

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Verna Grimm Steinhauer, his children, Erik John Steinhauer (Audrey) and Anne Christine Steinhauer; his granddaughter, Parker Gayle Steinhauer; and his cousin, Leonard Hoskins.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Bob Steinhauer for his dedicated service to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF MICHAEL TOMOR

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Michael Tomor and his contributions to the arts, especially as executive director of the Tampa Museum of Art.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Tomor demonstrated unwavering dedication to the preservation, interpretation, and promotion of art and culture. His visionary leadership has advanced the mission of the institutions he has served and inspired colleagues, emerging museum professionals, and communities nationwide. From curating landmark exhibitions to fostering educational initiatives and advocating for accessibility in the arts, Tomor's impact is profound and enduring.

Tomor completed his undergraduate and doctoral studies at Pennsylvania State University. After finishing his education, he returned to his hometown of El Paso, where he began his early professional work. Tomor's leadership eventually led him to Tampa where he has served as the executive director of the Tampa Museum of Art for over a decade. At TMA, Tomor led a period of significant growth and transformation. TMA acquired more than 1,500 works of art, enriching its collection and broadening the cultural resources available to the public. He also ushered the museum through a major expansion, adding approximately 32,000 square feet to the museum.

Tomor is a passionate advocate for the role of art in children's education. His commitment to showcasing how museums foster learning opportunities that extend beyond the traditional classroom is a hallmark of his legacy. Tomor led initiatives to significantly expand the presence of artists in underserved school districts, tripling the number of artists working directly with students. By integrating artistic activities into preschool programs, he helped develop methods that used creative expression to strengthen literacy for young students in the community. Tomor welcomed high school art students to display their work at TMA during the annual congressional art competition—providing budding artists with a point of pride for their work. Building on these successes, Tomor later expanded them to serve military veterans coping with post-traumatic stress.

Beyond his professional accomplishments in the arts, Tomor is a steadfast advocate for civic and cultural engagement including the importance of representation and authenticity, stating, "art is a reflection of so many things that make us human and encourages us to look beyond the surface."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring Michael Tomor for his exceptional contributions to the Tampa Bay area

and the greater arts community, and wishing him the very best in his well-earned retirement. He is a shining example of how the tremendous impact of hard work and service to the community can encourage others to reach their highest potential.

RECOGNIZING MYRA HENRY

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Women's History Month to honor an exceptional and influential leader from Rochester, New York: Myra Henry.

As the first Black President and Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County, Myra Henry has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to empowering women and strengthening families. Under her leadership, the YWCA provides critical support and resources to children and families across Monroe County, advancing access to essential services and creating pathways to stability and opportunity.

The YWCA plays a vital role in the Rochester community by helping women and families secure safe and affordable housing, supporting survivors of domestic violence, and assisting those experiencing homelessness. Myra's vision centers on equipping individuals with the tools and resources needed to build brighter futures. In 2025, she and her team helped bring this vision to life through the completion of Persimmon Place, an emergency shelter designed to provide critical support to families in need.

Mr. Speaker, Myra Henry's leadership reflects a deep and enduring commitment to service, equity, and community. During Women's History Month, it is especially fitting that we honor extraordinary women who have gone above and beyond to strengthen our communities. I am proud to recognize her and extend my deepest gratitude for her continued service.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER BRAD
MITCHELL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Officer Brad Mitchell of the Grapevine Police Department on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service in law enforcement. Officer Mitchell's career has been defined by dedication, professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to our North Texas communities.

Officer Mitchell began his law enforcement career in September 1993 with the Colleyville Police Department, where he served until April 1996. He then joined the Grapevine Police Department, where he dedicated the remainder of his career to protecting and serving the residents of Grapevine and the surrounding North Texas community.

Throughout his tenure with the Grapevine Police Department, Officer Mitchell served in

numerous assignments, including Patrol, Traffic, the Mall Substation, and the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). He also served as a Field Training Officer, mentoring and guiding new officers entering the profession. His work in Traffic as a DWI/DRE Traffic Investigator and in CID as a Traffic Investigator and Fraud Investigator reflects the breadth of his experience and his steadfast commitment to public safety.

