

college and the workforce. It has helped thousands of students reach graduation and realize their futures.

Its graduates go on to become educators, business owners, and leaders right here in Houston. Today, that legacy continues under Principal Ruth Peña, a proud Milby graduate leading the next generation. And through all the change around it, Milby has remained in the same place, with the same name, serving the same community for 100 years. That kind of consistency is rare, and it is something to be proud of.

So today, we are not just marking time. We are celebrating a century of education, of opportunity, and of hope for a better future. Here is to 100 years of Milby and to many more.

RECOGNIZING RACHEL PETRIE

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: Rachel Petrie.

Rachel is a dedicated nurse whose service exemplifies the very best of our healthcare professionals. For more than seven years at Unity Hospital, she has served in the Emergency Department in a variety of critical roles, including Charge Nurse, Triage Nurse, EMS Triage Nurse, Preceptor, and Mentor. In each capacity, she demonstrates exceptional skill, steady leadership, and an unwavering commitment to patient care.

Her impact extends beyond clinical excellence. Rachel strengthens her team through mentorship and collaboration, helping to foster confidence, cohesion, and resilience in a fast-paced and demanding environment. Outside of the hospital, she continues her service by volunteering with her local EMS team and Fire Department, further demonstrating her dedication to helping others.

Mr. Speaker, Rachel Petrie's work reflects a deep and enduring commitment to service, compassion, 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.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LANCASTER LEBANON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity for their 40 years of positive impact.

Habitat for Humanity is an inclusive Christian ministry and nonprofit organization that builds, repairs, renovates, and revitalizes affordable homes alongside people in need of a decent place to live. Originally established as the Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity in

1986, the organization merged with its Lebanon affiliate 30 years later in 2016.

Over the past 40 years, Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity has strengthened and renewed the counties it serves. Notable projects include the development of a community of 70 affordable homes known as Emerald Valley in Lancaster City and the transformation of the Wooden Nickel Tavern into their first office space. Current and upcoming projects include the five-home Linden Street Build in Columbia and the eight Lancaster City-based Wheatland Build, which will utilize federal funds from the HOME program. Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity also operates the ReStore, a home improvement donation store that helps fund their construction efforts.

Through sweat, grit, and thousands of work hours contributed by both prospective homeowners and volunteers, Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity has made homeownership a reality for over 300 families. I thank the organization for its positive impact on our community, and I wish them another 40 years of success. I look forward to seeing all they accomplish next.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF PRIVATE BENNETT H. WATERS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private Bennett H. Waters, a serviceman who tragically died as a prisoner of war during World War II.

Private Waters was a Southeast Georgia serviceman whose remains were recently identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

A member of the Army Air Force 17th Bombardment Squadron, 27th Bombardment Group, Private Waters was stationed in the Philippines.

He was taken prisoner during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in April 1942 and remained a POW until his death in 1944.

He is forever memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

His remains will now be transferred from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu to his final resting place among family in Georgia.

We thank Private Waters for his bravery, service, and sacrifice to our Nation 82 years ago.

RECOGNIZING MR. DANIEL J. RILEY

HON. JEFFERSON SHREVE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel J. Riley for his decades of distinguished service to the City of Greenfield and the State of Indiana.

Mr. Riley's career reflects steady leadership, sound judgment, and a deep commitment to

public service. A graduate of Rochester High School and Indiana University Indianapolis, he has spent nearly his entire professional life investing in the people, institutions, and communities that strengthen our state.

As President of the Greenfield City Council, Daniel Riley has helped lead the city through a period of significant growth, working to ensure that Greenfield's expansion is guided by purpose, planning, and a clear vision for the future. Prior to his service in local government, he devoted much of his career to public education and community development.

Mr. Riley's contributions extend well beyond city government. Through his work with the Lilly Endowment, the leadership of his own consulting firm, and his service to numerous nonprofit organizations, he has consistently brought thoughtful leadership and practical problem-solving to every role he has undertaken. In recognition of those contributions, he was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash.

After more than 50 years of service, Dan Riley will retire in June. Although his formal duties may be concluding, Dan's record of service will endure in the stronger institutions, better communities, and countless lives he has helped shape in Greenfield and across Indiana.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Daniel J. Riley for his outstanding service and wishing him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IN DEER LODGE, MONTANA IN CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 250th year since our Nation's founding by recognizing the legacy of Conrad Kohrs and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge, Montana for their historical impact on the American West.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch was established as a unit of the National Park Service in 1972; the ranch preserves the story of the frontier cattle industry and the people whose determination and grit helped to shape the American West. What began as a modest ranch in 1862, founded by John Francis Grant, was later purchased and expanded by Conrad Kohrs in 1866. Through vision and hard work, Kohrs transformed the property into one of the largest open-range cattle empires in the country, operating over 10 million acres and earning him the nickname "the Cattle King of Montana."

Conrad Kohrs became a United States citizen in 1857 after years of travelling and working in the American south. Conrad made his way to the Montana Territory in 1862 looking for gold and found it not in the mines, but in cattle. Kohrs recognized the growing demand for beef among miners and settlers. Conrad purchased the ranch in 1867 and by the 1880's held fifty-thousand grazing cattle.

