

HONORING TIM REITZ

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate Tim Reitz, the Executive Director for the House Freedom Caucus.

For the last four years, Tim has led our caucus of conservative members with all the patience, diligence, resolve, and commitment needed for success. He is steadfast in his principles and unwavering in the face of immense pressure to leave those principles behind.

He has stood by our side through some of our toughest battles—electing a new Speaker of the House, fighting to bend down the federal spending curve, implementing President Trump’s agenda, and even last week’s effort to seek necessary reforms to FISA. Tim does not shy away from the fight. He is a happy warrior, determined to restore our Nation to the Founders’ vision of freedom and limited government.

Before coming to HFC, Tim served two members of his home state of Georgia, Paul Brown and my good friend and former HFC member, Jody Hice.

But this week will be Tim’s last in the House of Representatives as he embarks on a new adventure with the Conservative Partnership Institute. I have no doubt Tim will continue to be an asset to the conservative cause.

I am deeply grateful for his devoted service and wish him well in his new endeavor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, my intention was to vote YEA on Roll Call No. 137, on the HEATS Act to streamline geothermal energy production.

RECOGNIZING ELIANNA BOENING

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elianna Boening for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Elianna has overcome many challenges along their journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Elianna, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Elianna’s hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Elianna Boening on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TOM MOE

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tom Moe, a distinguished University of Minnesota student-athlete, administrator, and community leader whose contributions left a lasting impact on generations of Minnesotans.

Tom Moe was a standout multi-sport athlete for the University of Minnesota in the late 1950s, excelling in both football and baseball. He led the Gophers in receiving yards in 1958, was named the football team’s Most Valuable Player in 1959, and was a member of the 1960 NCAA national championship baseball team.

Following his time as a student-athlete, Mr. Moe built a successful career in law and business, becoming a partner and later managing partner at Dorsey & Whitney, where he helped grow the firm into one of the largest in the Nation. He later returned to the University of Minnesota to serve as Director of the Men’s Athletic Department, where he emphasized academic excellence and helped guide the successful merger of the men’s and women’s programs.

Mr. Moe also played a key role in laying the foundation for the return of on-campus Gopher football, ensuring future generations could experience the tradition and spirit of Minnesota athletics. His lifelong dedication to the University extended through his family, with his children and grandchildren continuing his legacy as student-athletes.

Throughout his life, Tom Moe exemplified leadership, integrity, and a deep commitment to his community. He will be remembered not only for his accomplishments, but for the lasting impact he made on the University of Minnesota and the many lives he touched.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I extend my deepest condolences to the Moe family and express our gratitude for Tom Moe’s extraordinary life and legacy.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center.

Founded in 1976 in Breckenridge, Colorado, the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) has grown into one of the Nation’s largest adaptive outdoor recreation organizations. Each year, BOEC serves more than 2,000 individuals—including people with disabilities, veterans and their families. The dedicated instructors and volunteers at BOEC work to ensure that individuals of all abilities can experience the confidence, independence, and joy that come from the outdoors.

Colorado’s mountains, rivers, and public spaces draw people from around the world to experience the beauty of the outdoors. Through its innovative adaptive programming, BOEC has helped ensure that individuals with disabilities, who have historically faced barriers to outdoor recreation, can experience opportunities to explore and connect with Colorado’s natural environment. This includes programs for veterans that honor their service and promote healing, resilience, and community.

I am honored to represent this storied center in Colorado’s 2nd Congressional District, and I thank the staff and volunteers at the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center who do this important work every day. Congratulations on 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable milestone, the 100th anniversary of the Orion Township Public Library. For a century, this institution has stood as a cornerstone of learning, connection, and civic life in Orion Township, serving generations of residents with distinction, care, and an unwavering commitment to the public good.

Since its founding, the Orion Township Public Library has evolved alongside its community, adapting to changing times while remaining steadfast in its core mission: to provide open access to knowledge, foster lifelong learning, and serve as a welcoming space for all. What began as a modest local resource has grown into a vibrant hub of education, technology, and community engagement, reflecting both the history and the future of Orion Township.

Throughout its 100 years of service, the library has offered far more than books. It has provided early literacy programs for children taking their first steps into reading, research resources for students pursuing academic success, and enrichment opportunities for adults seeking new skills and perspectives. From story times and summer reading programs to job search assistance and digital literacy training, the library has consistently met the evolving needs of its patrons with innovation and dedication.

As it celebrates this centennial year, the library stands not only as a testament to its past, but as a promise to the future. Its legacy is built upon the countless librarians, staff members, volunteers, and community supporters who have dedicated themselves to its mission over the decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Orion Township Public Library on its 100th anniversary. May its next 100 years be filled with continued growth, impact, and inspiration for generations yet to come.