His career exemplifies the very best of public service, and his contributions have left a lasting impact on the Grapevine Police Department and the community he has served for three decades. I extend my sincere gratitude and best wishes to him as he begins this well-deserved retirement.

HONORING VETERAN RUDY
ARMSTRONG

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the historic life and accomplishments of veteran Rudy Armstrong of Maypearl, Texas and to congratulate him and his wife, Joyce, on 60 years of marriage. Mr. Armstrong graduated from Maypearl High School in 1963 and received his associate's degree from Navarro Junior College in Corsicana before enrolling at Arlington State University.

Soon after marrying Miss Joyce Owens in 1966, Mr. Armstrong was drafted into the United States Army to serve his Nation during the Vietnam War. There, he served in the First Infantry Division, colloquially known as "Big Red One." His unit was the only one of its kind, equipped with a mortar launcher to protect infantry soldiers on foot. After his return to the United States, Mr. Armstrong was stationed at Fort Hood, where he completed his service commitment.

Since honorably serving in the Army, Mr. Armstrong has worked as a carpenter in the construction industry. He retired in 2006 after 30 years of dedication to his profession and settled in his home in Gun Barrel City, Texas. He is a proud father of two sons, Lance Walker Armstrong and Travis Wade Armstrong, and has six grandchildren, Taylor and Josh Cogburn, and Trent, Carlie, Victoria, and Jack Armstrong. Jack is following in his grandfather's footsteps and is currently serving in the U.S. Army. I thank Mr. Armstrong for his service to our country and wish him the best in the coming years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF PASTOR WILLIAM O'NEILL
MCCURDY, SR.

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable community leader, devoted public servant, and proud son of Nevada, Pastor William O'Neill McCurdy, Sr.

Raised in the Historic Westside of Las Vegas, Pastor McCurdy was a proud product of the city he would dedicate his life to serving. He graduated from Valley High School and later attended Western Nevada College in Carson City.

Pastor McCurdy's commitment to service began early and was rooted deeply in his faith. In 1978, he began serving as a pastor, guiding congregations with compassion, wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to uplifting those in need. Through his ministry, he counseled families, mentored young people, and helped countless members of the community find hope.

Beyond the pulpit, Pastor McCurdy was deeply engaged in civic life. Over the years, he served on numerous boards and advisory bodies that helped shape Southern Nevada's growth and development. His leadership included service on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Regional Transportation Commission, the board of Habitat for Humanity, the Mineral County Economic Advisory Committee, the City of Las Vegas Community Block Grant Advisory Board, and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority Commission. Through these roles, he helped advance policies that expanded opportunity, strengthened neighborhoods, and supported working families throughout the region.

Moreover, Pastor McCurdy was a respected strategist and communications professional. Through his work with McCurdy & McCurdy Media Group, he helped countless public servants share their vision and encouraged community members to engage in the democratic process. His work empowered new voices and helped build a more representative political system throughout the Silver State.

Yet those who knew him best remember not only his professional accomplishments, but his generosity of spirit. Pastor McCurdy was devoted to his wife, Ms. Billy McCurdy, and was a proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He also dedicated numerous years of service to the Church of God in Christ, Inc., as the First Administrative Assistant for Nevada's First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. He was a mentor, a teacher, and a steady voice of wisdom for many who sought his guidance. Pastor McCurdy believed that leadership meant showing up for your community through listening, advocating, and working every day to make life better for others.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor McCurdy leaves behind a lasting imprint on the City of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. His life reminds us that meaningful change often begins in community—with individuals who care deeply about their neighbors and are willing to dedicate themselves to public service. May we continue to honor his life and celebrate his legacy. I extend sincerest condolences for a life well lived.

HONORING MAJOR ALEXANDER
FELDMAN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an exceptional Marine and a valued member of our congressional family, Alexander Feldman, on the occasion of

his well-earned promotion to the rank of Major. This milestone is a testament to his devotion, professionalism, and unyielding commitment to serving our Nation. Advancing to this level of leadership reflects both the trust placed in Alex by the Marine Corps and the exceptional standard he has consistently demonstrated throughout his career.

