1,000 tax returns, serving individuals who rely on this program to stay financially stable. Senior citizens on fixed incomes and working individuals living paycheck to paycheck regularly tell her, "They don't know what they would do without this program." Sheila has earned their trust through her professionalism, consistency, and genuine care. Her commitment extends far beyond preparing returns. Sheila manages scheduling, client coordination, and team communications, ensuring that a high-volume site runs smoothly. At one point this season, she

sent an email at 1:07 a.m. reporting that the program had already reached over 1,706 appointments, predicting they would exceed 2,000. Her tireless dedication—even working around the clock to meet the needs of her clients—reflects both her remarkable work ethic and her deep belief in the importance of this service.

Even when the demand became so intense that Sheila literally lost her voice from preparing returns and making calls, she ensured the mission continued by coordinating with her team and asking for help, guaranteeing that seniors and other clients continued to receive the support they needed. Sheila exemplifies the best of community service: tireless, practical, and deeply committed to helping others.

For her extraordinary dedication, steadfast leadership, and meaningful impact on the lives of countless residents, I am proud to recognize Ms. Sheila Dwyer as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional service and the lasting difference she has made in Pasco County.

RECOGNIZING NADINE MCLILWAIN
AND GERALDINE RADCLIFFE

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nadine Mclilwain and Geraldine Radcliffe as the Champions of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District. Nadine and Geraldine worked for 15 years to collect the history and stories of Canton residents to write the book, African Americans of Canton, Ohio. Their book highlights not only well-known stories of Canton, but also many that otherwise would have been lost to history.

From Canton's earliest days, the Black population has contributed to the city's, and even the Nation's prominence and prosperity. Collecting never-before-seen photographs and firsthand accounts from local citizens, Mclilwain and Radcliffe reveal the celebrated legends, unsung heroes, and historic firsts of African Americans residing in the Canton community.

The authors said they hope the book sparks people to write about Black history in their own communities, and that it is the first of many books on African American history in Stark County.

Through this recognition, and the many years of dedication that made it possible, Nadine and Geraldine are shining examples of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions." They have certainly made our community proud.

RECOGNIZING MR. RYDER GASTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our outstanding community members, Mr. Ryder Gaston, whose tireless dedication has brought vital holistic health

care services to veterans, military personnel, first responders, and law enforcement through Cryoeze 22.

Mr. Gaston and his family—his wife, Mrs. Tami Gaston, his sons Remington and River Gaston, and his daughter-in-law Chealsey Gaston—have provided thousands of free services aimed at supporting physical recovery, mental health, and overall wellness. Their work focuses on addressing traumatic brain injuries, reducing veteran suicide rates, and assisting with an array of other physical and mental health challenges. Through their efforts, countless individuals in our community have received healing, hope, and care they might not otherwise have had access to. Ryder Gaston exemplifies selflessness, determination, and a profound commitment to helping others. His facility, Cryoeze 22, provides a safe and supportive environment where veterans and other community members can pursue recovery and wellness without cost or barrier. He is constantly seeking new ways to serve those in need, demonstrating the highest ideals of compassion, service, and leadership.

For his unwavering dedication, his selfless service, and the profound impact he has made on the lives of veterans, first responders, and our community at large, I am proud to recognize Mr. Ryder Gaston as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his extraordinary commitment and the lasting difference he continues to make.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT WILLIAM CORL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Master Sergeant William Corl upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement after more than 37 years of service to our Nation in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Senior Master Sergeant Corl enlisted in the Air National Guard on February 15, 1990, with the 193rd Special Operations Wing. For the first 26 years of his exemplary career, he served as a Section Chief with the 193rd Communications Squadron, wherein he monitored technical and administrative operations to guarantee communications readiness for the EC-130J mission. While Section Chief, he assisted in mentoring his fellow Airmen, managing cyber and communications equipment, ensuring cyber network security, and supporting secure communications for special operations.

After his service with the Communications Squadron, Senior Master Sergeant Corl became a Flight Chief with the 211th Engineering Installation Squadron, wherein he led personnel in engineering, installing, and relocating critical communication-electronics systems to support U.S. Central Command deployments and missions, and strengthened technical compliance, quality control, and operational readiness of communications systems—both duty positions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Senior Master Sergeant William Corl upon his