

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEWIS
BROSCHARD

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Broschard as he retires from his role as Fire Chief of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District.

Chief Broschard has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to advancing the District's mission of protecting residents and promoting public safety throughout the County. He has worked in fire service for over 29 years, having previously served in emergency operations, fire prevention, and executive leadership.

Chief Broschard joined the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District in 2007. During his time with the District, he sought to improve the organizational and operational systems in the District. Under his leadership, the District absorbed the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District, created the firefighting hand crew program, implemented a seasonal aerial firefighting helicopter program, introduced an apparatus replacement program, increased staffing in operations and fire prevention, and rebuilt multiple fire stations. Furthermore, during Chief Broschard's tenure, the regional fire dispatch center was expanded and modernized, 911 dispatcher staffing levels were increased, emergency ambulance operations were strengthened, and numerous health and wellness initiatives were launched. As Fire Chief, he leads one of the largest fire districts in the State of California.

Chief Broschard has also worked diligently to promote wildfire prevention and to prepare our community for the future. He supported significant wildfire mitigation projects across the county and oversaw formation of over 40 new Firewise communities. Additionally, he has worked to improve the District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which reduces insurance costs for residents. Chief Broschard has worked tirelessly to educate residents and promote community safety while guiding the District through organizational growth and as it addressed historic wildfire seasons.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Broschard on his well-deserved retirement after 18 years of outstanding service to the District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF INVESTIGATOR RYAN BUNCE

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Bunce family, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office, and the greater community in honoring the life and service of Investigator Ryan Bunce, who unexpectedly passed away on the morning of Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Investigator Bunce began his distinguished career with the Sheriff's Office on December 14, 2014, serving first as a Deputy Sheriff be-

fore earning his promotion to Investigator on November 11, 2021. Throughout his tenure, Ryan was the recipient of numerous awards, a testament to his professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people he served.

Ryan was a steady and calming presence in even the most difficult moments. As a devoted husband and father, he leaves behind his wife, Cassidy, and their two young children, Everleigh and Colter. He was deeply respected and loved by his family, friends, and colleagues, and his loss leaves a void that cannot be filled. His impact on his department and his community will not be forgotten.

It is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Investigator Ryan Bunce, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family, loved ones, and all those who had the privilege of serving alongside him.

HONORING THE GREATER STOCKTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON
ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSH HARDER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce as it marks 125 years of service to the Central Valley community.

Founded on February 21, 1901, the Chamber has long served as the authoritative voice for thousands of local businesspeople, championing economic growth, civic leadership, and regional collaboration. For over a century, it has played a central role in shaping Stockton's economic and civic landscape.

The Chamber's legacy is defined by bold and lasting contributions. In the early 1920s, it led the successful effort to bring the College of the Pacific, now the University of the Pacific, to Stockton, bringing an institution of higher learning to the city and strengthening its educational and civic life. Shortly thereafter, the Chamber helped champion the "32 Feet To The Sea" campaign, culminating in the creation of the Port of Stockton in 1933, the first deep-water port in California, and a cornerstone of the region's economy.

In more recent years, the Chamber continued its strong advocacy by ensuring that the California Health Care Facility in Stockton was developed in a way that benefits the community. Through its efforts, the Chamber secured local jobs, infrastructure improvements, and significant investments in education and workforce development.

The Chamber is also home to award-winning programs that strengthen the community, including Leadership Stockton, one of the oldest leadership programs west of the Rockies, the long-running ATHENA Awards honoring outstanding women, and the internationally recognized Green Team San Joaquin.

For 125 years, the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to strengthening businesses and uplifting the Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Stockton Chamber of

Commerce for its remarkable legacy of service and to congratulate the Chamber on this milestone anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MARY ANN HALVORSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Mary Ann Halvorson.

Mary Ann continually found ways to give back to our community. She was born in Modesto, California, and earned her bachelor's degree in general curriculum from UC Berkeley. In 1970, Mary Ann joined the Mt. Diablo Hospital Volunteer Association, volunteering 21,500 hours over the span of 44 years. As a volunteer, she served as assistant manager, gift shop buyer, and led the association as president three times. Her volunteerism was critical in helping to raise funds for hospital improvements and scholarships. Mary Ann was committed to making a positive impact in our community and loved making friends along the way.

Mary Ann was also a devoted mother, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother. She enjoyed playing catch with her children and taking them to San Francisco Giants games at Candlestick Park. She inspired her family to face life's challenges with strong character and determination. Mary Ann is survived by her two sisters Ruth Beeve (Charlie) and Betty Williams Benson, son Chris Halvorson (Annette), daughter Ann Wangan (Rob), nephews Rod Beeve (Mary) and Michal Beeve (Sonja), great nieces Danielle Beeve-Morris (Cassidy) and Jezerey Beeve (Esteban), one great great niece Jocelyn, and one great great nephew Miro.

Sadly, Mary Ann passed away on February 1, 2026. She will be remembered for her unwavering commitment to service and deep love for this community. Please join me in honoring Mary Ann Halvorson for her invaluable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF JUSTICE CLEO E. POWELL AS
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF VIRGINIA

HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic milestone for the Commonwealth of Virginia and to honor the extraordinary career of Justice Cleo E. Powell, who was unanimously selected to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia by her peers. Chief Justice Powell is the first African American to serve as Chief Justice in the history of the Commonwealth.

Justice Powell's appointment represents both a historic achievement and the continuation of a career defined by excellence, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Throughout her distinguished career, she has

embodied the highest ideals of the legal profession and has served the people of Virginia with wisdom, fairness, and deep respect for the rule of law.

