

as a classroom teacher, she rose through the ranks to serve as a case worker, child and family advocate, program lead, and ultimately a Head Start Technical Assistance Program Improvement Coach. Her expertise supported educators, administrators, and agencies throughout Mississippi and the broader region. Her work gained national recognition, leading to her appointment as a National Advisor and Professional Development Specialist with the Council for Professional Recognition, where she helped shape the future of early childhood education across Mississippi, Arkansas, and Alabama.

Beyond her professional achievements, Councilwoman Glenn Nichols was a devoted entrepreneur and community builder. As the owner and operator of Dot's Corner Market on historic Broad Street in Greenwood, she transformed a neighborhood store into a center of care, connection, and compassion. Known affectionately as "The Mother of Broad Street," she provided not only goods, but guidance, encouragement, and refuge for countless individuals. Her store became a symbol of trust, unity, and resilience within the community.

Councilwoman Glenn Nichols also answered the call to public service. She represented the citizens of Greenwood with integrity and dedication as a member of the Greenwood City Council. In 2021, she assumed the role of Councilwoman for District 6 and was re-elected in 2025, serving faithfully until her passing. Her leadership was rooted in advocacy, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting her constituents. She was a lifelong member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, the NAACP Leflore County Chapter, and the Greenwood Voters League—organizations that reflect her dedication to civic engagement, social justice, and community empowerment.

On Friday, January 2, 2026, Councilwoman Dorothy "Ms. Dot" Glenn Nichols departed this life, leaving behind a legacy defined by faith, service, leadership, and love. Her impact is evident in the lives of the children she educated, the families she supported, the community she strengthened, and the city she served.

Mr. Speaker, Councilwoman Glenn Nichols exemplified what it means to live a life of purpose. Her compassion, perseverance, and commitment to others stand as an enduring example of public service at its finest. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and legacy.

---

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed three votes on January 12, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 15, final passage of H.R. 6504, Haiti Economic Lift Program Extension Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 14, final passage of H.R. 6500, AGOA Extension Act; and YEA on Roll Call No. 13, final passage of H.R. 2683, Remote Access Security Act.

### RECOGNIZING ROBERT HAZLEWOOD

### HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the 24th Congressional District of Texas. The 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to First Sergeant Robert Hazlewood, United States Marine Corps, of North Richland Hills, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

First Sergeant Hazlewood served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps for thirty years, including during the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm. Throughout his career, he held numerous leadership roles across the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, and 14th Marine Regiment earning the respect of those he led through his steadfast commitment to the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, three Good Conduct Medals, three Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medals, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Following his retirement, First Sergeant Hazlewood has continued to serve his community with the same dedication that marked his military career. A lifelong mentor and educator, he operates a martial arts school where he teaches self-defense and discipline to young men and women, providing specialized training for college-bound students to enhance their personal safety. He also serves his church, Compass Church in Colleyville, by leading and training its volunteer security team, and has been twice recognized by the City of Colleyville for more than twenty years of service to local youth.

First Sergeant Hazlewood's contributions have also been recognized nationally and internationally. He has been honored by the Governor of Tennessee for his work with the Junior Achievement Program, received Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow recognition for promoting global understanding, and earned the Jandal Service Award for his support of high school speech and debate students. He continues to mentor youth through Rotary Interact, the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and by coaching students toward successful appointments to the United States Air Force and Naval Academies.

First Sergeant Hazlewood's distinguished record of service to his Nation and his tireless commitment to the next generation reflect the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and bring great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

### RECOGNIZING BERNIE PRAZENICA'S RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF WPVI-TV

### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernie Prazenica on his retirement as President and General Manager of WPVI-TV, Philadelphia's most-watched local news and entertainment television station.

A graduate of Temple University, Prazenica's illustrious 43-year career in television saw stops in Pittsburgh, Richmond, and Raleigh before he returned to Philadelphia in 1994. He would go on to serve as the President and General Manager of WPVI beginning in 2007, making him the longest-serving General Manager in the station's history.

Throughout the entirety of his tenure, Prazenica played a critical role in maintaining WPVI's status as the home of the most-watched local news broadcast in Philadelphia, Action News, a title which the station and program have held for nearly 50 years. In 2009, he oversaw the construction of a state-of-the-art, 110,000 square foot digital broadcasting facility next to the station's previous home. His unwavering commitment to his work has ensured that throughout his tenure, the station has remained at the forefront of producing groundbreaking news, brought into countless homes across the Delaware Valley every single day.

Prazenica is also an active participant in Philadelphia's business, cultural and philanthropic communities. He has actively served on many boards, including those of the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Corporate Council. He has previously chaired the Police Athletic League and Temple University's Klein College Board of Advisors. In 2009, Prazenica was recognized by Philadelphia Magazine as one of the City's 75 Most Influential People and, in 2024, he was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that the House recognizes Bernie Prazenica for his exceptional career and congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement.

---

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM J. "BILL" MARTIN

### HON. JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of William J. "Bill" Martin, a cherished leader, historian, and steward of Richmond's history, who passed away on December 28, 2025, at the age of 71. Bill Martin served with distinction for over three decades as the Director of The Valentine Museum in Richmond, Virginia, dedicating his life to preserving and interpreting the rich and complex narratives of our community.

Born and raised in Culpeper County, Virginia, Bill's passion for history and community storytelling grew into a remarkable career that transformed The Valentine into a dynamic, vibrant center of learning and civic engagement. During his 32 years of leadership, Bill guided the museum through financial crises, expanded its collections and programs, and fostered inclusive conversations about Richmond's past and its impact on the present and future. His stewardship helped ensure that The Valentine became not just a collection of artifacts, but a forum where history could be studied and shared by all.

