

"Frog" Ford, a devoted public servant, respected law enforcement officer, and cherished member of the Monroe County community.

Sheriff Ford dedicated his life to serving and protecting the people of his hometown. For forty-eight years he wore the badge with pride, integrity, and unwavering sense of duty. Over the course of his distinguished career, he served the citizens of Tompkinsville as Chief of Police for ten years and later as Sheriff of Monroe County for twelve years. In every role he held Sheriff Ford earned the trust and respect of those he served through his steady leadership, fairness, and deep commitment to his community.

I offer my sincerest condolences to his wife of twenty-one years, Ronda, and his children Kimberly, Chris, and Sean, and his stepchildren Shelby, and Alex, and his eight grandchildren. Sheriff Ford's service, courage, and leadership have set an example for future generations, of law enforcement officers. With his passing, Monroe County has lost a beloved and legendary figure who will not be forgotten.

HONORING MS. SHEYNA BURT FOR  
HER LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS

**HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN**  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Sheyna Burt, an accomplished attorney, President of Youth Orchestras of Prince William, dedicated violinist, and most notably a community leader. It is my privilege to recognize her on the occasion of An Evening Above the Clouds, a celebration marking 16 years of uplifting our community through the Hylton Performing Arts Center.

More than 25 years ago, Ms. Burt began her musical journey as a student in the Prince William County Public Schools' strings program. What began as a childhood hobby grew into a lifelong passion and purpose. Today as President of the Youth Orchestras of Prince William and the Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra, she remains committed to sharing the arts and ensuring that generations to come have access to those same opportunities as she did.

Through her leadership both on stage and in public forums, she has helped shape a more inclusive and vibrant cultural landscape, expanded access to music education, and advocated for the importance of the arts.

Her work extends well beyond performance. Through her legal expertise, Ms. Burt has supported nonprofit organizations in advancing their missions.

Through her leadership with the Hylton Performing Arts Center as a board member, board chair, and now immediate past chair—she has helped to facilitate an environment where artists and audiences can connect, thrive, and be inspired.

For more than 25 years, Ms. Burt has made a lasting impact on our community through her vision, her advocacy, and her unwavering dedication to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Burt, a true champion of the arts and a leader who will impact generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on April 30, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 155.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.  
JIMMY CORNELIUS

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service and enduring legacy of Mr. Jimmy Cornelius, a distinguished American whose life reflects a deep and unwavering commitment to our nation and community.

Mr. Cornelius devoted more than 27 years to the United States Air Force, serving with honor in both Security Police and the legal field, and retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. His military career was marked by leadership, excellence, and valor, supporting missions across the globe.

Following his service in uniform, he continued his dedication through nearly 17 years in civil service with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, bringing his total to an exceptional 44 years of service to our country.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Cornelius has made a profound impact on Randolph Field ISD, where he has served as a trustee since 2011, including multiple years as board president. His leadership has strengthened educational opportunities for military-connected students and families, ensuring they have the tools to succeed.

Mr. Cornelius' life is a testament to duty, integrity, and selfless service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his remarkable contributions and wishing him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE EDISON NEW  
JERSEY JUNIOR HIGH ROBOTICS  
TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AT THE  
GOVERNOR'S CUP

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the MakEMinds team, comprised of junior high school students from Edison, New Jersey as they celebrate finishing among the top teams in a highly competitive national field during the Governor's Cup robotics competition in Washington, D.C. It is my privilege to recognize this accomplished group of young leaders representing New Jersey's promising future of excellence in STEM.

The following students have all demonstrated strong leadership, initiative, and a passion for giving back to their community: Abhishek Shukla, Meer Patel, Ishan Atre,

Vismay Patel, Aarav Saresa, Darsh Shah, Madhav Karuba, Pravnav Devarapalli, Arya Vora, Saiganesh Yoganand, and Arnab Doshi. They have gone above and beyond dedicating time to community outreach to bring awareness to robotics and promote STEM education to younger students. I applaud the students for the outstanding performance thus far and extend my appreciation for shining a wonderful reflection of the State of New Jersey nationwide.

