

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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JOHN W. PETERSON

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of John W. Peterson, a dedicated conservation leader whose lifelong commitment to protecting our Nation's soil and water resources left a lasting impact on Virginia and communities across the country.

John Peterson served with distinction as a professional with the United States Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He later continued his service as a locally elected director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District in Fairfax County, where he worked to advance conservation efforts and support responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

Throughout his career, John played an important role in shaping conservation policy and strengthening partnerships among local, state, and federal conservation organizations. He served as Virginia's representative to the National Association of Conservation Districts Board of Directors and contributed to numerous national initiatives related to conservation policy, water resources, and farm legislation.

John also helped support efforts that led to the enactment of the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Act of 2000, legislation that provided critical support for the rehabilitation of aging flood control dams maintained by conservation districts throughout the Nation.

Beyond his policy and leadership work, John contributed to the professional advancement of the conservation field. He helped pioneer the certification program for Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control and remained actively engaged with organizations committed to strengthening conservation practice and education.

In recognition of his leadership and service, John received numerous honors, including the Wilkinson Award from the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and induction into the National Association of Conservation Districts Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, John Peterson's dedication to conservation, public service, and the protection of our natural resources leaves a meaningful and lasting legacy for future generations. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and recognizing the many contributions he made to conservation efforts in Virginia and across the United States.

RECOGNIZING WONDERFUL
COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wonderful College Prep Academy for its outstanding commitment to leadership, innovation, and equity in educating the next

generation of leaders in Delano and across the Central Valley.

Founded in 2009 by Lynda and Stewart Resnick, the academy's two state-of-the-art TK-12 public charter schools have served more than 2,400 students in Lost Hills and Delano. Through a strong focus on academic excellence, health and wellness, and dedication to its educators, the academy is preparing students to succeed in higher education, the workforce, and in life. Notably, a significant portion of students have graduated with associate degrees and met college entrance requirements, an extraordinary achievement that reflects the school's high standards and student-centered approach.

Wonderful College Prep Academy fosters not only academic success but also a deep sense of community and lifelong skills. Beyond its traditional pathways, its programs teach students the importance of agriculture, provide comprehensive health services, and inspire families to lead healthier lives.

The academy's recognition as the 2026 California Charter Schools Association Charter School of the Year is a testament to its unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success. Additionally, the Hart Vision Equity and Innovation Award recognizes the academy's steadfast advocacy to ensure the success of all students, including those from historically underserved communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Wonderful College Prep Academy on its outstanding accomplishments and years of service to the community of Delano and California's Central Valley.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW KUANG

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the winner of the Congressional App Challenge for Pennsylvania's 2nd Congressional District, Andrew Kuang. Andrew is a sophomore at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School in Northeast Philadelphia.

Andrew's app, NotificationBot, is a powerful automation tool for Discord, designed to take the repetitive workload off server moderators and administrators. It allows for customizable, automated announcements and notifications in Discord, freeing up moderators and administrators to focus instead on fostering their communities and engaging with their servers. Andrew's tremendous app contributes to solving an issue for the countless Discord moderators that are responsible for maintaining online communities enjoyed by about 90 million active daily users.

As the Representative of Pennsylvania's 2nd Congressional District, I am always pleased to support initiatives that showcase the creativity and ingenuity of students from every neighborhood of the City of Philadelphia. In that light, I am proud to showcase Andrew's achievements.

I hope Andrew takes great pride in his success and continues to use his talents to inspire change and innovation. I again congratulate him on this achievement, and hope that

this moment serves to motivate him to continue to work toward a better future.

Mr. Speaker, I find it altogether fitting that the U.S. House of Representatives congratulates Andrew and recognizes the great ingenuity and creativity of his app.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF CAPTAIN GARY S. TOMCZIK

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Gary S. Tomczik, United States Army-Aviation, who passed away on March 20, 2026.

Captain Tomczik was originally from St. Cloud, Minnesota, and graduated from St. Cloud Cathedral High School. While attending St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, he was accepted into the ROTC Aviation program and began flying lessons in St. Cloud and St. Paul. In 1967, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, and attended Helicopter Flight School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Shortly after, he was sent to Vietnam for his first tour of duty. During this tour, he served with distinction as he conducted airlift missions transporting troops and supplies into and out from theater, engaged in medical evacuation missions for injured troops, and flew numerous night missions.

During his second tour in Vietnam, he served as the executive officer in his unit, directly assisting the unit commander, and oversaw the maintenance and repair of aircraft. This role required him to test choppers before their return to combat, a particularly risky task. Despite the danger, Captain Tomczik served his country with courage and conviction.

Following his tours in Vietnam, he served as an instructor to new pilots at Ft. Rucker. As an instructor, Captain Tomczik took the safety of his students very seriously and worked tirelessly to ensure they had the tools and training they needed to succeed. Captain Tomczik was unwavering in his dedication to serving his Nation and instilled in his students their responsibility to always put the American people first in the performance of their duties.

Captain Tomczik's courage and skill during his service were recognized with numerous Army commendations, including the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60-device, the Vietnam Service Medal, three Army Overseas Service bars, the Army Aviator Badge, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his service in Vietnam and at Ft. Rucker, Captain Tomczik continued his work with helicopters for Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. His career took him all over the world, before he and his wife of 53 years, Hilary, settled in Santa Barbara, California.

I offer my deepest condolences to Captain Tomczik's family—his wife, Hilary, his sons Graham and Damien, and his siblings Ron, Janet, Mel, and Patrick. I want to thank him and his fellow veterans, including his three brothers, for their service to our country.