

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 MCLLWAIN  
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 Mcllwain 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, Mcllwain 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

retirement from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and on a job extremely well done. His dedicated service to his fellow Airmen, our communities, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, the United States Air Force, and our United States of America set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARGIE PRICHARD

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. Margie Prichard, a dedicated volunteer whose heart, consistency, and servant spirit have made a profound difference in our community through her work with Seniors in Service AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Pasco.

Since joining in September 2021, Margie has quietly and steadfastly helped meet the basic needs of neighbors facing hardship. She discovered Seniors in Service during a deeply difficult season, after losing her husband to COVID. In her own words, "I was really, really lost and looking for something to do with my life." Through a small newspaper ad, she connected with Florida Food Force—a program addressing food insecurity in Pasco County—and found not only a way to give back, but a path forward for herself. At 71 years old, Margie's story is a powerful reminder that volunteering can be both an act of service and a source of personal renewal. Week after week, Margie serves on Wednesdays, preparing and packing emergency food boxes for individuals and families in need. These boxes are more than groceries—they provide peace of mind, dignity, and a lifeline for those facing uncertain times. Her unwavering commitment ensures that this vital work continues without interruption, and her positive attitude uplifts everyone around her. Beyond her regular service, Margie exemplifies the kind of volunteer every organization hopes for: dependable, flexible, and always ready to step in where help is needed. She goes above and beyond during the holidays, assisting with Thanksgiving meal prep, and supports additional initiatives, including Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind.

Margie represents the very best of Seniors in Service AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Pasco. Her dedication is rooted in compassion, resilience, and community pride. She has strengthened partnerships, advanced the mission of our local nonprofits, and helped countless neighbors in need. For her steadfast service, her generous spirit, and the hope she brings to others each and every day, I am proud to recognize Ms. Margie Prichard as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her exceptional commitment and the lasting difference she has made in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, I missed a vote due to personal reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, on March 25, 2026, I missed the vote on H. Res. 1131. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 99.

RECOGNIZING MS. CATHY TATUM

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. Cathy Tatum, a dedicated volunteer whose steadfast commitment, compassion, and hard work have made a profound difference through Seniors in Service AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Pasco. Since joining in 2024, Cathy has become one of those dependable volunteers who shows up consistently, jumps in wherever needed, and ensures essential services continue for neighbors facing hardship. She began volunteering through Seniors in Service at CARES, and when that program closed, she immediately transitioned to supporting food assistance. Today, she serves at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Port Richey at Our Lady Queen of Peace, a vital but small pantry supporting an extremely vulnerable population, including individuals living paycheck-to-paycheck or experiencing homelessness.

Cathy brings patience, compassion, and a steady heart to every task. She packs food boxes, assists in the office, and helps with bookkeeping and client files—whatever the pantry needs that day, she does it with dedication and care. Her commitment is extraordinary: in November 2025, she logged 69 hours of service, and in December 2025, she contributed an incredible 173 hours in a single month. This level of dedication speaks volumes about her work ethic and the depth of her care for her community. Equally important is the way Cathy gives her time. Blown for her warmth, kindness, and ability to make others feel welcome, she consistently supports her team and the clients served with positivity, respect, and dignity. Her steady presence ensures that the pantry can reach more neighbors in need, and that every person who walks through the door feels valued.

For her extraordinary dedication, compassionate service, and meaningful impact on the community, I am proud to recognize Ms.

Cathy Tatum as a 2026 Hero Among Us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her unwavering commitment and the lasting difference she continues to make for the people of Pasco County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WILLIAM "BILL" SCARANO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true patriot, Mr. William "Bill" Scarano who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the age of 101. Bill was a proud and upstanding resident of Groton, Connecticut. In October 2024, I had the honor of interviewing Mr. Scarano for a veteran's history project and listen to stories from his military service, career as a fireman in the City of Groton, and numerous other achievements. It was an honor and pleasure to converse with him about his extraordinary service to our Nation and community. He was very down-to-earth and self-deprecating even though he was at center of some of the most pivotal moments of World War II. His life of public service deserves to be celebrated and recognized.

Throughout his life, Bill dedicated himself to his family, community, and country. At the age of 18, Bill felt the call for service and joined the Navy. He was officially sworn into the Navy in 1943 and went on to graduate from Submarine School based in Groton, Connecticut. Bill was happy to learn that upon graduation, he was assigned to his first choice of assignment and stay in Groton at the Electric Boat Company. Soon after in May 1944, he departed for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on the USS *Sealion* (SS-315) as a Coxwain 1.

Bill completed numerous patrols on the USS *Sealion*, sinking Japanese naval transport ships, intercepting a Japanese convoy off the China coast, sinking a Japanese minelayer, and accomplishing other assigned duties. During his time on the *Sealion*, he was proud to be assigned as a bow planes man, referenced as one of the most important posts of battle stations operations.

Bill continued to serve in the Navy throughout WWII, traveling to Guam, Australia, the Philippines, and throughout the South China Sea until returning to San Francisco. His efforts earned him the Navy Commendation Medal for "meritorious conduct in action . . . through his proficiency at his battle station which resulted in sinking enemy shipping totaling more than 28,000 tons and damaging over 25,000 tons". He received numerous other military awards including the Submarine Combat Patrol Insignia (with 2 gold and one silver star); Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign medal (with one bronze service star); Philippine Liberation Ribbon (with bronze service star); America Area Medal, Presidential Unit Citation; Submarine Combat Insignia (with 5 stars); and the World War II Victory medal. He was honorably discharged on March 10, 1946, and soon after returned to his hometown of Groton, Connecticut.

Despite his military career coming to an end, Bill continued to serve his Nation by embodying the principals of a community steward. In the same year as his discharge, Bill