

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARTINEZ,
CALIFORNIA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of Incorporation for the City of Martinez, California.

Often called the "Bay Area's Hidden Gem," Martinez has been a city of economic prosperity and cultural influence for the last 150 years. During the Gold Rush, it became a key trading and transportation hub for gold searchers traveling through the Carquinez Strait. Legend has it, during this time the city became the birthplace of the Martini, cementing the city's name in culture. Martinez has served as the County Seat since 1851 and was incorporated on April 1, 1876.

In the late 1800s, Martinez was key in driving economic growth for the region, thanks to its thriving fishing and agriculture industries. The city was a major agricultural hub as settlers produced wine and planted fruit and nut orchards. It was also known for its successful fishing business, with two canneries opening in the city and thousands of pounds of fish being shipped around the world during this time. After the turn of the century, refining companies began operating in Martinez, serving as an industrial base and major employer for the region.

Martinez is also home to several notable residents, including Hall of Fame baseball player, Joe DiMaggio, and iconic conservationist, John Muir. John Muir, also referred to as the "Father of the National Park Service", shaped the creation of the U.S. National Park system and founded the Sierra Club. Muir lived in Martinez from 1880 until his death in 1914. Today, Muir's home is preserved as a National Historic Site.

Martinez has built a legacy as a major transportation and economic hub and played a critical role in California's development. Today, Martinez is known for its vibrant downtown and small-town charm. The city is also home to the largest bocce club in the country.

Please join us in celebrating the rich history of Martinez and recognizing Martinez, California on its 150th Anniversary.

HONORING WRIGHTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS A PENNSYLVANIA BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Wrightsville Elementary School for being designated as a Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon School.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designates exemplary public schools Blue Ribbon status to honor their commitment to advancing public education. This year, Wrightsville Elementary was proudly named an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School for their work at reducing educational disparities and barriers for their students.

Wrightsville Elementary is a K-5 public school serving approximately 350 students in the Eastern York School District in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. The school emphasizes personalized, student-centered learning that recognizes each student's unique learning needs. As the nature of education and our world evolves, Wrightsville Elementary saw the need for students to develop and meet these challenges head on.

A key feature of this personalized learning model is Wrightsville's "Mastery Badging" system, which tracks progress based on a student's skills rather than time spent, promoting engagement and ownership during their learning. Systems like "Mastery Badge" are an example of the innovate approach to ensure that all students are given every chance to succeed, not only in the classroom, but in life as well.

I commend the teachers, administration, and students of Wrightsville Elementary for being given this distinction. I am sure they will continue to foster a learning-friendly environment that will help prepare our young people for the world ahead. Eastern York's commitment to the next generation is clear, and I am proud to have such a place for students in my district.

I congratulate Wrightsville Elementary School and Eastern York School District on this momentous achievement.

HONORING MAJOR ARIANA G.
LINSE SAVINO

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and enduring legacy of Major Ariana G. Linse Savino, a United States Air Force officer whose courage, leadership, and sacrifice embody the very best of our Nation.

At just 31 years old, Major Linse Savino had already built a remarkable life of service. As a proud graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Central Washington University, she earned her commission in 2017 and quickly distinguished herself as an exceptional Airman and leader. She served with the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, where she held the critical role of Chief of Current Operations, responsible for managing night operations and ensuring mission readiness with precision and excellence.

She was not only a leader on the ground, but a skilled aviator in the skies. With more

than 300 combat hours, Major Linse Savino exemplified courage and professionalism in some of the most demanding operational environments. Her service took her across multiple duty stations, including assignments in Georgia and Mississippi, always answering the call with unwavering dedication.

Major Linse Savino passed away while deployed in service to our Nation, embodying the dedication and professionalism that defined her career. Beyond her uniform and her mission, she was someone whose presence left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Her family remembers her as someone whose smile could light up any room, whose energy and laughter were contagious, and whose spirit touched countless lives. She was fierce, brave, and deeply committed not only to her mission, but also to serving as a role model for others, especially for young women and Latino youth aspiring to careers in aviation and service.