Today, the ranch still stands as a museum that tells the story of a different era when millions of cattle roamed freely across the western plains. The historical site spans more than

1,600 acres and contains over 90 historic structures from preserved barns and blacksmith shops to the grand ranch house that once served as the center of a thriving cattle empire. Visitors can walk the same grounds where cowpunchers once saddled their horses, tended livestock, and prepared cattle drives that helped supply a growing nation with beef and agricultural prosperity.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch offers an immersive look into daily life on the frontier. Guests can watch a range of ranching traditions like cattle drives, roping, branding, blacksmithing, and haying. Observing these once daily tasks shows how generations of ranch hands and families sustained a way of life built on perseverance and responsibility. These traditions highlight the ingenuity and work ethic that defined the American frontier and contributed to the development of the West and still does.

Mr. Speaker, places like Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site remind us that America's history was not built solely in cities, but also on wide open landscapes where hard work and resilience shaped the future of our country. By preserving the story of the frontier cattle era, this historic site ensures that future generations can learn from and appreciate the people who helped define the American West.

Mr. Speaker, on the 250th anniversary of the United States, it is important to look back at our country's history and the people who shaped it. The story of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch shows us the true American spirit and the idea of the American dream.

HONORING REP. ERIN KOEGEL

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota State Representative Erin Koegel, who will retire from the State Legislature at the end of her term.

Rep. Koegel was born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1982, and she grew up in Maple Grove and attended Osseo High School. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Psychology and a minor in Political Science. Years later, she continued her education, earning her Master's in Advocacy and Political Leadership.

Her educational background along with her commitment to serving her community primed her for a career in public service. In 2016, Erin was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives to represent District 39A, which now encompasses the cities of Fridley, Columbia Heights, Hilltop, and Spring Lake Park. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Rep. Koegel during my time serving in the Minnesota legislature, and I learned quickly how thoughtful, dedicated, and strategic she is when it comes to positively impacting her constituents' lives.

She has served in multiple leadership roles throughout her tenure in office, including as the Chair of the House Sustainability Infrastructure Policy Committee in 2023, Co-Chair of the House Transportation Committee in 2025, and Co-Chair of the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee in 2026. Rep. Koegel has worked hard to improve the lives of everyday people. She has brought federal

investment to Minnesota under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed landmark transportation legislation that invested in roads, bridges, and transit, expanded worker protections for pregnant and breastfeeding Minnesotans, and so much more.

My belief in co-governance is made possible through my colleagues at the state and local level. Rep. Koegel has been a great partner in this work. Her leadership will be missed, but it will leave a lasting impact on the community she served for a decade. Please join me in honoring Representative Erin Koegel for her contributions to Minnesota.

RECOGNIZING SISTER CHRISTINE
WAGNER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF

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: Sister Christine Wagner.

In 1993, Sister Christine Wagner was among the founding members of the St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, where she has served as Executive Director for decades. A tireless advocate for community wellbeing, she has dedicated her career to improving access to compassionate, affordable healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured.

Under her leadership, the Neighborhood Center has grown into a trusted and essential resource in Rochester, providing comprehensive medical and social services to individuals and families in need. Her work ensures that every person is met with dignity, respect, and high-quality care, regardless of their circumstances.

Sister Wagner is equally committed to supporting the staff and volunteers who make this mission possible, fostering a culture rooted in compassion, collaboration, and service. Her leadership continues to shape a stronger, healthier community for all.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Christine Wagner's career reflects a deep and enduring commitment to service, compassion, 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.

HONORING MIKE HUGHES

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mike Hughes on his retirement after 53 years of service as CEO of A New Leaf, a cornerstone nonprofit serving families across Arizona.

Mike dedicated more than five decades of his life to helping Arizonans facing difficult challenges, including homelessness, domestic violence, poverty, and instability. Under his leadership, A New Leaf has grown from a

small local organization into a comprehensive provider of housing and human services. Its services reach tens of thousands of individuals each year across the East Valley.

Mike's approach to leading A New Leaf has always gone beyond addressing immediate needs. He has led A New Leaf with a focus on long-term solutions. The nonprofit today provides both immediate support and the tools people need to rebuild their lives, including financial education and support for reentry to the workforce. The critical services have expanded across the Valley under his leadership. A New Leaf often steps in to support struggling nonprofits so that essential programs can continue serving those in need.

Throughout his career, Mike has never lost sight of the people behind the numbers. His efforts to support families in crisis have helped create a highly coordinated and compassionate response to homelessness at a time when housing insecurity is rising and resources are strained. Mike is a steady voice for collaboration, bringing organizations together to improve outcomes and better serve those in need.

Mike's impact extends well beyond A New Leaf. A longtime public servant, he has served on the Mesa Public Schools Board for decades and contributed to numerous community organizations across Arizona. His decades of service have not gone unnoticed. Mike has been recognized by prominent Arizona groups, news outlets, and others with prestigious awards, including the Corporate Philanthropy Lifetime Achievement Award and the Nonprofit CEO Lifetime Achievement Award from the Phoenix Business Journal for his commitment to serving those most in need.

Providing support for community members facing the most difficult circumstances requires grounded, deeply committed leadership. Mike embodies that leadership. He transformed A New Leaf while remaining focused on its core mission to serve those most in need with real impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mike Hughes for his extraordinary years of service. His work has strengthened communities across our state and set a standard for what true service looks like.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF ALLISON LARSEN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2026

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Allison Larsen, a dedicated educator and principal of Edmonds-Woodway High School in Edmonds, Washington, whose impact on her school and community will be felt for generations. Sadly, Allison passed away on March 15, 2026 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Allison devoted her career to serving students, families and staff with compassion, integrity and an unwavering commitment to the power of education. She joined Edmonds-Woodway High School in 2014 as an assistant principal, where she quickly earned the trust and admiration of those around her. In 2020, she became the school's principal, leading