

registered and in compliance with city requirements. Although assigned to the fire department, Firefighter/Inspector Beebe is widely recognized for his willingness to assist every department within the City of Port Richey. He is a dependable team player who consistently offers thoughtful feedback, constructive ideas, and collaborative support wherever it is needed.

Equally important, Firefighter/Inspector Beebe approaches every task with a positive attitude and a steady smile, regardless of the challenge at hand. His professionalism, optimism, and dedication make him a valued member of the city workforce and a model of public service.

I commend Firefighter/Inspector John Beebe 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 commitment, versatility, and positive spirit exemplify the very best of public service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2026 HONOREES
FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR
HALL OF FAME

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, to recognize and celebrate the honorees of the 42nd Annual Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame, an esteemed tradition made possible through the tireless efforts of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, an organization committed to improving the lives of older adults throughout our community.

The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County is part of a statewide network of 11 Area Agencies on Aging serving 67 counties across Florida. These agencies are tasked with coordinating a wide array of programs and services designed to help seniors live safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities. From meal delivery and transportation assistance to caregiver support and health education, the Agency plays a pivotal role in addressing the needs of our aging population.

Each year, the Broward Senior Hall of Fame honors exemplary residents aged 60 and older who have selflessly dedicated five or more years to volunteer service in Broward County. These individuals embody the spirit of civic engagement and community service that strengthens the social fabric of our region.

I include in the RECORD the names of this year's distinguished honorees:

The Honorable Mikkie Belvedere, Michael Brodie, Mayor Angelo Castillo, the Honorable Roy Gold, Deacon Lorna Goodison, the Honorable Bob Mayersohn, Dr. Rudy Moise, Rosalind "Roz" Perlmutter, Silvia Quintana, and Barry Solomon.

Their contributions have had a lasting impact on the community, from mentoring young people and supporting local nonprofits to expanding access to healthcare and standing up for vulnerable residents. Their dedication is both admirable and truly inspiring.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Charlotte Mather-Taylor, CEO

of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, for her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to serving the community. Through her vision and dedication, the Agency has continued to strengthen its impact and ensure that seniors throughout Broward County receive the care, support, and recognition they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 23rd and 25th Congressional Districts, we ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating these outstanding individuals for their extraordinary volunteerism and in recognizing the indispensable role the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County plays in supporting, celebrating, and advocating for our senior community.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING AI
SCHELLINGER

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Al Schellinger from Flathead Valley, Montana, for a lifetime of leadership and service to the people and communities of Northwest Montana.

Mr. Schellinger, president of Schellinger Construction Company, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Montana Contractors Association in recognition of his contributions to Montana's construction industry, his support for local communities, and his longstanding commitment to Montana workers.

Schellinger Construction began as a family construction business in 1956 and, over time, grew into one of the most respected construction companies in our great state. After taking over the company in the early 1980s, Al Schellinger helped shape the infrastructure and growth of Montana.

During the decline of the local logging industry, Mr. Schellinger successfully transitioned the company toward road and highway construction, positioning Schellinger Construction for long-term success while continuing to meet the needs of Montana's communities. The expansion of Schellinger Construction not only laid the foundation for a lasting impact across our state but also created jobs and opportunities for hardworking Montanans. Under Al Schellinger's leadership, the company has remained committed to the people behind its success, taking pride in its employees and the strong workforce that continues to carry the company forward today.

Mr. Schellinger's dedication to our Montana communities extends far beyond his own company. Whether supporting 4-H programs, rallying behind local youth initiatives, or sponsoring scholarships through Montana State University, Mr. Schellinger has consistently invested in the next generation. His generosity has also reached those who serve and protect our communities—contributing to local law enforcement and supporting air ambulance services that provide critical, life-saving care to Montanans in some of their most vulnerable moments. Additionally, he remained actively involved with the Montana Contractors Association for decades, serving as MCA President in 1993 and advocating for fair wages and

strong opportunities for construction workers across our state.