A proud graduate of The University of Virginia for both undergraduate and law, Justice Powell began her legal career in private practice in Richmond, Virginia. Her professionalism and legal acumen quickly established her as a respected figure in Virginia's legal community.

In 1993, Justice Powell made history by becoming the first African American woman to serve as a judge on the District Court for the County of Chesterfield. During her tenure, she earned widespread respect for her fairness, thoughtful deliberation, and commitment to ensuring that every person who appeared before her court was treated with dignity and respect.

Her exceptional judicial service led to her election to the Chesterfield Circuit Court in 2000 and to the Virginia Court of Appeals in 2008, where she continued to distinguish herself as a jurist of remarkable intellect and sound judgment. In 2011, the Virginia General Assembly elected her to the Supreme Court of Virginia, where she again made history as the first African American woman to serve on the Commonwealth's highest court.

During her tenure on the Supreme Court, Justice Powell has been widely recognized for her careful legal reasoning, principled approach to the law, and deep understanding of the profound responsibilities entrusted to the judiciary. Her opinions reflect a thoughtful balance of legal scholarship, respect for precedent, and a commitment to ensuring that the law serves all Virginians fairly.

Now, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Justice Powell assumes an even greater leadership role within the Commonwealth's judicial system. Her historic appointment reflects not only her exceptional qualifications and experience, but also the trust and respect she has earned from her colleagues and the broader legal community.

Justice Powell's journey is one of perseverance, dedication, and service. Her achievements have opened doors and expanded opportunities for future generations of attorneys and judges, particularly for young people who may now see themselves reflected in the leadership of Virginia's highest court.

Mr. Speaker, Justice Cleo E. Powell's appointment as Chief Justice marks a proud and historic moment for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her leadership will undoubtedly continue to strengthen our judiciary and uphold the principles of justice and equality that are foundational to our democracy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Justice Cleo E. Powell on this historic achievement and in thanking her for her extraordinary service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB"
MULHOLLAND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Robert "Bob" Mulholland to our community.

Bob Mulholland was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December 1946. Shortly after

graduating from high school, he responded to his draft notice and served in the Vietnam War with the 101st Airborne Brigade. Mr. Mulholland was severely wounded during his service in Vietnam during the Tet offensive and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Mulholland returned to California to study at Los Angeles City College for three years, later moving to Chico to study engineering at California State University, Chico. At Chico State, Mr. Mulholland sought out a community of Vietnam War veterans and attended student meetings led by then-Student Body President, Jane Dolan. Mr. Mulholland later helped Jane with her campaign for a seat on the Butte County Board of Supervisors, and, along the way, they fell in love and married.

Mr. Mulholland's passion for advocacy led to him becoming part of the formation of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He joined countless veterans in fighting to end the war, which led to his lifetime mission of fighting injustice everywhere. He honored and helped countless Vietnam Veterans, participated in the U.S. reconciliation with Vietnam, supported the construction of the Vietnam Wall and brought replicas to communities across America.

Mr. Mulholland was also a powerful political advocate, displaying a deep commitment to working-class people and veterans in our community. He served as political director for the California Democratic Party and was a member of the Democratic National Committee, helping to elect good people to local, state, and national offices. While working with the state Democratic Party, Mr. Mulholland saw Bill Clinton become the first Democrat to win California since 1964, and two Democrats, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, win their Senate seats. Mr. Mulholland's work was critical in making California a Democratic stronghold.

Bob Mulholland is survived by his sisters, Sandy, Jackie, and Candace, as well as his brother Andrew, all sharing the last name Mulholland, as well as his beloved wife, Jane Dolan.

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

CELEBRATING THE 2026 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER'S MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. DIANA DeGETTE
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the University of Denver's men's hockey team, who just won their 11th NCAA national championship—their third in five years—extending their lead as the most decorated program in college hockey history.

As a proud Denverite, I have had the distinct pleasure of witnessing six of those eleven championships during my time in Congress, and this one is no less special.

Head Coach David Carle won his third championship with the school at just 36 years old. The standard at Denver is unlike anywhere else in college hockey, and this team met it.

The final game was a testament to the Pios' grit. Coming from behind in the third, DU had been outshot 25–6 when three NHL prospects changed the story. Garrett Brown and Kristian Epperson helped Rieger Lorenz tie the game with just the seventh shot on the Badger net. Less than seven minutes later, Brown found his second point of the night, getting the puck to Boston Buckberger, whose shot toward the net allowed Kyle Chyzowski to redirect in the tournament's final goal.

The Pios were backstopped throughout by freshman phenom Johnny Hicks—who stepped into the starting role in January after the team's No. 1 goalie went down to injury and never looked back. Named Most Outstanding Player after making 29 saves in the final, he had previously turned aside 49 shots in the double overtime semifinal win against Michigan. He went undefeated in regulation, finishing his debut season 16–0–1.

Saturday's championship capped a tournament run that included a 5–0 shutout of Cornell, a 6–2 dismantling of defending champion Western Michigan, and that unforgettable double-overtime battle with Michigan.

The championship reflects not just extraordinary talent, but the hard work, teamwork, and dedication that define this program—a team that finished 29–11–3 and ends the season on top of the college hockey world.

I am happy to recognize Coach Carle, the DU men's hockey team, and the entire DU community for this well-deserved achievement. These young athletes have bright futures ahead, but no matter where their careers take them, I hope they never forget the feeling of fighting for Denver.

They have not only made Colorado proud but made history in college hockey, and I look forward to celebrating many more championships to come.

I congratulate again the 2026 NCAA men's hockey champions—the University of Denver Pioneers. Or, as we say in Denver, "Go Pios."

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 15, 2026, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 15 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to