During his time serving as my Department of Defense Legislative Fellow, Major Feldman distinguished himself as a professional of the highest caliber. His quick wit, sharp judgment, and unwavering commitment to excellence made him an invaluable asset to our team. Whether navigating complex national security challenges or offering thoughtful insight on matters affecting our Armed Forces, Alex consistently exhibited a level of competence and character that set him apart.

It is no surprise to those of us who had the privilege of working alongside him that he has now been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Marine Corps. This achievement reflects not only his remarkable abilities, but also his unbreakable dedication to serving our Nation.

While we deeply miss his presence in our office, we take great pride in knowing that he will continue to do great things wherever he goes. The Marine Corps, and our country, are stronger because of leaders like Major Feldman.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Alexander Feldman for his service to Virginia's 1st District and the Nation. I pray for his continued success in all that lies ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE USS
MASSACHUSETTS (SSN-798)

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798) Virginia Class nuclear submarine and her crew on the historic occasion of her commissioning, in Boston Harbor, in her namesake Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on March 28, 2026. It has been more than 50 years since the last USS *Massachusetts* (BB-59) served the Nation as a Ship of the Line.

The eighth United States Naval vessel to carry the name, dating back to 1791, the USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798) will build upon the proud legacy of its previous seven ships christened USS *Massachusetts*, representing a Commonwealth with claims on the birthplace of the United States Navy, and which is the home of the great USS *Constitution*, the oldest commissioned ship in the fleet.

This warship will further underscore Massachusetts' rich maritime tradition, naval service and commitment of its citizens by her motto, inspired by President Kennedy's Inaugural Address, emblazoned on the ship's crest: Pro Patria "For Country."

Naming the Navy's latest, most advanced submarine the USS *Massachusetts* provides a proud continuity, as two of the U.S. Submarine Medal of Honor recipients (of only eight in history) serving in World War II are tied to the Commonwealth; then Commander Vice Admiral Lawson "Red" Paterson Ramage, was born in Monroe, Massachusetts, and then

Lieutenant Commander Captain George Levick Street, III was a long-time resident of the Commonwealth in Andover.

Fully embracing our rich maritime heritage and steadfast service to the Nation, dating back to the Revolutionary War, the USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798) Commissioning Committee is working to develop a strong bond between the ship and the Commonwealth, and to cultivate a strong and sustained relationship between the citizens of the Commonwealth and the crew of the USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798).

Mr. Speaker, this state-of-the-art Virginia Class nuclear attack submarine, christened USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798), has completed acceptance trials and been delivered to our Nation's Navy by the builder, Huntington Ingalls Industry. Its world-class, leading-edge stealth and other technological innovations will be a key component of the United States Naval Fleet, capable of a wide array of critical missions. I am confident that all citizens of the Commonwealth, and all Americans, will be proud of the future role of the USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798) and her crew members in protecting our Nation.

I again would like to recognize the profound historical significance of the commissioning of warship USS *Massachusetts* (SSN-798) and extend our best wishes for good fortune for all those that sail aboard her, for fair winds and following seas during her service to our Nation, and that service should commence with her commissioning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 28, 2026 in Boston Harbor. God-speed.

RECOGNIZING NIJA BRANCA
BILOFSKY

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Women's History Month to honor an exceptional and influential leader from Rochester, New York: Nija Branca Bilofsky.

Nija has devoted her career to education and to inspiring the next generation of students. Over nearly three decades in the classroom, including many years at the School of the Arts, she has taught ninth and tenth grade English with a commitment to both academic excellence and student growth. Her teaching fosters critical thinking, creativity, and confidence, empowering students to find their voice and reach their full potential.

Beyond her work with students, Nija is a trusted and supportive colleague who consistently uplifts those around her. Her dedication to her school community, paired with her compassion and professionalism, makes her an invaluable presence both inside and outside the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, Nija Branca Bilofsky's career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to education, mentorship, and community. During Women's History Month, it is especially fitting that we honor extraordinary women who have gone above and beyond to strengthen our communities. I am proud to recognize her and extend my deepest gratitude for her continued service.