

Week after week, Hannah has proven that rural Missouri produces world-class talent. She has made the Ozarks proud, and she has reminded a national audience of the strength, faith, and character that define the people of this region. I have no doubt that the best is still ahead for Hannah, and Missouri is rooting for her every step of the way.

It is my great privilege to recognize Hannah Harper's extraordinary accomplishments today before the United States House of Representatives and officially proclaim May 6 as Hannah Harper Day.

RECOGNIZING TRICIA STEVER
BLATTLER

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Representative FONG and Representative COSTA to recognize the Tulare County Farm Bureau's Executive Director, Tricia Stever Blattler, for her successful career and outstanding service to Tulare County.

A lifelong native of Exeter, California, Tricia has dedicated her life to strengthening and advancing agriculture in the Central Valley. Her passion for the industry began early through her involvement in FFA and 4-H programs, and she went on to earn two degrees in agriculture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She started her career as an educator, teaching high school agricultural science before becoming a program coordinator for the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, where she served as a vital link between state and county organizations.

From 2007 until her departure in 2026, Tricia served as Executive Director of the Tulare County Farm Bureau, representing more than 1,800 members. During her tenure, she provided steady leadership, overseeing daily operations while advocating for the needs of Central Valley farmers and ranchers. Under her direction, the organization earned the Outstanding Large County Farm Bureau Award four times and was twice inducted into the California Farm Bureau's Golden State Hall of Fame.

Beyond her work with the county, Tricia is heavily involved with several agricultural organizations, including multiple local FFA chapters, agricultural leadership programs, and numerous agricultural boards. Her commitment has helped shape the next generation of agricultural leaders and strengthen the industry across the region.

Mr. Speaker, Representative FONG, Representative COSTA, and I ask our colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in recognizing Tricia Stever Blattler for her outstanding service and lasting contributions to the Central Valley.

HONORING CHARLES VICTOR
LAMPE, MD, FACC

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the distinguished career and accomplishments of Dr. Charles Victor Lampe, a devoted cardiologist and respected leader in the Dallas, Texas community. A Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, he now serves with Texas Health Heart and Vascular Specialists at multiple locations across the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, specializing in electrophysiology and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Lampe began his medical journey in 1994 at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, one of the Nation's premier institutions. He went on to complete his internship at Rush University in Illinois before returning to UT Southwestern to complete his residency in internal medicine, his fellowship in cardiovascular disease, and his fellowship in clinical cardiac electrophysiology. Dr. Lampe is further distinguished through academic contribution, authoring a paper on the mechanism of supraventricular tachycardia, which underscores his commitment to advancing our understanding of complex cardiac conditions.

Physicians like Dr. Lampe often serve without public recognition, yet their work profoundly shapes the vitality of our communities. It is my privilege to formally acknowledge his many contributions to the people of East Texas and to the field of cardiology.

HONORING "CANTO A LA
LIBERTAD" AND THE MISSION
OF THE SANTUARIO DEL COBRE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Canto a la Libertad" concert and the inspiring mission it supports—the Santuario de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre in Santiago de Cuba.

This effort, led by faithful members of our South Florida community, reflects the deep spiritual bond between the Cuban people and Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba and a symbol of hope, resilience, and freedom.

At the Santuario del Cobre, Father Rogelio Dean Puerta and his team serve some of the most vulnerable, providing nourishment, care, and spiritual guidance to children, the elderly, and families in need. Despite the challenges facing the Cuban people, this sanctuary continues to stand as a beacon of faith and compassion.

The "Canto a la Libertad" concert is a powerful act of solidarity. It brings together our exile community and supporters of freedom to provide direct assistance to those on the island who need it most, while keeping alive the call for a free and democratic Cuba.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the organizers, supporters, and all those contributing to this noble cause. Their

generosity and faith are making a real difference in the lives of many. May we continue to stand with the Cuban people, support those working to alleviate suffering, and never waver in our commitment to freedom.

HONORING JOSÉ NOE MENDEZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and service of José Noe Mendez, who recently celebrated his 101st birthday. A proud veteran, dedicated mechanic, and important pillar of our community, Mr. Mendez's life reflects a legacy of service.

At just 17 years old, Mr. Mendez pursued an education in aircraft engine mechanics in Corpus Christi, Texas, quickly proving himself as one of the top students in his program. He was soon drafted into service during World War II and deployed to the front lines in Germany where he served in the 1st Infantry Division.

Mr. Mendez served with exceptional courage during some of the most difficult battles, including the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. For his bravery, he earned the Purple Heart. Following the war, Mr. Mendez was honorably discharged in 1947 with the rank of Technical Sergeant after serving as a guard during the Nuremberg Trials.

Upon returning home, Mr. Mendez remained deeply committed to his community. He helped organize the Freedom Party in Benavides, Texas, and led the creation of a vocational school for veteran focused on mechanics. Later, he settled in Corpus Christi, where he owned and operated Mendez Automatic Transmission for 47 years.

Alongside his professional and civic accomplishments, he built a loving family, sharing 62 years of marriage with his wife.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas's 34th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize José Noe Mendez for his extraordinary life of service, sacrifice, and resilience. His continued dedication inspires all those around him.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
ON NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Police Week and honor the brave men and women who wear the badge.

Across the Commonwealth and our Nation, police officers put on their uniforms each day knowing they may face danger and spend long hours away from their loved ones, all in an answer to a call of duty to protect and serve their community.

To everyone who has volunteered to serve in law enforcement, I thank them.

Over the past 15 months, Congress has taken action to back the blue. Last year, I was

proud to see the Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act signed into law to honor former Tompkinsville and Monroe County Police Chief Herbert D. Proffitt, who was killed in 2012 by a suspect whom he had arrested years earlier. This legislation allows retired officers and their families to be eligible for benefits if they suffer permanent disability or death in an event related to their service.

