

he helped open. As one of the few Black head coaches in the NFL, he has been an inspiration to countless young people who now see what is possible when talent meets opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Coach Tomlin and his family the very best in this next chapter. His influence will continue to be felt for years to come—on the field, in locker rooms, and in the lives of the many players, coaches, and fans he inspired.

RECOGNIZING LARRY KELLOGG

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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 Sergeant Larry Kellogg, United States Army, of Coppel, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Sergeant Kellogg was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and served with Company C, 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, as a combat medic during the Vietnam War. In February 1967, at age twenty-four, he deployed to Vietnam, where his courage and devotion to duty saved lives on the battlefield. In July of that year, while on patrol, his armored personnel carrier was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. Despite his own severe injuries, Sergeant Kellogg immediately began tending to three wounded squad members, continuing to render aid until he lost consciousness from blood loss. His selfless actions saved the lives of those men and earned him the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. His additional decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Marksman Badge (Rifle M14), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal Unit Citation.

Following his military service, Sergeant Kellogg has remained steadfast in his commitment to veterans and his community. He served as a Director and honor guard member with Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 920 in Denton for more than fifteen years, volunteered with the Coppel Police Department's Citizen Patrol, and continues to serve as a Eucharistic Minister at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, bringing the Eucharist to the homebound. He is also an active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, representing his chapter at civic events and community ceremonies honoring America's veterans.

Sergeant Kellogg's lifelong devotion to service both in uniform and in the community reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army and brings great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF BETTY REID SOSKIN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Betty Reid Soskin, a trailblazer, public servant, and living witness to American history who used her 104 years of her life to the fullest.

Born in 1921, lived in the East Bay since 1927, when her family moved from New Orleans. She lived a life defined by courage, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to truth and justice. She experienced firsthand the hardships of segregation, the challenges of wartime America, and the long struggle for civil rights, yet she transformed those experiences into a lifetime of public service and education.

As a young woman during World War II, Betty worked as a shipyard clerk for an all-Black auxiliary lodge of the segregated Boilermaker's union. In 1945 she and her husband founded one of the first Black-owned music stores, which remained open until 2019.

Ms. Soskin made history as the oldest active National Park Service ranger, serving at the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. Through her work, she ensured that the stories of women, people of color, and working families who are often omitted from traditional historical narratives were finally heard and preserved. Her storytelling gave voice to generations whose contributions shaped our Nation but were too often overlooked.

Beyond her federal service, Betty Reid Soskin has worked as staff to a Berkeley city council member, a state Assemblywoman, and a California State Senator. As well as a respected civil rights activist, author, educator, and community leader. Her life reminded us that history is not only something we study it is something we live, challenge, and improve.

Even after surviving serious injury late in life, Ms. Soskin continued to inspire with her determination, grace, and clarity of purpose. She taught us that patriotism includes honesty, that progress requires persistence, and that every generation has a responsibility to expand opportunity and justice.

Betty Reid Soskin leaves behind an enduring legacy of service, truth-telling, and hope. Her life stands as a testament to the power of perseverance and the importance of ensuring that America's full story is told. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, loved ones, and all those whose lives were touched by her remarkable spirit. Her impact will be felt for generations, and I know the people of Contra Costa County, and our Nation will join me in celebrating her life and legacy. May we honor her memory by continuing the work she so passionately advanced and by striving, as she did, to build a more just and inclusive Nation.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE CITY OF
PLACENTIA

HON. DEREK TRAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a truly momentous milestone as the City of Placentia celebrates its 100th Anniversary. For a century, Placentia has stood as a vibrant and resilient community in Orange County, enriched by its history, strengthened by its diversity, and united by a shared commitment to progress.

Founded in 1926, Placentia grew from its agricultural roots into a thriving suburban city while preserving the values that have long defined it: hard work, civic pride, and a deep sense of community. From its early citrus groves to the dynamic neighborhoods, schools, and businesses that define the city today, Placentia's story is one of thoughtful growth and enduring opportunity.

Over the past 100 years, generations of residents, civic leaders, educators, public servants, and business owners have contributed to Placentia's success. Their dedication has fostered a city known for strong public institutions, safe neighborhoods, and a commitment to education, innovation, and community engagement. Placentia's ability to adapt while honoring its past reflects the very best of the American spirit.

As Placentia marks its centennial, we also look forward to the next generation of leaders, families, and entrepreneurs who will continue shaping the city's future. With ongoing investments in infrastructure, public safety, education, and economic development, Placentia is well-positioned to thrive for the next hundred years and beyond.

On this historic occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the residents of Placentia and express my deepest appreciation to all who have contributed to the city's growth and success. It is an honor to represent this remarkable community in Congress, and I am proud to recognize the City of Placentia's 100 years of history, service, and achievement.

HONORING BEN AND ALISON
SKLARCZYK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Ben and Alison Sklarczyk for receiving the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Innovation Award, which will be presented at the Great Lakes Crop Summit on January 28, 2026.

Ben and Alison Sklarczyk are third-generation farmers who operate Sklarczyk Seed Farm in Otsego County, where innovation and sustainability are at the heart of their work. Their family-owned operation encompasses approximately 2,000 acres of barley, oats, wheat, corn, and soybeans, along with 50,000 square feet of advanced greenhouse space, making them leaders in Michigan's agricultural community.