Soon, the team members of MakEMinds will participate in the World Championship event in Houston, Texas. I am confident that the students involved have bright futures ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the MakEMinds Edison Junior High team for their exceptional achievement at the Governor's cup.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CARON  
NUNEZ

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Caron Nunez, who is retiring as the President of Lincoln Training Center in California.

The Lincoln Training Center (LTC) is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating successful employment partnerships between businesses and individuals with moderate to severe disabilities. Founded in 1964, the LTC traces its roots from a small group of parents providing their children with basic production training in Lincoln, California to an accredited, award-winning organization with satellite offices throughout Northern, Central, and Southern California.

For 35 years, Ms. Nunez has served as President of the LTC, leading the organization in fulfilling its core mission: transforming disabilities and disadvantages into opportunities for employment, independence, and community participation. With her efforts, the LTC supports hundreds of adults with disabilities and service-disabled Veterans across California in securing meaningful employment.

Under Ms. Nunez's leadership, the LTC experienced remarkable growth. Ms. Nunez helped create employment opportunities for more than 600 adults with disabilities throughout California and has expanded the Supported Employment program to include partnerships with over 100 businesses.

She was also instrumental in developing job training initiatives within the LTC's Production Services department, where participants gain hands-on experience through subcontract work such as assembly, packaging, shrink-wrapping, labeling, and heat sealing. In addition, she oversaw the development of one of the LTC's newest programs, which provides employment opportunities specifically for service-disabled Veterans.

Ms. Nunez's record of service has touched every corner of California, especially my district in the San Gabriel Valley. That is why in 2010, I was proud to honor Ms. Nunez and the LTC as my DiverCities Non-Profit of the Year. The LTC was recognized for fostering an inclusive community where individuals of all abilities can live and work side by side while gaining a deeper understanding of one another's experiences and cultures.

Ms. Nunez's legacy will live on in the hundreds of individuals with disabilities whose lives she transformed, offering not just training and employment, but dignity, independence, and a renewed sense of purpose. I congratulate her on a well-earned retirement and thank her for her decades of service in my district and beyond.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND COASTAL BEND RESIDENT CLYDE CLIFTON McMEANS AS HE RECEIVES FULL MILITARY HONORS 85 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Seaman 1st Class Clyde Clifton McMeans, who died aboard the U.S.S. California during the Pearl Harbor attacks, and is now finally being laid to rest at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery. Identification of McMeans' remains was made in November of 2025, and he now receives full military honors nearly 85 years after his death.

McMeans was born in Karnes City, Texas, in 1915 and was one of 9 children of Elvarena and Clarence McMeans. His family moved to the Coastal Bend in the next decade, and McMeans attended school in Agua Dulce before completing his education at Banquete High School.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was stationed on the U.S.S. California for just over a year before the Pearl Harbor attacks on that fateful day of infamy, December 7th, 1941.

Remains that could not be identified from the *California* were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu until the Navy contacted McMeans' surviving siblings in the early 2000s to collect DNA samples. In the past year, Navy officials notified the McMeans family of the positive identification of Clyde's body made possible through the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

McMeans' burial comes after Storekeeper 3rd Class Robert S. Garcia, another Coastal Bend native who served aboard the *California* and died in the attacks, was also identified and recently buried in Corpus Christi.

South Texas and the Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery now carry the distinct privilege of honoring the life and service of Clyde McMeans and his heroic sacrifice for our nation. I thank the Navy, the several veterans organizations that assisted with this effort, and most of all, the McMeans family for their work to carry on the remarkable life of Seaman McMeans.

RECOGNIZING ADAMS DRUG STORE

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adams Drugstore in

Cordele, Georgia, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

As a pharmacist myself, I am very proud to recognize this thriving small business. Adams Drugstore is a full-service pharmacy that has proudly served the Cordele and Crisp County community for decades and plans to continue to do so for many more.

With thousands of satisfied patients, their motto, "experience the difference," truly embodies the service they provide to the community.