I have also supported the Thin Blue Line Act, which would strengthen penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officers, and the Protect and Serve Act which strengthens federal criminal penalties for knowingly assaulting a law enforcement officer.

Law enforcement officers are a core part of our communities; they are our neighbors, coaches, community leaders, and so much more. They serve on the front lines to protect our families and keep our communities safe.

This week we especially remember the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their service will never be forgotten, and we owe their families a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid.

To every law enforcement officer serving today, I thank them. America is stronger and safer because of their dedication and commitment.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 60TH COMPTROLLER SQUADRON AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of the 60th Comptroller Squadron at Travis Air Force Base and to congratulate the team at Travis for being named the Comptroller Squadron of the Year by Air Mobility Command. These honors reflect the exceptional professionalism, innovation, and dedication of the men and women at Travis who support the financial readiness of our Airmen and the broader mission of the United States Air Force.

The 60th Comptroller Squadron (60 CPTS) has demonstrated unparalleled financial stewardship in service to our Nation, managing a \$1 billion payroll for 16,000 personnel and overseeing a \$500 million budget in support of a 1-Star Command. Their work underpins the only Air Mobility Command installation executing all four of its primary mission sets, enabling 32,000 missions across eleven Combat Commands.

The Squadron's leadership has fostered a culture defined by integrity, respect, and excellence. This commitment is reflected in the highest Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey ratings in the wing and in achieving a 100 percent civilian position fill rate. The 60 CPTS has also distinguished itself as a pioneer in workforce development and personnel processing. It established the first official SkillBridge location within an Air Force Comptroller Squadron, created a Palace Acquire Program, and acquired off-network laptops to digitize in-processing and reintegration, eliminating paper delays and significantly reducing member wait times. These initiatives strength-

en the future of the Air Force financial management enterprise and set new benchmarks for efficiency.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the men and women of the 60th Comptroller Squadron for their extraordinary accomplishments, their unwavering dedication to mission readiness, and their profound contributions to the strength of the United States Armed Forces. Their innovation, leadership, and commitment to excellence bring great credit upon themselves, the United States Air Force, and our Nation.

HONORING BASEBALL HALL OF FAMER RAY BROWN

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and to commend to the House the legacy of Ohio native Ray Brown, legend of Negro League baseball and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Raymond Leslie Brown was born in Alger in 1908. In 1926, he graduated from Alger High School, where he played shortstop on the baseball team—which went undefeated in his senior year. He attended Wilberforce University before leaving to pursue a career in baseball.

After brief stints with teams in Dayton, Indianapolis, and Detroit, Brown signed with the Homestead Grays in 1932. He quickly established a reputation as one of the game's most effective pitchers, leading the league in wins eight times. Over one stretch in the 1936 and 1937 seasons, he won 28 straight games.

His success on the mound contributed richly to the dominance of the Grays, who won two World Series and eight total pennants in a nine-year period during his time with the team. Brown threw a one-hit shutout in the 1944 Negro World Series and pitched a seven-inning perfect game the next year.

Ray Brown died in Dayton in 1965. While his stellar baseball exploits were not widely acknowledged during his lifetime, Coopers-town rectified this oversight in 2006, inducting him posthumously into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

On Thursday, May 14, 2026, the Village of Alger and the team at Hardin County Historical Museums will host a ceremony where the recently refurbished local park will be named after Ray Brown. Highlights of the ceremony will include the unveiling of an Ohio Historical Marker and a two-panel mural featuring scenes from his time in baseball.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's 4th Congressional District, I join in the tributes to the late Ray Brown and his storied baseball career. I thank the leadership of the Village of Alger and Hardin County Historical Museums for their efforts to celebrate this local legend.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOOHILL FAMILY

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 2026

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend the distinguished Foothill Family organization on their 100th Anniversary.

Founded in 1926, Foothill Family traces its roots to Pasadena as a small group of women supporting young mothers. The organization has since grown into a community-centered care provider with centers across the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. Today, Foothill Family serves more than 25,000 members of our community each year through early childhood development programs, school-based therapy, and family support services. Foothill Family's mission is driven by the belief that the strength and resilience of families form the backbone of our vibrant communities.

Foothill Family is a pillar of our community, providing early development and intervention services to children and their families. Through their Early Head Start program, parents and caregivers receive comprehensive assistance, such as early childhood education and mental and physical health support at no charge. As part of their Early STEPS program, Foothill Family provides crucial early intervention care for young children at risk of developmental delays, specializing in developmental screenings, psychological testing, and education opportunities to ensure that every child has the support they need to thrive.

Beyond childhood intervention programs, Foothill Family specializes in mental health care at the community level. The holistic services are targeted toward members of our community of every age, assisting children, teens, and adults navigate their unique circumstances and complex challenges. For a century, Foothill Family has worked to ensure that every member of our community has the safety, stability, and opportunities for long-term success that they deserve.

When the Eaton Fire devastated our community in January 2025, Foothill Family responded immediately with crisis therapy, emotional support, and essential resources. While immediate relief is critical in the aftermath of a disaster, healing continues long afterward. That's why their creation of the Eaton Bloom program has been essential to support families as they navigate the ongoing emotional impact of the Eaton Fire. Through sustained access to therapy, school-based mental health services, and community support, Foothill Family helps ensure that our neighbors affected are not left to recover alone.

The 100th anniversary of Foothill Family is an incredible milestone, and I am proud to honor the legacy of this organization and their impact in San Gabriel Valley and beyond. Because of their services, members of our community have been given the tools they need to heal, grow, and thrive.

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