Mr. Speaker, Al Schellinger's life reflects the values that built Montana and continues to define our state today: hard work, leadership, and commitment to our neighbors. Whether mentoring the next generation or helping build the roads and infrastructure that connect our communities, Al Schellinger has left an undeniable mark on Montana.

RECOGNIZING AIDAN OLDENBURG

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Olympian and southern Minnesota native, Aidan Oldenburg, on his remarkable performance at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milano Cortina, Italy.

Aidan started his curling career at age 10, growing as a competitor and athlete over the years. Growing up in Mapleton and graduating from Minnesota State University, Mankato, he truly represents the heart and talent within Minnesota's 1st Congressional District.

Aidan and his team represented the United States on the world stage at both the World Championships last August and the Olympic games earlier this year. In his first Olympic appearance, Aidan helped the U.S. Men's Curling Team secure a fifth-place finish.

Aidan's skill and determination have inspired us all. I congratulate him on his 2026 Olympic performance. His family, friends, teammates, and fellow southern Minnesotans could not be prouder of him.

HONORING CATHERINE LAVELLE
KESSMEIER

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Catherine Lavelle Kessmeier for her 30 years of outstanding federal service, including over 25 years as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

Since she began her distinguished career with DON OGC in 1999, Ms. Kessmeier has held several attorney positions. Notably, she became a member of the Senior Executive Service in January 2013. In August 2021, she was selected to serve as the Principal Deputy General Counsel (PDGC), the most senior career attorney position within the DON. During her tenure as the PDGC, she twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from August 2021 to February 2022, and from January 2025 to July 2025.

Ms. Kessmeier distinguished herself as an exceptional and resilient attorney, including leading the DON's legal response to the unprecedented environmental crisis associated with the Red Hill fuel release and advising Department of Defense and DON senior leaders on numerous international, fiscal, and contracting law matters associated with the trilateral defense partnership between Australia,

the United Kingdom, and the United States. With unrelenting dedication and unwavering commitment to advancing the DON mission, she provided proactive, accurate, and innovative legal advice on complex, politically sensitive, and highly visible issues that intersected with the complete spectrum of DON OGC practice areas. Additionally, Ms. Kessmeier established an unrivaled standard of leadership while overseeing and coordinating the provision of quality, effective, and consistent legal advice and counsel by hundreds of DON OGC attorneys, bolstering Navy and Marine Corps readiness throughout the global enterprise.

Over the course of her exemplary career, Ms. Kessmeier received various awards for her extraordinary contributions to the DON and the Nation. These include the DON Meritorious, Superior, and Distinguished Civilian Service Awards, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, and other performance-related recognition.

For these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Catherine Lavelle Kessmeier as she retires from decades of federal service.

CONGRATULATING THE DWYER
SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dwyer School of Irish Dance following its outstanding performance at the 2026 World Irish Dancing Championships in Chicago. Representing Central Ohio and the Miami Valley on an international stage, these talented young dancers demonstrated extraordinary discipline, artistry, and commitment while competing among the best Irish dancers in the world. Their success reflects the dedication of the dancers, instructors, and families who continue to strengthen and celebrate Irish culture in our communities.

I would especially like to recognize Liam Rardon of Centerville, Mia Duvall of Bellbrook, Madison King of Centerville, Knighton Ambrosius of Dayton, Aidan Dwyer of Centerville, and Sean Dwyer of Centerville for their impressive individual accomplishments at the championships. In addition, the Dwyer School's ceili and team dancers earned exceptional international recognition, with the Subminor Mixed Team placing second in the world and the Senior Mixed Team placing third in the world in their respective categories. The school's dance drama team also earned second place for its creative performance honoring aviation pioneer Douglas "Wrong Way" Conigan. Their tribute to "the Flying Irishman" also served as a meaningful celebration of Dayton's proud legacy as the Birthplace of Aviation and home of the Wright Brothers.