Local pharmacies like Adams Drugstore are a cornerstone of their communities, providing not just medications but also trusted care, personal relationships, and essential access to healthcare for families in rural areas like so many in Georgia.

Congratulations to Adams Drugstore for this momentous accomplishment. Cordele, Georgia, is truly blessed to have such a dedicated small business serving its pharmaceutical needs.

HIGHLIGHTING THE JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL AMERICAN HERITAGE CAMPOREE

**HON. GLENN THOMPSON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the Juniata Valley Council American Heritage Camporee, which I had the privilege of attending this weekend.

This year's Camporee, hosted by the Howard Pack and Troop 353, welcomed more than 400 Scouts to my hometown of Howard, Pennsylvania to enjoy a weekend of camping, and learning about the core scout values.

This year's Camporee brought Scouts together to participate in interactive sessions at the Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village—one of the longest-running ironworks in Pennsylvania. Scouts spent the weekend learning the history of ironworking, and what life would have looked like here more than 100 years ago. I spent Saturday instructing participants on the American Heritage Merit Badge.

As an Eagle Scout and a former Scoutmaster of Troop 353, it is always an honor to meet Scouts and learn more about the way they are positively impacting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Juniata Valley Council, which was established more than 100 years ago, for planning the annual Camporee. Special thanks to Tom and Patti Long for leading the planning of this event.

HONORING STEPHEN "STEVE" GREELEY

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Stephen "Steve" Greeley. Born on December 30, 1952, in Boston, Massachusetts, to parents Tom and Dolly Greeley, Steve was raised as the third of six children in a lively and loving Irish-Catholic home on

Westwood Road in Somerville. Steve often spoke fondly of his childhood and the Sisters of St. Catherine's who educated him, especially Sister Anacleeta, whose name he chose at confirmation, a choice that brought laughter to his family for many years.

Steve attended Matignon High School, where he made many lifelong friends, and spent his summers caddying at Belmont Country Club, which he viewed as one of his greatest learning experiences. Taking the advice to pursue a post-graduate year before college, Steve attended Phillips Exeter Academy, an experience he described as being one right out of a movie that also broadened his worldview and led him to the University of Pennsylvania.

Wherever Steve went, he was able to make meaningful friendships and connect with people from all different backgrounds. This was no different at Penn, where Steve was elected President of the Class of 1975, just as he was at St. Catherine's and Matignon High School. Steve went on to attend Harvard Law School, where he could bike to class from his childhood home. During his time at Harvard, Steve met the love of his life and wife of nearly five decades, Jan Reilly, at the Casablanca in Harvard Square.

Steve and Jan would later move to Scituate, where they raised their five kids, Steve Jr., Jack, Mike, Tommy, and Megan. Steve taught them to swim, sail, play tennis, and golf along the "Irish Riviera" at Hatherly Country Club and the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club. Known as Coach Greeley to many, Steve dedicated himself to coaching his kids as well as thousands of young hockey players and served as a mentor far beyond the rink and field.

Steve's professional career included more than 25 years practicing law with his partners on Franklin Street before leading the American Ireland Fund in Boston, where he revitalized the organization and strengthened ties to Ireland. In retirement, Steve faced Parkinson's disease with courage and unwavering support from Jan and his children. Above all, Steve enjoyed spending time with his growing family, including his 10 grandchildren, Reilly, Sloane, Nina, Caroline, Matthew, George, Seamus, Tommy, Harper, and Whit.

Sadly, we lost Steve too soon at the age of 73 on March 24, 2026. Steve leaves behind a legacy defined by his commitment to his faith, service, leadership, and family.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Stephen Greeley, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his remarkable life and the enduring impact he had on his community and all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

WELCOMING TRAVIS TAG CLASS OF 2026

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and warmly welcome the 8th grade class of William B. Travis Vanguard & Academy for the Talented and Gifted—known as Travis TAG—from Dallas, Texas, as they visit our Nation's Capital from May 1 through May 4, 2026.