Her passion for flight was not just a profession; it was her calling. As her family so beautifully shared, there is comfort in knowing that she passed doing what she loved most—flying. Even in loss, her legacy continues to soar, inspiring future generations through the lives she touched and the example she set.

From Puerto Rico, where service to this Nation is woven deeply into our identity, we honor Major Linse Savino as one of our own in spirit. The people of Puerto Rico stand in solidarity with her family, her loved ones, and her fellow Airmen. We recognize in her the same courage and sense of duty that defines so many of our servicemembers.

Today, we do not only mourn her loss; we celebrate her life. A life of purpose. A life of service. A life that reminds us of the extraordinary individuals who stand watch over our freedoms every day.

Major Ariana G. Linse Savino's legacy does not end with her passing. It lives on in the skies she cherished, in the Airmen she led, in the communities she inspired, and in the Nation she so honorably served.

May we always remember her not only for the sacrifice she made, but for the life she lived with courage, excellence, and unwavering devotion to something greater than herself. Her service endures. Her sacrifice endures. And her spirit will forever fly high above us.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN
A. BURGH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the public service of John A. Burgh from the Contra Costa Water District Board of Directors after 22 years of dedicated service on behalf of residents of Contra Costa County.

John was appointed to the Contra Costa Water District in 2004, representing Division 2,

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which includes Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Port Costa, and part of Concord. Throughout his tenure, he has provided critical leadership on numerous committees, including the Public Information & Conservation, Operations & Engineering, Finance, and the Retirement & OPEB Joint Advisory Committees. John currently serves as Chair of the Public Information & Conservation Committee.

As a retired engineer, John brought vital expertise to the Board, drawing on 42 years of experience working on water and wastewater projects throughout the world. Further, he has worked for an environmental engineering consulting firm for the last years 30 years, retiring from the firm as Vice President. John's wealth of knowledge has provided him with the tools necessary to guide the district as it prioritized regional collaboration, transparency in spending, and making evidence-based decisions that will benefit customers for generations to come.

Additionally, as a Concord resident for over 35 years, John has worked tirelessly to give back to our community and our country. He is a past President of the Contra Costa County Historical Society, a member of the Pleasant Hill Rotary Club and is a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, delivering meals to senior citizens. John is also an Air Force veteran, serving our Nation with honor.

Please join me in thanking Director John A. Burgh for his dedicated service on the Contra Costa Water District Board and his steadfast commitment to our community and country.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MICHAEL FRY

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Michael Fry of Fulton as the Veteran of the Month for April and to honor him for his extraordinary and enduring service to our great Nation.

Michael Fry enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during his senior year of high school and served with distinction from 2005 to 2018. Throughout his 13-year career, he was trained as a Signals Intelligence Analyst, a Special Intelligence Systems Communicator, and a Persian-Farsi Crypto-Linguist. He deployed to Iraq with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and later to Afghanistan with Special Operations Task Force—West in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Michael also served as the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (SNCOIC) of Recruiting Sub-Station (RSS) North Columbus, where he led his Marines to earn RSS of the Year during his final year on recruiting duty. Michael attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was honorably discharged in September 2018 after more than a decade of faithful service.

Following his military career, Michael continued to serve his community as a Criminal Intelligence Analyst with the Michigan State Police, supporting the Southwest Enforcement Team and assisting multi-jurisdictional efforts to combat transnational organized crime and major drug trafficking networks. He now serves as a Criminal Intelligence Analyst with

the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, where he plays a vital role in supporting investigations.

