

of the 24th Congressional District of Texas. The 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Major General James Leonard Williams, United States Marine Corps, of Dallas, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Major General Williams served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps for more than 38 years, including both active and reserve duty during multiple conflicts. Over the course of his career, he held numerous leadership and command positions within the 4th Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Combined Joint Task Force 180, and 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Special Operations Capable. His operational service included deployments supporting the War on Drugs and combat tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq. His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Secretary of Defense Service Badge, among numerous other honors.

Beyond his exemplary military career, Major General Williams has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service, education, and community leadership. He has served on numerous boards and advisory groups, including the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, InfraGard North Texas Alliance, North Texas Crime Commission, and the Veterans Advisory Board for the VA North Texas Health Care System. He is President of the Board for International Leadership of Texas, a public charter school district, and serves as an advisor to both the Tarleton State University School of Criminal Justice and the Tower Center for Political Science at Southern Methodist University.

Major General Williams also dedicates extensive time to helping veterans navigate the VA system, offering mentorship, guidance, and financial coaching to help fellow servicemembers and their families succeed in civilian life. His leadership, compassion, and devotion to service continue to strengthen North Texas communities and inspire future generations.

Major General Williams' extraordinary record of military and civic service reflects the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and brings great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

THE LIGHT WILL WIN

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, last week, the bipartisan House Abraham Accords Caucus was privileged to host Rabbi Yehoram Ulman and Ahmed al-Ahmed, of Sydney, Australia, and survivors of the terrorist attack at Bondi Beach last month.

When a father-and-son pair of ISIS-inspired gunmen began massacring Jews during a Hanukkah celebration on the beach—murdering 15 people, including Rabbi Ulman's son-in-law—Ahmed, a Muslim who was at the event

by serendipity, rushed for cover. As one of the terrorists approached his position, Ahmed heroically rose to the moment, charged, and single-handedly disarmed the attacker, saving countless lives.

On behalf of the entire Abraham Accords Caucus, I thank Rabbi Ulman and Mr. al-Ahmed for traveling here and passionately sharing their stories. I also thank my many colleagues for joining us to honor these two great men.

The Abraham Accords Caucus was formed after the accords were signed five years ago on a simple belief: Jews and Arabs belong to the same land, and elevating the people will elevate the land and bring peace to everyone in the region.

Yesterday, Rabbi Ulman and Ahmed al-Ahmed showed that this spirit extends far beyond the Middle East. Their shared humanity and embrace of each other reflects our hope for the future, a future in which people see the dignity and grace in one another and have the strength to stand up and confront hatred and evil.

As I told Ahmed, he is a hero to us all. He teaches us that love of the stranger can lift us all and defeat hatred. Or, as Rabbi Ulman and Mr. al-Ahmed have titled their visit around the world, "The Light Will Win."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for part of votes on January 12, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 15.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH A. HARRISON

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. 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 Staff Sergeant Kenneth A. Harrison, United States Air Force, of Keller, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Staff Sergeant Harrison served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970 during the Vietnam War, where he was assigned to the 12th Reconnaissance Intelligence Technical Squadron. In that role, he provided critical intelligence and reconnaissance support, contributing to the success of U.S. operations in Southeast Asia. His professionalism, dedication, and skill earned him the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Air Force Medal 900 in recognition of his exemplary performance and commitment to duty.

Following his military service, Staff Sergeant Harrison devoted himself to improving edu-

cation, civic engagement, and community development in Keller and Tarrant County, serving for twelve years on the Keller Independent School District Board of Trustees. Additionally, he is a founding member of the Keller ISD Education Foundation, which continues to provide grants and stipends to outstanding teachers and programs that enhance student learning opportunities.

In addition to his education leadership, he has held numerous community and civic roles, including Treasurer of the Keller Chamber of Commerce Board, Chair of the Boy Scouts' Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign, Foundation Chair and past President of the Golden Triangle Rotary Club, and member of the Fort Worth Symphony Board. Through these positions, Staff Sergeant Harrison has played an instrumental role in raising funds and building partnerships that strengthen schools, support youth development, and enrich the cultural life of North Texas.

Staff Sergeant Harrison's exemplary service to his Nation and his lifelong dedication to the Keller community reflect the highest traditions of the United States Air Force and bring great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE SANDERS TRAVEL CENTRE ON THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE ENDORSEMENT

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sanders Travel Centre in Fort Worth, Texas. For 30 years, Sanders Travel Centre has been guiding people in luxury travel and has been recognized with an endorsement by Forbes Travel Guide.

Trust is a major factor in booking travel and for three decades Sanders Travel Centre has excelled in building and maintaining that much needed trust. Their diverse expertise in advising individual, group, and corporate travelers on both domestic and international destinations, along with their dedication to a luxury experience is what makes them stand out. Forbes Travel Guide, a prestigious luxury travel rating system, has also acknowledged and endorsed Sanders Travel Centre for their hard work in the hospitality industry. This endorsement marks them as one of the top 50 travel agencies in the world, quantifying what we, in Fort Worth, have long recognized.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to offer my congratulations to Sanders Travel Centre on their 30th Anniversary and endorsement by Forbes Travel Guide.

RECOGNIZING TODD BOEDING

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYN. 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 Captain Todd Boeding, United States Marine Corps, of Dallas, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Captain Boeding served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps from 1989 to 2001. Beginning his service as an enlisted Marine administrative clerk and later commissioning as an infantry officer, he embodied the Marine Corps' core values of honor and commitment throughout his career. He served with the 1st Marine Regiment and was later selected for the elite Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., where he was a member of the famed Silent Drill Team representing the Marine Corps in ceremonies honoring presidents, foreign dignitaries, and fallen service members. His military decorations include the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Certificate of Commendation, and multiple letters and certificates of appreciation, along with Expert Rifle and Sharpshooter Pistol Badges.

After the September 11, 2001, attacks, Captain Boeding extended his service to continue supporting the Corps and his country. Since leaving active duty, he has remained deeply committed to service and leadership within his community. As a Board Member and Ambassador for Carry The Load, he has played a vital role in honoring and supporting veterans, first responders, and military families helping expand the organization's national impact and

its mission of restoring the true meaning of Memorial Day. His mentorship and friendship have guided countless veterans in their transition to civilian life, continuing his lifelong legacy of servant leadership.

Captain Boeding also co-founded Tribe and Trust Leadership Academy, a program dedicated to developing the next generation of leaders by instilling the principles of teamwork, integrity, and service that defined his Marine Corps career. His tireless dedication to veterans, young leaders, and the broader North Texas community exemplifies the very best of American service and citizenship.

Captain Boeding's honorable military service and his enduring commitment to country and community reflect the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and bring great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

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, January 15, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting process, part 2. SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights
To hold hearings to examine scammers, focusing on fighting fraud in Minnesota and beyond. SD-226

FEBRUARY 3

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine hidden facts regarding Nazis and Swiss banks. SH-216