

but in the lives he has touched and uplifted. It is my honor to recognize Miguel Alvarado for his unwavering dedication and to thank him for being a pillar of the Guadalupe community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2026

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2026, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and foreclosures. There are at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics. More needs to be done to sustain and increase the number of these programs.

I was a tenured professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and continued to teach a seminar there after being elected to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide their clients.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who put their lives on the line for this country.

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 SPRING INTERN CLASS

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the incredible interns who dedicated their spring to serving the people of California's 20th District. From my district offices in Bakersfield and Clovis, to my office in Washington, D.C., these students exemplified a commitment to public service, working tirelessly for the good of the office and our constituents. From the beginning, they were willing to learn and proved to be both diligent and intelligent throughout their internships. Every time we interacted, it showed me what we have to look forward to from the next generation. At a time when many young Americans are avoiding politics, these interns chose to face it head on and came out stronger for it, with knowledge and experience that will carry them forward.

As their spring internships wind down, I want to sincerely express my gratitude to Christian Salyers and Sophie Newfield for their service in my Bakersfield, California office, to Rayne Hardy for his service in my Clovis, California office, and to Trinita Gregg, William MacLean, and Bode Gower for their contributions to my Washington, D.C. office. The work

done by each of them has helped my team's efforts more than I can say, and I trust that the skills and educational experiences they have gained will guide them toward continued success in their future endeavors. I look forward to seeing where their paths lead, and hope those paths include a continued dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 118th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Reserve.

Our Nation first created the Army Medical Reserve Corps in 1908 to remedy wartime challenges. Since that historic origin, the Army Reserve has played a critical role in combat support and humanitarian aid both at home and abroad. Over the last 118 years, Citizen-Soldiers have been tested in the crucible of combat, transforming from a strategic supplemental reserve into an essential, operational force upon which the Nation routinely calls.

Today, we honor the nearly 172,000 Army Reserve Soldiers and 11,000 Civilians serving across 50 states, five U.S. territories, and 23 countries. On any given day, upwards of 9,000 of these dedicated servicemembers are mobilized or deployed in support of combatant commands globally. Operating out of 1,200 American communities, these individuals possess high-demand civilian career skills that are crucial to our national defense. The Army Reserve provides the bulk of sustainment forces to the Joint fight. Our Joint Force simply cannot deploy, fight, and win without them. Whether executing Innovative Readiness Training missions that deliver vital services to our local communities, or maintaining a steadfast global presence, their daily impact is immeasurable.

As we look toward the future, the Army Reserve is undertaking its most significant transformation in several decades to ensure dominance in large-scale combat operations and multi-domain environments. These modernization efforts are actively enabling the force to become leaner, more mobile, lower signature, and more lethal. Guided by their vision, the Army Reserve is continuously adapting to provide trained and equipped units at the scale and speed required to meet the challenges of tomorrow. I am deeply grateful for the unwavering service and sacrifice of every Army Reserve Soldier, Civilian, and their Families. As they step into their next year of service, they remain: "Twice the Citizen, Combat Ready."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ARTHUR HERBERT HAUSMAN

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Arthur Herbert

Hausman, who passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026, at the age of 102. A decorated intelligence servicemember and widely admired industry leader. Hausman's innate brilliance and commitment to public service remain an inspiration today. Born in 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, and raised in El Paso, Texas, Hausman grew up quickly; his mother passed away when she was young. In the face of this adversity, Hausman developed a self-reliance and strength that defined the man he became.

Hausman's curiosity and pursuit of knowledge led to invention. At age 13, he built his own ham radio and connected with people around the globe. Later, he earned a bachelor's degree in communications-electronics, with advanced study in mathematics and cryptography, from the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. Secretary of War sent Hausman a letter directing him to enlist. Commissioned as a Lieutenant, the Navy sent Hausman to work at Bletchley Park in England, the famed center for Allied code breaking. Hausman worked on Project ULTRA, alongside legendary mathematicians such as Alan Turing, decrypting intercepted communications from Nazi Germany, Italy, and Japan. The U.S. Navy decorated Hausman and the Project ULTRA team in 1946 for their significant role in securing the Allied victory.

After the war, Hausman earned a master's degree in engineering science and applied physics from Harvard University and pursued postgraduate work in electrical engineering at the University of Maryland. With Seymour Cray and Bill Norris, he helped co-found Engineering Research Associates (ERA), later part of Sperry Rand Corporation, which pioneered early data storage, cryptography, and security technologies.

From 1948 to 1960, Hausman served as an electronic scientist with the U.S. Department of Defense, specializing in cryptography, secure communications, and electronic data storage. The Department of Defense awarded him the prestigious Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his contributions.

In 1960, Hausman joined the Ampex Corporation, where he helped pioneer the technology to record professional-quality audio and video, and to enable slow-motion playback. As the company's CEO, he guided the company through global communications innovation, revolutionizing Olympic media coverage.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan appointed Hausman to the President's Export Council, chairing a subcommittee on advanced technology transfer. In 95, fifty years after the end of World War II, the National Security Agency (NSA) awarded him the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, recognizing his contributions to cryptography, and his founding role in the National Security Agency. Hausman continued as a trusted consultant to defense and intelligence agencies into his early 90s.

Despite his great contributions to global security and technological innovation, those who knew him personally will remember him most for his dedication to family. In 1946, Hausman met Helen Mandelowitz on the streets of Washington D.C., when she stopped him to ask the time. In less than a year, they married, and over seven decades, they raised three children: Susan Hausman Brunner (deceased), Kenneth Hausman, and Catherine Hausman Fox. Kenneth (with his daughters

Raea, Sarah, son-in-law Hudson Arnold, grandchildren Brooks and Callan Arnold, and fiancée Dr. Malathi Srinivasan) and Catherine (with her husband Steven Fox) remember Mr. Hausman's devotion and the way he uplifted his grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hausman also built community beyond family, co-founding Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills.