Michael's leadership extends far beyond his professional service. Since returning to Michigan, he has remained deeply engaged in the veteran community. He served five years on the Kalamazoo County Veterans Affairs Committee, including three as Chair, and currently serves as the Detachment Commandant of the Marine Corps League's Kalamazoo Detachment No. 879. He is also the Vice Chair of the Kalamazoo Veterans Coalition, where he advocates tirelessly on behalf of local veterans and their families. His commitment to ensuring veterans receive the care, recognition, and support they deserve is an inspiration to all who know him.

In service to his community, Michael received the Kalamazoo County Veteran of the Year award in 2024 and the Marine of the Year award from the Marine Corps League's Kalamazoo Detachment No. 879 in 2025.

Michael Fry's life of service clearly demonstrates the Marine Corps' motto of being always faithful. His leadership working on behalf of America's veterans inspires us all. May others know of my high regard for Michael, as well as my deep gratitude for his lasting contributions to the country we love.

HONORING THE HOMECOMING OF
THE 204TH TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY

HON. PABLO JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the safe return of the 204th Transportation Company of the 1st Mission Support Command, as they return home to Puerto Rico following their deployment to the Middle East.

Under the leadership of Brigadier General Christopher B. Creaghe and with the support of his Chief of Operations, Colonel Laura Miller, these soldiers carried out a mission essential to sustaining operations abroad. As fuelers, their work ensured that critical systems remained operational in challenging and demanding environments.

Puerto Rico has a proud and enduring tradition of military service. Time and again, our men and women in uniform have answered the call with courage and conviction. The soldiers of the 204th Transportation Company embody that legacy, carrying with them not only the responsibility of the mission, but also the spirit of our Island wherever they serve.

As they return to Puerto Rico, we welcome them back not just to a place, but to a community that has stood with them every step of the way. In Puerto Rico, service is shared by families who wait, by communities who support, and by an Island that carries deep pride for those who wear the uniform.

Homecoming is a moment filled with meaning. It is the embrace of loved ones, the familiarity of home, and the quiet understanding of all that has been given in service. It is a reminder that while their mission abroad may have concluded, their place within our communities remains as strong as ever.

I commend Brigadier General Creaghe and the leadership of the 1st Mission Support

Command for their unwavering commitment to our servicemembers and their families throughout every stage of service.

As Resident Commissioner, I remain committed to ensuring that Puerto Rico's servicemembers, veterans, and their families are supported, not only while they serve abroad, but also as they return home, where their reintegration, well-being, and continued success matter deeply.

On behalf of the people of Puerto Rico, I extend my gratitude to the soldiers of the 204th Transportation Company. Their service honors our Island, and their return strengthens it. To the servicemembers, "welcome home," "bienvenidos a casa."

HONORING MS. CHARVE' GIBSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Charve' Gibson, a student at Jefferson County High School.

Charve' Gibson is proudly celebrated by the Jefferson County School District, family, friends and community for being first Mississippian selected for the prestigious Nike Nationals Program. This program is an elite national platform reserved for the top high school track and field athletes in the country and designed to prepare them for collegiate and professional competitions.

Charve' earned this distinction after concluding her sophomore season ranked No. 7 in the Nation in the triple jump with a mark of 42 feet, 1.25 inches, and recording a long jump of 19 feet, 8 inches. After a seven-month break from competition, she recently returned to the track and continues her remarkable journey as a 46 time All American.

Charve' competed at the Nike Indoor Nationals in New York in March, representing Jefferson County and the state of Mississippi on a national stage. Special thanks to her coach, Coach Eddie Ray Jackson, for teaching her how to jump and the ongoing investment in her future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Charve' Gibson, for her dedication, discipline and excellence she continues to display. This honor reflects her hard work while showcasing the rising potential and excellence of the entire Tiger Nation in Jefferson County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ALFRED "AL" G. DESSAYER

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Alfred "Al" G. Dessayer.

Al was born in Paris, France on August 26, 1939. His family immigrated to the United States in 1949, settling in Glendale, California. He then spent a year at UCLA before receiving an NROTC competitive appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Al served on destroyers