RECOGNIZING LYNDON HUGHES-JENNETT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as a Congressional UK Caucus co-chair, I rise today along with my colleagues and fellow co-chairs, Congressmen GABE AMO, JIM HIMES, and DAVID ROUZER, to recognize Lyndon Hughes-Jennett.

It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the outstanding service of Lyndon Hughes-Jennett, who has served as Northern Ireland Attaché at the British Embassy in Washington since 2021. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Hughes-Jennett has played a vital role in strengthening the relationship between the United States and Northern Ireland and in advancing engagement among partners in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.

In his role, Mr. Hughes-Jennett worked tirelessly to foster constructive dialogue with Members of Congress, U.S. officials, and a wide range of stakeholders. He was instrumental in supporting visiting delegations from Northern Ireland, facilitating meaningful exchanges that deepened understanding of Northern Ireland's political, economic, and cultural landscape. His efforts helped ensure that Northern Ireland's priorities were well represented and thoughtfully conveyed to audiences across the United States.

Mr. Hughes-Jennett's service was further exemplified by his involvement in high level engagements, including accompanying President Joe Biden during his visit to Northern Ireland for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Belfast-Good Friday Agreement. Throughout his time in Washington, he demonstrated professionalism, sound judgment, and a steadfast commitment to partnership, serving as a trusted interlocutor and a bridge among communities and nations.

As Mr. Hughes-Jennett concludes his service at the British Embassy, we extend our sincere appreciation for his dedication and contributions. His work has had a lasting and positive impact on U.S.-Northern Ireland relations, and we wish him every success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ANGEL COVA ROJAS

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angel Cova Rojas for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angel has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Angel, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angel's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada West High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Angel Cova Rojas on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE 2026 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME FOR VALOR INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2026 Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor inductees. The Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on Friday, May 1, 2026 to mark the induction of its 2026 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to fewer than 550 Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic action in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the U.S. House of Representatives and include in the RECORD this year's twenty inductees:

Sergeant First Class Sammy L. Davis, recipient of the Medal of Honor, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Fourth Class Richard H. Adler, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Pharmacist's Mate Third Class John M. Brown (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Navy Reserve veteran of World War II.

Sergeant Meredith L. Barnett (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Major Roderick J. MacEachen (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of World War II.

Private Aurelio J. Marinelli (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of World War II.

Technical Sergeant Harley E. Thomas (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of World War II.

Colonel Ralph J. "Doc" Watson (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Sergeant John T. Biniger, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Tyler S. Gangwer, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Corporal Edwin C. Martin (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Korean War.

Sergeant George P. Mizik (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Marine Corps Reserve veteran of World War II.

Master Sergeant Justin A. Orr, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Paul H. Phillabaum, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Master Chief Petty Officer Michael J. Warden, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Navy veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Specialist Fourth Class John S. Webb, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Master Sergeant David M. White, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant First Class Larry J. Davidson, recipient of the Army Commendation Medal

with "V" Device, Army veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Daniel M. Gonska, recipient of the Joint Services Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Navy veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Ronald H. Leonard, recipient of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

HONORING ALEXANDRA KARABATSOS

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2026

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Alexandra Karabatsos for her exceptional service to my office and to the constituents of Massachusetts' 3rd Congressional District.

Alex has been an indispensable member of my team since my first campaign for Congress in 2018, and she has served with distinction since day one of my tenure in office. Over the years, she has taken on increasing responsibility across a number of roles, including Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant, Senior Legislative Assistant, and ultimately, Legislative Director.

A proud native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Alex brought a deep understanding of and commitment to our district in every aspect of her work. Her connection to the community ensured that the voices of 3rd District residents are always at the forefront of our legislative priorities.

As Legislative Director, Alex has led our legislative team with integrity, vision, and an unwavering dedication to delivering results. She has overseen a broad policy portfolio, with particular expertise in health care, where she has played a central role in advancing meaningful, bipartisan solutions.

Among her many accomplishments, Alex was instrumental in passage of landmark legislation. Notably, she helped lead the effort to pass the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act, bipartisan legislation to standardize substance use disorder training for providers, and the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act, a significant bipartisan achievement that will improve access to timely, lifesaving care for children across the country.

In addition to this work, Alex has been a driving force behind our response to the Steward Health Care crisis, the addiction epidemic, and the mental health crisis facing our children and young adults. Her ability to navigate complex policy challenges and build consensus has made her an invaluable leader both within my office and among colleagues across Capitol Hill.

Beyond her policy expertise, Alex has been a mentor to junior staff, a thoughtful advisor, and a cornerstone of our office culture. Her leadership has strengthened our team and elevated our ability to serve the people of Massachusetts' 3rd District.

It has been a joy to watch Alex grow as a leader. Her intelligence, work ethic, humor, and deep commitment to public service have left a lasting mark on my office and on the communities we serve.