These accomplishments reflect the hard work and commitment of the dancers, instructors, and families who support the Dwyer School of Irish Dance. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their success and for the pride they have brought to the Miami Valley and the State of Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE 2026 POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND COASTAL BEND LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2026 Police Officer Memorial Ceremony in Corpus Christi, which is taking place as a part of National Police Memorial Week. Today, we honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of our fallen law enforcement officers.

Law enforcement officers serve on our frontlines every day, protecting our neighborhoods, standing between our communities and harm, and upholding justice. Those we memorialize gave everything in that service. Their sacrifice must never be forgotten, and their families deserve our deepest and most enduring gratitude.

In recent years, we have honored Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) own fallen officers, Kyle Hicks and Vicente Ortiz, who gave their lives in the protection of this community in 2024. This year marks the 134th anniversary of the first CCPD Officer killed in the line of duty, City Marshall Elias Mussett Jr., and the 166th anniversary of the death of Nueces County Sheriff Deputy Thomas Nolan, who was killed in the Line-of-Duty in 1860. We also especially remember Lieutenant Albert Stout from Robstown Police Department, who passed away in August of 2025 after 31 years of service. From Nolan to Stout, we take this opportunity to remember all of our fallen heroes, honor their legacy, and renew our commitment to support and pray for their families.

The bonds of brotherhood in this law enforcement community are best known by the example and testimony of their fellow officers. The continued excellent work of the agencies and officers gathered in Corpus Christi today carries on the life and legacy of the fallen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering these heroes of the Coastal Bend and in expressing our unwavering support for the law enforcement officers across Nueces County and our great Nation.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF
HARMONY SCHOOL OF INNOVATION'S
SERVICE LEADERSHIP
SOCIETY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend students Ahmed Sarihan, Julio Huereca, Jacob De la Cruz, Vianney Garza, and Laura Hernandez of the Harmony School of Innovation's Service Leadership Society (SLS) in Brownsville, Texas, for their outstanding achievement at the SLS State Conference. I would also like to congratulate their club sponsor, Ms. Priscilla Martinez. These students successfully passed a bill alongside their peers, demonstrating tremendous intellect and dedication for improving South Texas commu-

nities through leadership and civic engagement.

Their proposal sought to ensure safe drinking water in schools by requiring public and charter schools to conduct biannual testing of water fountains and bottle filling stations. By leveraging existing state and local agencies, their plan demonstrated both practicality and a strong commitment to public health.

This team worked hard over the course of the year, refining their proposal during after-school sessions, while learning first-hand about public service and policymaking. At the State Conference, they debated on the floor of the Texas State Capitol, persuading peers from SLS chapters from across Texas to vote in favor of their bill.

Students like these who pursue civic engagement set a powerful example for their peers and community. I am proud of their contribution to the culture of debate and problem-solving that makes South Texas and the United States so great.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas's 34th Congressional District, I commend these students for their initiative to build stronger and healthier communities. I cannot wait to see what other achievements they will have in future years. I hope their success inspires more students to become involved in public service across the region.

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE JOSHUA
ANTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Pasco County Sheriff's Office Detective Joshua Anton for his exceptional professionalism, investigative skill, and unwavering commitment to justice and public safety.

Detective Anton has consistently demonstrated a level of dedication and performance that reflects great credit upon himself and the agency. Through his strong work ethic, attention to detail, and sound judgment, he has distinguished himself as a trusted and highly capable investigator within the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

Throughout his service, Detective Anton has played a vital role in complex and high-impact investigations, applying persistence, critical thinking, and thorough analysis to ensure cases are successfully resolved. His ability to evaluate evidence, follow leads, and collaborate effectively with fellow investigators has significantly contributed to the department's mission of protecting the community and holding offenders accountable. In addition to his investigative accomplishments, Detective Anton is recognized by his peers for his professionalism, integrity, and steady demeanor under pressure. He consistently approaches his duties with focus and determination, ensuring that each case receives the care and diligence it deserves. His commitment to excellence strengthens the effectiveness of the agency and reinforces public trust.

Detective Anton's contributions extend beyond individual investigations, as he serves as a reliable and respected member of the investigative team. His work ethic, judgment, and