

event organization, and VA assistance to countless veterans throughout my district. The friendship and camaraderie with his fellow veterans remain unwavering and given without reservation. Sgt. DeBonis was not only dedicated, but he was also selfless. While serving as Vice President of the Bucks County Tour of Honor, he organized free trips for thousands of veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their respective war memorials.

In his free time, Sgt. DeBonis is an avid lover of the outdoors. On land, he is an ardent bird photographer, woodworker, astronomer, and restaurateur. On the water, he is a passionate fly fisherman. Through these pursuits, he not only enriched his own life, but also fostered a deep appreciation for nature, craftsmanship, and his community above all.

Most notably, Sgt. DeBonis is known as a trusted mentor and leader. He is always willing to assist a fellow veteran, being the right person to turn to for invaluable guidance and support. His indispensable knowledge, veteran advocacy, and sound judgement are just a few of the hallmarks that make Sergeant Michael DeBonis the outstanding man he is today.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt recognition to Sgt. Michael DeBonis for his ongoing veteran advocacy and thank him for his decades of distinguished service to the citizens of Bucks County and beyond. His leadership and dedication will leave a lasting mark on the community he so faithfully serves.

HONORING THE GEORGETOWN GRADUATION OF JADEN OCHS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2026*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jaden Ochs, who stands at a remarkable intersection of compassion, discipline, and purpose—qualities that define an exceptional nurse as well as an extraordinary human being.

Having earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University, Jaden has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to excellence in one of the most demanding and meaningful professions. Her academic achievement alone is impressive, but it is her journey, the lives she has touched, the environments she has served in, and the leadership she has shown that truly sets her apart.

Throughout her clinical training, Jaden gained invaluable experience as a student nurse resident in labor and delivery, where she supported mothers and families during some of the most profound moments of their lives. She further honed her skills at St. Joseph's Hospital, deepening her expertise in labor and delivery while also caring for the most vulnerable patients in the neonatal intensive care unit.

As a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Jaden has been recognized for her academic achievement and leadership in the field. She has also given her time selflessly as a student nurse volunteer, embodying the true spirit of service that lies at the heart of nursing.

Perhaps most inspiring is her role as the founder and president of the American Veterans Society Military Outreach. Through this

initiative, Jaden has demonstrated a deep commitment to those who have served our country, bridging healthcare and advocacy in a way that reflects both courage and compassion.

Jaden Ochs represents the very best of what the nursing profession aspires to be—skilled, driven, and guided by a profound sense of purpose. Her journey is only just beginning, and there is no doubt that her impact will continue to ripple outward, touching lives, strengthening communities, and inspiring others to follow in her footsteps.

RECOGNIZING SEAN GERRY

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2026*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Sean Gerry, a resident of Jackson County, North Carolina, whose quick thinking and selfless actions helped save the life of a young woman in Buncombe County.

On the morning of December 23, 2025, Ms. Brittany Teeters suffered a devastating head-on collision when an impaired driver, traveling at approximately 100 miles per hour, struck her vehicle. In the moments leading up to the crash, Mr. Gerry observed the driver's reckless behavior and immediately contacted 911 to report the danger. His awareness and initiative ensured that emergency responders received critical, realtime information even before the accident occurred.

When Mr. Gerry arrived at the scene, his unwavering composure and clear direction helped reduce response time by first responders significantly. As other bystanders gathered and attempted to assist, Mr. Gerry prevented anyone from moving Ms. Teeters in her vehicle until trained emergency personnel could safely remove her from the wreckage. This decision proved critical. Due to the severity of her injuries, including trauma caused by her seatbelt, premature movement could have resulted in fatal damage to her vital organs.

Mr. Gerry's actions reflect the very best of our North Carolina values: courage, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to the well-being of others. His calm judgment in a moment of crisis made a life-saving difference and stands as another example of how Western North Carolinians can perform extraordinary acts of service.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Sean Gerry for his heroism and in expressing our gratitude for his actions, which helped save a life and positively impact his community. May we all strive to serve others with the same sense of responsibility and care.

RECOGNIZING PHIL NICHOLS AS CASS CITY'S 2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary member of the Cass

City community, Phil Nichols, as the recipient of the Cass City 2026 Citizen of the Year Award. His leadership, dedication, and lifelong commitment to service have made a profound and lasting impact on our community.

Phil has devoted much of his life to mentoring and supporting the youth of Cass City, encouraging their growth, achievements, and involvement in community service. Through his guidance and example, he has inspired young people to reach their potential and contribute meaningfully to the community around them.

In addition to his work with youth, Phil has been actively involved in numerous community and service organizations, helping strengthen these institutions through his reliability, leadership, and selfless dedication.

Phil's character has also been shaped by a lifetime of service, including honorable military duty beginning in 1968. During nineteen months of service, he demonstrated extraordinary courage and patriotism, earning distinguished honors such as the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Even beyond his military service, Phil has continued to serve his community through volunteerism, mentorship, and leadership, embodying the spirit of servant leadership.

Above all, Phil's contributions reflect a life devoted to helping others, strengthening Cass City, and setting an example of integrity, generosity, and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Phil Nichols for his exceptional contributions to the Cass City community. His leadership, character, and dedication set a standard for all, and his legacy of service will continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING LINDSAY TOZER

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and leadership of Lindsay Tozer, a volunteer advisory board member for the Service Dog Alliance of Florida, where she also serves as chair of its public awareness campaign.