Bill's commitment to truth and community extended beyond The Valentine's walls. He embraced challenging and sometimes uncomfortable discourse about slavery, the legacy of the Confederacy and Jim Crow, and how Richmond's history is told. His efforts strengthened civic understanding, bridged diverse perspectives, and inspired countless residents and visitors to reflect deeply on our shared past.

Bill Martin was widely recognized for his contributions to Richmond's cultural life. In 2024, he was named "Richmonder of the Year" by Style Weekly, as a testament to his influence and the profound respect he earned across the Richmond community.

Bill was not just a constituent; he was a true friend, one whose passion and joy for his work and community were infectious. While his legacy will live on in the stories he brought to light, he will be dearly missed. These words reflect not only Bill's professional excellence but also his personal warmth, his ability to bring people together, and his unwavering belief in the power of history to guide us toward a more just and informed future.

Today, we mourn the loss of a visionary leader, a devoted colleague, and a dear friend to so many in the Richmond region and beyond. Bill's legacy will endure in the countless lives he touched, in the stories he preserved, and in future generations of learners and leaders he inspired.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET "BB"  
BELL HOUSTON

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of a beloved Angeleno who passed away at the age of 96, the late Margaret "BB" Bell Houston.

For more than four decades, she served as a private nurse. Her unwavering commitment to caring for others touched countless patients and leaves behind a legacy of compassion that will live on for generations to come.

Those who knew her best will remember a passionate animal lover with an eye for fashion, a joy for jazz and dancing, and a fondness for sunflowers. I like to imagine her now dancing to jazz in a garden of sunflowers in heaven, reunited with her husband and parents.

Margaret was generous beyond measure to her family and friends alike. Her loss will be profoundly felt by her son Cedric, grand-

children, and great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
MICHAEL W. KNAPP FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO THE UNITED  
STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding officer and strategic leader in our United States Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael W. Knapp distinguished himself through exceptional professional character and dedication by serving this Nation in uniform. For the past two years, Lieutenant Colonel Knapp served admirably as the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs for U.S. Transportation Command. In this role, he was the principal liaison for Members of Congress and the Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command. Here, he fostered positive relationships between the Congress and the command and conveyed information critical to Congressional oversight, policy development, and appropriations.

Lieutenant Colonel Knapp graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and serves as a senior pilot with over three thousand one hundred flight hours as a combat pilot for the C-17A Globemaster III and as a Vice Presidential pilot on C-32A aircraft. Prior to his assignment at U.S. Transportation Command, he served as Defense Legislative Fellow to Senator Tammy Duckworth, where he advised on defense, foreign relations, and veterans' affairs legislation.

As Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs for U.S. Transportation Command, Lieutenant Colonel Knapp scheduled eighty-three office calls between the Commander and Members of Congress. These meetings addressed contested logistics and readiness concerns and fortified posture testimony during Senate and House Armed Services Committee hearings. He also organized the Deputy Commander's annual Hill engagements, educating nearly one hundred staffers on the Mobility Capabilities Study, directly influencing critical report language for aeromedical evacuation requirements. Finally, he developed the command's appropriations engagement strategy thereby protecting \$2.8 million dollars for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds for maritime logistics platforms.

Of particular note for my district, Lieutenant Colonel Knapp led a four-day congressional staff delegation to California showcasing Ready Reserve Force vessels and joint mobility assets throughout the district, thus bolstering support for maritime equities, surface transportation needs, and air mobility requirements that align perfectly with the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee's priorities. This engagement provided Congress critical insights and directly influenced the debate for recapitalizing the Ready Reserve Force in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

Mr. Speaker, next month Lieutenant Colonel Knapp will assume duties in my district at

Travis Air Force Base, California, as the Director of Operations of the 821st Contingency Response Squadron, where he will once again lead Airmen on the tactical and operational levels. It has been a great pleasure to work with Lieutenant Colonel Knapp during his time representing U.S. Transportation Commands on Capitol Hill. His dedication to the Nation's maritime and air mobility infrastructure, combined with his deep understanding of strategic mobility challenges, made him an invaluable partner in advancing our national defense transportation priorities. On behalf of our grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Lieutenant Colonel Knapp and his family for the past sixteen years. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in our U.S. Air Force, and I look forward to welcoming them to California's 8th Congressional District.

Together, we deliver.

RECOGNIZING MARK SMITS

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the 24th Congressional District of Texas. The 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Captain Mark Smits, United States Army, of Coppell, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Captain Smits was commissioned into the United States Army in 1979 and served as an engineer officer until 1983. During his military career, he demonstrated strong leadership and technical skill earning the Parachutist Badge, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon. His dedication to excellence and teamwork exemplified the values of duty, integrity, and service to others that define the United States Army.

Following his military service, Captain Smits has continued a lifelong commitment to empowering others and supporting those who serve. As a Board Member and Mentor for Claymore Operations, he helps active-duty service members prepare for the transition to civilian life by providing personalized mentorship, career guidance, and leadership development. He also serves as Commander of the Military Order of the World Wars Dallas Chapter, where he promotes patriotism, civic responsibility, and leadership among veterans and students alike.

As Chairman of the Dallas MOWW's Youth Leadership initiatives, Captain Smits leads programs that bring together JROTC cadets and high school students from across Texas to build leadership skills and foster a deeper appreciation for service and citizenship. His tireless work ensures that both current and future generations understand the value of duty, honor, and commitment to country.

Captain Smits' service to his Nation and community is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.