

Airlines that enabled a successful merger, significantly expanding Delta's domestic and international footprint. This strategic unification not only broadened Delta's route network across the United States but also strengthened its global reach—connecting more communities and offering enhanced travel options to customers worldwide.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, John led Delta's operational response at a moment of unprecedented uncertainty. Under enormous pressure, he helped maintain safe, secure, and reliable service, preserving an essential part of our national transportation infrastructure and supporting countless workers and communities that depend on air travel.

Under John's leadership, Delta's TechOps Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul business has bolstered the airline's resilience and competitiveness. Today, the MRO business stands as a significant source of revenue for Delta, providing maintenance services to other airlines around the world and setting Delta apart from its peers through its scale, technical expertise, and industry-leading reliability. By leveraging its world-class MRO capabilities, Delta has not only strengthened its own operations but also established itself as a trusted partner in the global aviation community.

John has also been a tireless champion of safety, helping establish Delta's safety management system and insisting on the accountability and culture necessary to keep employees and customers safe. Navigating an increasing changing threat environment and global events, he ensured Delta remains focused on the security of our people, our customers, and our operations.

At the same time, he has leaned into innovation and the passenger experience, guaranteeing our customers the latest in security technology, as well as providing a seamless and secure travel experience from curb to gate.

In every role he has held, John championed operational excellence. He inspired Delta's people to take pride in delivering a safe, clean, and on-time operation that customers could trust to connect them to the people and places that matter most. But colleagues will tell you that his greatest legacy is not only the systems he built, but the people he supported. John has been known throughout his career as a servant leader and a steadfast advocate for Delta's people-focused culture. He has always understood that operational excellence flows from great people who are cared for, respected, and inspired to be at their best. His deep, personal connection with frontline teams has been central to his leadership and to the success of Delta Air Lines.

Mr. Speaker, John Laughter's last day at Delta will be April 30. As he begins his next chapter, he looks forward to spending more time with his family, especially his first grandson. On behalf of my constituents and this body, I offer him our sincere gratitude for his decades of service, and our best wishes for a long, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. John Laughter on his well-earned retirement and in recognizing his vast contributions to the people and customers of Delta Air Lines and to the broader aviation community.

RECOGNIZING THE HIGH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT

HON. GABE EVANS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate our Nation's brave men and women and to recognize the High Plains Honor Flight Network, which conducts trips for veterans to Washington, D.C., to tour the monuments built to honor their bravery and service. The High Plains Honor Flight gave some of our fellow brave men and women the chance to visit our Nation's capital. As a fellow veteran myself, I am pleased to honor the High Plains Honor Flight and to recognize the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans of Colorado who took part in it.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the veterans who participated in this flight:

Veterans of the Korean War: Alan Latta, and Richard Miller.

Veterans of the Vietnam War: Lloyd Adams, William Alexander, Ronald Alper, David Appel, Duane Baggs, Raymond Begin, Randall Black, Neil Borchert, Clarence Bowen, David Boyle, Robert Boyle, Jack Branson, William Brewster, Sr., Samuel Brito, Gary Camp, Donald Carroll, Robert Casey, Stephen Conway, Steven Cornelius, Robert Derick, Dennis Dicampoli, Jerold Douthit, Earl Draayer, Lane Edstrom, Paul Erickson, James Farmer, Harold Felderman, Robert Forsythe, David Furusho, James Futterer, Terry Gaber, Gilbert Garcia, James Garcia, Gary Gillett, Roger Goodman, Gregory Hall, Donald Hamilton, Jack Hampton, Sherrie Hansen, Gordon Harden, Howard Hawk, Dan Helmboldt, Douglas Henning, Lu Herin, Michael Herin, Charles Hlebain, Donald Hockhalter, Albert Hromada, Jr., Reese Hull, Kevin Hunt, Max Johnson, Jerry Keenan, Ferdinand Krawczuk, Dennis Kugler, Gregory Kuhn, Roger Lair, Lonnie Leininger, Larry LeSueur, Charles Mack, Richard Madsen, William Maurice, Kenneth McNaught, Rives Meerscheidt, Joseph Miceli, Robert Miller, Jack Miller, II, Edwin Miner, Donald Moore, Harley Morgan, Rodney Murrish, Richard Nelson, Ronald Nereson, Frederick Nickel, Roy Nitschke, David Ocker, Bruce Ohmstede, Larry Paul, Alex Peralta, Danny Pickett, Richard Pingel, Frederick Pollmann, Samuel Potts, Donald Purcell, Richard Quimby, Robert Reichardt, Charles Reid, Randall Richardson, Donald Ritterbusch, Jr., Samuel Rodriguez, Joseph Rogers, III, Joe Sandoval, Eugene Schiferl, Alton Sheek, Larry Simons, Howard Smith, Roy Smith, Gary Soderquist, Dennis Spencer, Roger Spencer, Lyle Stempke, Jimmy Sudduth, Richard Thiem, Gerald Toczek, Robert Torson, Kirt Trujillo, Jeffery Uscier, Lee Walz, David Wangler, Mark Wangler, and David Wilson.

Veterans of the Cold War: Donald Cope, Donnie Kennedy, Irvin Nelson, Richard Rector, John Scarlett, Wayne Scott, and Paul Thomas.

Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom: Hugo Sanchezolmos.

It is my honor and privilege as a veteran and the United States Representative of the 8th District of Colorado to recognize the sacrifice and service of these men and women and all other members of our Nation's military. I thank them for their bravery and service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING IVAN RANGEL

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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

Ivan 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 Ivan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Ivan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

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

RECOGNIZING ADAM BUELL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's 5th Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Adam Buell of Pandora, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Adam's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2030. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of his life. Adam brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2030. While attending Pandora-Gilboa High School, he participated in National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and Big Brothers Big Sisters, and was on the honor roll. Throughout high school, Adam was involved in cross country, basketball, and track and field, earning his varsity letter in all three. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Buell on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Adam will excel during his career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF RICHARD A. "DICK" BROWN**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and legacy of Richard A. "Dick" Brown of Conroe, Texas, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and journalist whose dedication to family, service, and community will be long remembered.

Born on December 21, 1937, in Spencer, North Carolina, Dick was the son of Carney Ray and Elizabeth Williams Brown. He grew up in a close family and was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Billy Ray Brown and Robert Carol Brown.

Dick met his wife, Penelope "Penny" Briggs, while working at Vitro Corporation in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she served as a summer intern. They married and soon welcomed their children Derek Michael, Barrington Lee, and Teri Lynn. Dick proudly served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and later built a long career at E Systems, earning his bachelor's degree in journalism from East Texas A&M University in Commerce before retiring from Raytheon. His leadership extended into the community through his involvement in the Raytheon Management Club and the Hunt County Republican Men's Club.

Following retirement, Dick returned to his love of writing, working as a reporter for the Commerce Journal and the Greenville Herald Banner. His weekly column, *The Bottom Line*, and later his contributions to the *Bay City Tribune*, reflected his deep interest in people, public service, and the stories that shape communities. Above all, Dick treasured his family and took enormous pride in his children and grandchildren, remaining an active and loving presence in their lives.

Richard A. "Dick" Brown embodied integrity, dedication, and a spirit of service to others. His life leaves a lasting imprint on his family, his community, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

RECOGNIZING ALDIN
MEDNOLUCANIN**HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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

Aldin 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 Aldin, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Aldin'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 Aldin Mednolucanin on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 13

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on cyber operations and readiness for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025 and the first quarter of fiscal year 2026.

SVC-217

MAY 14

8 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine the posture of the United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open session in SD-G50.

SVC-217

MAY 20

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense personnel policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2027 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222