The Sklarczyks' commitment to conservation is reflected in their use of cover crops, reduced-till practices, and high-efficiency greenhouses, all of which protect soil health and conserve resources. Within their greenhouses, they produce more than nine million disease-free seed potatoes each year, spanning over one hundred varieties. As well as using clean growing environments that reduce the need for pesticides while promoting soil conservation.

Beyond their success in potato production, Ben and Alison continue to look toward the future by exploring new and emerging crops, including making barley, which exceeds current quality standards. By combining scientific research with practical, hands-on experience, they are helping build a more diverse, sustainable, and competitive agricultural economy for Michigan and all of the Great Lakes region.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in congratulating Ben and Alison Sklarczyk on receiving the Conservation Innovation Award and to thank them for their dedication to Michigan agriculture, environmental stewardship, and the future of our Nation's food system.

RECOGNIZING DON MUNSON

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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 Lieutenant Colonel Don Munson, 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.

Lieutenant Colonel Munson was commissioned as an officer upon graduating from Tulane University in 1960 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Over the course of a 23-year Army career, he served in numerous leadership roles, including with the 82nd Airborne Division, Special Forces, and the 1st Cavalry Division. During the Vietnam War, he commanded C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, and later served as Operations Officer for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry. For his extraordinary gallantry, he earned the Silver Star for capturing three enemy combatants under fire and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in extracting stranded soldiers under intense enemy attack. Throughout his command, he was deeply respected for his courage, integrity, and care for those under his leadership—never losing a single soldier in combat.

Lieutenant Colonel Munson's decorations also include two Bronze Stars for Valor, eleven Air Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, and the Purple Heart, as well as the Master Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

His dedication to service did not end with his military career. A longtime member and former commander of the Military Order of World Wars, he authored and published the Dallas Chapter's monthly newsletter for twenty years. As a result of his hard work and leadership, the Dallas Chapter was named "Chapter of the Year" for 15 of its first 19 years. He also served as Chairman of the Dallas Vet-

erans Day Parade, helping elevate the event to one of national prominence. For nearly two decades he directed the Texas A&M Youth Leadership Conference, an initiative he founded to teach principles of patriotism, leadership, and service to the next generation.

Lieutenant Colonel Munson's service is consistent 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.

COMMENDING THE TAIWANESE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GREATER CHICAGO

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Chicago (TACCGC) for its longstanding contributions to economic development, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement in the Greater Chicago region.

Founded in 1988, TACCGC has served as a vital forum for professionals and business leaders from a wide range of industries, fostering collaboration, supporting business growth, and strengthening the local economy.

Beyond its work in business development, TACCGC actively promotes Taiwanese American interests, strengthens economic ties between the United States and Taiwan, and encourages participation in American civic life. Its commitment to community involvement and international cooperation reflects the values that drive lasting prosperity.

I want to thank President Lisa Su and the other leaders for their leadership and service, and I am proud to recognize the organization's continued positive impact.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of U.S.-Philippine relations.

In 1946, the Nation of the Philippines gained its independence and officially opened diplomatic relations with the United States. Since then, the U.S.-Philippine Alliance has evolved to become one of our most critical Pacific partnerships.

The United States and the Philippines share deep historical and cultural ties. During the Second World War, Filipinos fought alongside American service members in a battle for freedom against the imperial Japanese military from the battlefields of Luzon to the shores of Leyte Gulf.

Our shared sacrifice in defense of the Philippines led to one of our Nation's longest standing defense treaties in Asia, The Philippine Mutual Defense Treaty, signed August 1951. The foundational agreement set up the

cornerstone for the U.S.-Philippine Alliance, ensuring an attack on one is an attack on both.

Since 1951, our security cooperation has evolved and strengthened. In 2014, our two countries signed an Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, increasing the U.S. military's rotational presence to tackle new challenges in the West Philippine Sea.

Our ties to the Philippines are more than just defensive, they are connected deeply by bonds of friendship and culture. More than 4 million people throughout the United States identify as Filipino. They serve in our armed forces, contribute to our healthcare system, and own and operate thousands of small businesses that support our economy.

As we launch this 80th anniversary year, let us reaffirm our commitments to our shared democratic values, a free and open Indo-Pacific, and renewed prosperity for the peoples of the United States and the Philippines.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND GREGORY M. GOETHALS

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Reverend Gregory M. Goethals.

Reverend Gregory was an extraordinary leader within the Loyola High School community for 19 years, and his teachings will continue to resonate in the lives of the students he touched.

Since 1988, he dedicated his life to helping others experience God's unconditional love as deeply as he did. Beyond his service, Reverend Gregory cherished the arts and was no stranger to the stage—where his quick wit and warm humor brought joy to so many.

His passing is a tremendous loss for his family, his fellow Jesuits, and the entire Loyola community. May he rest in peace with the angels and saints in the everlasting presence of God.

RECOGNIZING DAVID LOCKWOOD

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. 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 Lieutenant David Richard Lockwood, United States Navy, of Grapevine, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Lieutenant Lockwood began his military career in the Army National Guard in 2015 and later commissioned as a Chaplain in the United States Navy in 2021. Throughout his service, he has ministered to Sailors, Marines, and their families with compassion, courage, and excellence serving in Japan, Everett, and Bahrain. As Command Chaplain for Expeditionary Medical Facility Jacksonville, he created a training platform later adopted by the