Ms. Tozer has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to advancing accessibility, dignity, and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities who rely on service animals in their daily lives. While Florida Statutes 413.08 and 413.081—enacted in 2015—provide important legal protections for service animals, including coverage for animals in training and penalties for misrepresentation or interference, these safeguards have historically been under-recognized by the public and even by some in law enforcement. Recognizing this gap, Ms. Tozer led a comprehensive effort to improve public understanding and compliance with these critical laws. As campaign chair, she convened a diverse group of community leaders and stakeholders to develop a clear and effective public awareness toolkit, including rack cards, door decals, and posters. Initially piloted in Citrus County, these materials were designed for use by businesses and local governments to reduce service animal misrepresentation while reinforcing both the rights and

responsibilities of handlers and establishments. Following the success of the pilot program, this initiative has now been implemented statewide. Her concise and powerful message—"Service Animals Welcome. It's a crime to misrepresent."—has resonated widely with service animal handlers and business owners alike, fostering greater awareness and encouraging meaningful dialogue in communities across Florida.

In addition to her leadership in public outreach, Ms. Tozer serves as the organization's lead social media specialist, ensuring that information is timely, accessible, and widely distributed. She has also become a model for digital accessibility, aligning organizational communications with best practices such as the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), and setting a high standard for peer organizations. The impact of her work has been both measurable and meaningful, resulting in a 28 percent increase in training requests and a 21 percent increase in requests for technical assistance—clear evidence of the effectiveness of her outreach and leadership. Lindsay Tozer exemplifies the very best of public service and professional excellence. She is a dedicated communicator, a trusted advocate, and a tireless relationship builder whose work has strengthened partnerships among businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local governments throughout Florida. Her efforts have helped build more informed, inclusive, and accessible communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Tozer for her exemplary service and her lasting contributions to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR  
J. YOUNGLOVE

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2026*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the incredible life, legacy, and memory of a constituent from my district, Arthur J. Younglove, who was a cherished father and member of our Bucks County community. Arthur passed away peacefully on January 20, 2026, at the age of 86, surrounded by his loving family. His life is a testament to service, community, and a true dedication to preserving the legacy of our community.

Born and raised in Bristol, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 1939, Arthur grew up enamored by the performances of the Bracken Cavaliers, a long-running American Legion junior drum and bugle corps named for the Robert W. Bracken American Legion Post 382. He made it his goal early in his life to join the Cavaliers to bring the same sense of awe and patriotism to Bucks County and beyond. In 1955, he joined the Bristol Bracken Cavaliers as a horn player, where he helped contribute to the numerous honors and accolades the Cavaliers would acquire through their touring.

After graduating from St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Arthur joined the U.S. Army in 1961. He served honorably during his enlistment but in 1964, decided not to reenlist and instead return to Bristol. There, he found that his beloved Cavaliers had been diminished

from their heights during their early years, and so he took it upon himself to become the corps' director. In his six-year tenure as director, Arthur successfully recruited around 200 new recruits, instilling in them the same sense of patriotism and pride that he felt as a young boy. The Bracken Cavaliers continued their rigorous touring schedule and returned to their prestige as an award-winning corps, ultimately winning the Eastern State Championship in 1968.

Arthur finished his time as director in 1970 and began focusing on his career at Rohm and Haas, where he spent over four decades. He married Rhonda Barker and had three children with her—Leeann, Catherine, and James. They traveled the country together, settling in Willingboro and Delran, New Jersey. Throughout that time, Arthur never forgot his hometown. His enduring love and passion for the community that raised him eventually pushed him back to Lower Bucks County in 2017, where he spent his time collecting memorabilia from the heyday of the Bracken Cavaliers. In 2022, on their 100th Birthday, Arthur helped to gather any alumni he could for a celebratory performance and the commemoration of their work with a mural, forever standing as a testament to the proud group that brought pride to Bristol.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Grace Jones-Younglove; his children, Leeann, Catherine, and James; as well as his grandchildren, Caroline, Maura, Briget, Grace, Maevae, Tierney, and Isla. He will also be sadly missed by his sisters, Helen and Mary, as well as the members of the Robert W. Bracken American Legion Post 382.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur lived a life full of pride, love, and joy as a pillar of our community. Lives like that of Arthur Younglove do not often make national headlines. Yet it is precisely these lives lived in service to others, rooted in community, and guided by quiet dedication, that form the backbone of our Nation. May his memory be cherished, and may we continue to honor his legacy as someone who represented the very best of America's hometown spirit.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his memory, celebrating his contributions, and extending our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
MR. DONALD "DON" GERMAN

**HON. GUY RESCENTIALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2026*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the career of Mr. Donald "Don" German of Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania, who retired from his position as Plant Manager of the Irvin Finishing Plant and Fairless Galvanize of U.S. Steel on March 31, 2026.

Don was a first-generation steelworker and worked at U.S. Steel for 36 years. He began his career in May of 1990. Don worked as a Quality Assurance Management Associate, transitioned to operations and engineering, and finished his career as plant manager. During his time at U.S. Steel, Don managed the day-to-day operations of the plant and imple-

mented numerous initiatives to create a strong business operation. He was instrumental in helping secure the U.S. Steel partnership with Nippon Steel last year by organizing local support with union members, employees, and the southwestern Pennsylvania community. This partnership will secure the economic future of the Mon Valley and the region for years to come.

Don always found a way to include patriotic symbols throughout the Irvin Plant. In 2021, Don started the "U.S. Steel Eagle Cam" at the Irvin plant after a bald eagle nest was found near the facility. He also rescued an eagle chick named "Rosie" after she fell from the nest and was injured in July of 2022.

Don continues to educate students throughout southwestern Pennsylvania on the history, importance, and beauty of our national bird through his "Eagle Talks" seminars. In retirement, Don plans to publish a children's book titled "Wings of Steel", a story about the rescue and release of Rosie.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Donald German's diligent service to U.S. Steel, domestic manufacturing, and southwestern Pennsylvania is evidence of a life well-lived and a retirement well-earned. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate him on his retirement.

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