

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John "Phil" Larson. His legacy of faith, service, dedication to agriculture and commitment to family and community will undoubtedly continue to inspire all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JOSEPH  
MARTARANA

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of New Port Richey Police Department Officer Joseph Martarana for his exceptional professionalism, leadership, and unwavering commitment to public service. Officer Martarana has consistently demonstrated a level of dedication that reflects great credit upon himself and the agency. His positive attitude, strong work ethic, and leadership by example set him apart as a valued member of the department and a trusted presence within the community he serves. His contributions extend far beyond his daily responsibilities.

Officer Martarana routinely goes above and beyond the call of duty, demonstrating initiative, reliability, and a genuine commitment to excellence in all aspects of his work. His willingness to step up when needed and support both his peers and the department as a whole has made him an invaluable asset to the New Port Richey Police Department. In addition to his operational performance, Officer Martarana is deeply committed to mentorship and fostering a strong team environment. He leads by example, encouraging professionalism and accountability while supporting the development of those around him. His dedication strengthens not only his immediate team, but the department as a whole. These qualities reflect not only his skill as a law enforcement officer, but also his character, integrity, and commitment to serving others. Officer Martarana consistently embodies the values of professionalism, service, and community engagement.

In recognition of his outstanding service, commitment to mentorship, and consistent high performance, I commend Officer Joseph Martarana and proudly recognize him as the 2026 First Responder of the Year for Florida's 12th Congressional District.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
THE LIFE OF SENATOR JAMES E.  
CARNES

**HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator James E. Carnes, 84, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, who passed away on April 25, 2026. Born February 19, 1942, in Wheeling, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Edward A. and Avis E. Carnes.

A lifelong Belmont County resident, Carnes graduated from Flushing High School in 1960 and dedicated his career to the Ohio coal industry, rising to President and later President-Emeritus of Cravat Coal Company after 57 years of service. He also owned and operated the Plaza Motel and Carnes Mobile Home and Appliances.

He was a prominent figure in Ohio Republican politics for over five decades, serving as Belmont County GOP Chairman, on state and national party committees, and as a delegate to multiple conventions. He later served in the Ohio Senate from 1995 to 2004, representing southeastern Ohio and chairing key committees, including Energy and Finance.

Following his Senate service, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and later served on the Ohio Liquor Control Commission until 2025. Known for his pragmatic leadership and ability to work across party lines, he was widely respected for his service to Ohio.

I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Senator James E. Carnes. He will be remembered as a devoted family man, a man of faith, and a lifelong public servant.

RECOGNIZING RAY MINERVINI FOR  
A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND VI-  
SION IN TRAVERSE CITY

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ray Minervini, an extraordinary Northern Michigan leader, on being named the 2025 Distinguished Service Award recipient by Traverse Connect, one of the region's most prestigious civic honors, which has been presented annually since 1929.

For decades, Ray Minervini has exemplified what it means to serve a community with vision, integrity, and purpose. Starting under the guidance of his father, Ray's career in construction and development has had a lasting impact on Traverse City and Northern Michigan. Ray began his career in residential construction in the 1960s, building his sister a cottage just outside of Kingsley, before transitioning to the commercial sector in the 1980s.

After relocating to Traverse City in the 1990s with his wife, Marsha, Ray could have chosen a quiet retirement. Instead, he chose to help redevelop the historic Traverse City State Hospital, a decision that would forever shape the future of the region. Through the Minervini Group, he acquired the property in 2002 and launched what would become the first redevelopment of a former asylum in the United States.

What followed was nothing short of remarkable—today, the once abandoned property has been transformed into a 500-acre property filled with trails, parks, and various community entities. His work has not only protected a vital piece of Northern Michigan's history, but also created jobs, expanded housing opportunities, and fostered a sense of community that con-

tinues to draw residents and visitors alike. His dedication has earned him numerous honors over the years, but what may be most meaningful is the gratitude of a community he has so faithfully served.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Ray Minervini for this well-deserved recognition. On behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I thank him for his enduring contributions to Traverse City and Northern Michigan.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN MICHAEL  
TRAPP

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Citrus County Fire Rescue Captain Michael Trapp for his exceptional leadership, clinical expertise, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Captain Trapp has consistently demonstrated professionalism and dedication that exceed expectations. Since joining Citrus County Fire Rescue in March of 2020, he has served with distinction as Driver Engineer, Lieutenant, and now Captain. Prior to his service in Citrus County, he gained valuable experience as a Firefighter/Paramedic with a neighboring agency, bringing a strong foundation to his work. Throughout his tenure, Captain Trapp has made significant contributions to both fire and emergency medical services operations. He is highly engaged in training and development and serves as an instructor for the Firefighter Minimum Standards program, helping prepare the next generation of firefighters. He is also widely respected as a mentor who sets a high standard of excellence and professionalism.

Captain Trapp's impact is evident in the field, where he consistently delivers exceptional patient care. In one instance, he responded to a critically ill patient in severe respiratory distress with dangerously low oxygen levels. Through rapid assessment and advanced interventions, he stabilized the patient prior to transport. The patient later required intensive care but ultimately recovered and was discharged. Hospital staff recognized Captain Trapp and his crew for their critical role in the patient's survival. In another case involving a patient with worsening altered mental status requiring immediate airway intervention and prolonged intensive care, Captain Trapp again demonstrated a high level of clinical skill. While the patient ultimately required end-of-life care, hospital staff expressed appreciation for the compassionate care provided.