Hausman's integrity, innovative spirit, and patriotism will live on in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, and a grateful Nation. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING HK METALCRAFT ON ITS REMARKABLE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NELLIE POU

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor HK Metalcraft of Lodi, New Jersey, as it celebrates 100 years in business, a rare milestone built on generations of hard work, family commitment, and pride in a job well done.

Founded in 1926, HK Metalcraft has grown and adapted across four generations of Hopp family leadership, standing as a testament to what steady dedication and strong values can achieve over time. Today, under the leadership of Josh Hopp, the company continues that legacy, carrying forward a tradition of excellence that has endured for a full century.

From its headquarters in Lodi, HK Metalcraft operates a 50,000-square-foot facility that brings together office, manufacturing, and warehouse space to support efficient operations. With a team of about 30 employees, the company produces a wide range of specialized components, including spring washers, metal gaskets, custom stampings, and assemblies that serve industries far beyond our district and state.

Reaching 100 years in business does not happen by chance. It takes resilience, adaptability, and an abiding devotion to both employees and customers. Through changing markets and evolving technologies, HK Metalcraft has remained focused on quality, precision, and doing right by the people it serves.

Mr. Speaker, small businesses like HK Metalcraft are the backbone of our communities. They create jobs, support families, boost communities, and help drive our local economy forward. HK Metalcraft's century of success is a powerful reminder of what can be built when hard work meets opportunity.

I am proud to recognize this extraordinary milestone and to congratulate Josh Hopp and the entire HK Metalcraft team. I wish them continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BECCA BALINT

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight delay I was unable to be present on April 20,

2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 125.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF REAR ADMIRAL WAYNE E. MEYER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer, United States Navy Retired, who is considered the Father of AEGIS, the greatest maritime Integrated Air and Missile Defense System in the world today. With nearly a hundred ships, this fleet is the longest warship construction program in our Nation's history and is the direct result of Admiral Meyer's singular leadership and pursuit of excellence.

Admiral Meyer's life began far from the sea, in Brunswick, Missouri, in 1926, the oldest child of Nettie and Eugene Meyer. During World War II, he enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and was immediately sent to the University of Kansas to earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He eventually earned a graduate degree in electrical engineering, a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics, as well as numerous other diplomas and certifications.

Upon receiving his Navy commission, he spent his early Navy years on extensive sea duty assignments. Over 20 years, he served on seven ships and on fleet staffs, gaining invaluable experience with guided missiles newly being installed in Navy ships. He served in the Special Navy Task Force for Surface Missile Systems, leading the effort to transition the Navy's Air Defense Fleet from analog to digital. He then served as the Chief Engineer at the Navy Surface Missile Systems Engineering Station in Port Hueneme, California.

Ordered to Washington in 1970, he was the founding Project Manager for the AEGIS Weapon System Project, a major Research and Development program. In 1977, he became the first AEGIS Shipbuilding Project Manager, tasked to build the cruisers and destroyers that would take the AEGIS Weapon System to sea. All of this came at a time when Soviet cruise missiles and aircraft threatened to make our naval forces, especially aircraft carriers, irrelevant. AEGIS reversed that. His vision, initially designed for Fleet Air Defense in the open ocean, evolved to include operations in the littorals and ballistic missile defense, and was critical to our Navy's recent successes in defeating missile raids in the Red and Eastern Mediterranean Seas. Today, heavily armed, fast, multi-purpose AEGIS ships dominate the oceans as part of the United States' battle force.

Rear Admiral Meyer was famous for his zeal, unyielding principles, and unparalleled communication skills. Mantras such as, "build a little, test a little, learn a lot," "act like you're in charge," and "what's the price of failure?" are part of the DNA that he instilled into his AEGIS engineering staffs and exist today in the current AEGIS program offices and industry partners.

Retiring in 1985, Admiral Meyer stayed involved. He chaired numerous Navy advisory boards, the Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee, and remained a valuable counselor as the "Father of AEGIS." In 2006 the Navy named an AEGIS Destroyer, DDG 108, the USS *Wayne E. Meyer* in his honor.

While Rear Admiral Meyer passed away in 2009, his legacy lives on through the most capable Air and Missile Defense warships that cruise the world's oceans, to include DDG 108, the USS *Wayne E. Meyer*, a ship named in his honor. I would like to recognize him on the centennial of his birth, for his service to our Nation, and the legacy he left to the United States Navy, the most powerful Navy in the world. Godspeed Rear Admiral Meyer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed one vote on April 20, 2026, due to personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 126.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION AND THE GRAND OPENING OF THE BAY OF PIGS MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion and to recognize the grand opening of the Bay of Pigs Museum and Library, a powerful tribute to the bravery, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the Cuban patriots who fought for freedom.

Sixty-five years ago, in April 1961, courageous members of Brigade 2506 took up arms against a brutal Communist dictatorship in Cuba. These men, many of them young exiles, answered the call of liberty with unwavering resolve. Their heroism stands as a defining moment in the fight against tyranny in our hemisphere.

The opening of the Bay of Pigs Museum and Library ensures that future generations will learn the truth about the sacrifices made by Brigade 2506 and the dangers of Communist oppression. It stands as both a place of remembrance and a call to action—a reminder that the struggle for a free Cuba is not over.

As the Cuban regime continues to repress its people and deny them basic human rights, we must reaffirm our commitment to stand with the Cuban people in their pursuit of liberty. The legacy of Brigade 2506 demands nothing less.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the heroes of the Bay of Pigs and celebrating this institution that preserves their legacy. May we never forget their courage and always stand on the side of freedom.