These examples reflect Captain Trapp's clinical excellence, calm demeanor, and steadfast dedication. He represents the very best of the fire service. I commend Captain Michael Trapp for his outstanding service to the residents of Florida's 12th Congressional District and proudly recognize him as a 2026 First Responder of the Year. His leadership and commitment to excellence embody the highest ideals of public service.

RECOGNIZING TREVER BLACKBURN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's 5th Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Trever Blackburn of LaGrange, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Trever'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. Trever brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2030. While attending Keystone High School, he participated in football, basketball, and baseball, earning his varsity letter in all three. After high school, he attended the Military Academy Preparatory School in West Point, New York. 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 Trever Blackburn 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 Trever 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.

CELEBRATING CUHCC'S  
GROUNDBREAKING

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC) as it breaks ground on a new facility and celebrates 60 years of service to South Minneapolis.

CUHCC is the oldest Federally Qualified Health Center in Minnesota and the only one in the state connected to an academic health center. Each year, CUHCC serves more than 12,000 patients through over 54,000 visits. They provide whole-person care that looks at both medical needs and the real challenges people face, including income, access, and other barriers to staying healthy. CUHCC has built strong trust in the community by making care accessible and respectful for everyone.

CUHCC is also a leader in training future healthcare workers. Nearly 200 students and residents learn there each year across many fields. This helps grow a workforce that understands the needs of the community. As the

need for care continues to grow, CUHCC is expanding. The new building will be twice the size of the original space and will include services like a pharmacy, imaging, and physical therapy in one place. This will make it easier for patients to get the care they need. The new facility will also allow CUHCC to serve 6,000 more patients while continuing to provide compassionate, trauma-informed care.

We thank CUHCC for 60 years of service and look forward to the continued impact they will have on the community.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL ROBINSON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Inverness Fire Department Driver/Engineer Michael Robinson for his exceptional professionalism, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence in the fire service. Driver/Engineer Robinson has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and a level of professionalism that reflects the highest standards of public safety. Since joining the Inverness Fire Department, he has distinguished himself through his dedication to continuous learning, his adaptability to modern technologies and evolving fire service tactics, and his commitment to operational excellence. Throughout his service, Driver/Engineer Robinson has repeatedly stepped up to serve in an acting officer capacity when needed, demonstrating reliability, sound judgment, and composure under pressure. His attention to detail, initiative, and ability to complete tasks at a high level without direct supervision have made him a dependable cornerstone of his crew.

In addition to his technical proficiency, Driver/Engineer Robinson is a team-oriented professional who actively supports his fellow firefighters. He shares knowledge, mentors others, and ensures that no task is overlooked, contributing to both individual development and overall crew effectiveness. His proactive approach has also improved daily operations and enhanced departmental efficiency. These qualities reflect not only his skill as a fire service professional, but also his character, leadership, and dedication to those he serves alongside. Driver/Engineer Robinson consistently leads by example and embodies the values essential to the fire service.

I commend Driver/Engineer Michael Robinson for his outstanding service to the residents of Florida's 12th Congressional District and proudly recognize him as a 2026 First Responder of the Year. His professionalism, leadership, and commitment to excellence make him a role model for all firefighters.

HONORING CHIEF CHARLES ISEMAN FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2026*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor Chief Charles Iseman, who has dedicated more than 35 years of service to the City of Grandview as a police officer. Let us take a moment to recognize this accomplished individual in Missouri's 5th Congressional District who has worked to protect and provide safety to the people of Grandview for over three decades.

Beginning his career at the young age of 21, Chief Iseman joined the Grandview Police Department, where he would remain for the entirety of his years in service. Chief Iseman's work ethic, integrity, and skill to solve problems allowed him to advance through the ranks within the department. From being promoted to Sergeant of the Patrol Division in 2000 to eventually being appointed Chief of Police for the Grandview Police Department in 2011, Chief Iseman has continuously demonstrated his professionalism and care for his community.

Serving a city with a population of over 20,000 individuals, Chief Iseman used his leadership to lead the Grandview Police Department in a new direction that prioritized a community-oriented policing approach and listened to stakeholders. This new approach proved to be beneficial as trust continued to be built and collaborations began to increase. Additionally, the creation of new initiatives such as the "Move Toward the Badge" further showcased the desire to involve the community in decisions that the Grandview Police Department earned the ICMA 2021 Community Partnership Award.

Moreso, Grandview was one of the first 15 cities in Missouri to earn the Blue Shield Community designation under Governor Mike Kehoe, which recognizes cities with strong community support. Chief Iseman led the department to create successful partnerships with schools and faith leaders which in turn allowed the department to have increased funding to bring in new technology, more officers, crime reduction while maintaining one of the fastest police responses in the Kansas City Metropolitan area.

Chief Iseman's legacy is not just in the cases closed or hours worked, but in the lives, he has touched and the example he has set for the next generation of officers. He has exemplified a long and distinguished career that will not be forgotten. We know that a career of this length involved immense sacrifice, and we are grateful to him and his family, and his dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in celebrating the contributions that Chief Iseman has made to Grandview and to Missouri's 5th Congressional District. As Chief Iseman closes out this chapter, we hope he can look back with pride of a job well done. We thank Chief Iseman for his unwavering commitment, he has earned a long and happy retirement, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I thank him for his service.