

The Mentee of the Year recognition highlights students who exemplify excellence through academic achievement, active engagement in mentoring organizations, meaningful community service, and participation in mentorship-related initiatives. Asia Scott's dedication, leadership, and positive influence within her community distinguish her as an exceptional nominee worthy of this recognition.

A proud member of Exquisite Pearls of Excellence, Asia continues to embody the organization's mission of empowerment, service, and excellence. Through her involvement, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to personal growth while uplifting and inspiring those around her.

Asia attributes much of her success to the guidance and support of her mentor, Keshunda Thomas, a Charleston High School educator. Their mentorship reflects the profound impact of encouragement, leadership, and meaningful community connection in shaping the next generation of leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Asia Scott for her outstanding achievements and in celebrating her bright future. Her accomplishments serve as an inspiration to her peers and as a testament to communities across our Nation.

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RECOGNIZING SENIOR MASTER  
SERGEANT JUSTIN R. BAYSORE

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) Justin R. Baysore upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. SMSgt Baysore entered the Air Force in 2004, completing Basic Training and Security Forces Technical Training at Lackland AFB, after which he became the Response Force Leader with the 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 2006, he served as the Entry Controller with the 51st Security Forces Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea. He briefly returned stateside, serving as the Installation Patrolman with the 88th Security Forces Squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, before deploying to the United Arab Emirates as the Security Response Team Leader with the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

At the end of his active component enlistment in November 2008. SMSgt Baysore served with the 193d Special Operations Security Force Squadron in Middletown, Pennsylvania, where he served as the Fire Team Leader, and deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, in 2009 and 2010 as a force protection specialist in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he ensured the security of a Special Operation Forces compound. During the deployment in 2009, he was selected to forward deploy to Fire Base Thomas at Shindand Air Base, Afghanistan, where he provided personnel security at an austere location.

In 2013, SMSgt Baysore transferred to Air Transportation with the 193d Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron as an Air Transportation Specialist. While assigned to the Cargo, Ramp, and Passenger Services

sections, he handled cargo and passenger processing, aircraft on and off-loading operations, fleet service functions, and special handling of hazardous materials. In 2019, he deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, where he was crucial to the redeployment of over 75 personnel and 175 short tons of equipment back to the United States. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Air Freight Section of the 193d Air Transportation Function.

SMSgt Baysore has earned a multitude of awards, decorations, and recognitions, including—but not limited to: Meritorious Service Medal; Air and Space Commendation Medal; Joint Service Achievement Medal; and Air and Space Achievement Medal (w/1 OLC).

Just prior to his retirement, SMSgt Baysore served as the Air Transportation Function Operations Supervisor with the 193d Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron in Middletown, Pennsylvania, during which he led a 46-member flight overseeing critical cargo, passenger, and special handling functions for global air mobility operations across the Department of War.

In his civilian life, SMSgt Baysore enjoys camping at his river lot, fishing, and hunting. While he will continue to work as an FMS Program Manager with the U.S. Navy, he is retiring to spend more weekends with his wife and two sons.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Justin Baysore upon his retirement after more than 21 years of uniformed service to our Commonwealth and Nation in uniform. His tireless, selfless, dedicated, and honorable service to his fellow Airmen and the United States of America, set the standard by which all should be judged.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL  
ACCOUNTING DAY

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of accountants in my district and across the Nation in recognition of National Accounting Day. This day, recognized by organizations throughout the country, honors the hundreds of thousands of accounting professionals whose work strengthens the foundation of our economy.

CPAs promote accuracy, transparency, and integrity in financial reporting. From the local CPA advising families and small businesses to those serving large and multinational organizations, CPAs play an important role in every community—supporting American entrepreneurship and job creation, compliance and understanding an increasingly complex financial landscape.

The accounting profession is defined by rigorous education, examination, and licensing requirements, adherence to high professional standards, and a strong commitment to ethics and competence. These safeguards help protect investors and taxpayers and uphold confidence in financial markets.

As technology and financial systems continue to evolve, CPAs apply advanced skills in

mathematics, data analysis, and technology to measure performance, manage risk, and build trust. Their work reflects the growing connection between accounting and STEM disciplines—combining technical expertise with professional judgement to support innovation and economic growth.

I applaud the dedication and service of CPAs in my district of Pennsylvania and throughout the country, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 19th as National Accounting Day.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ROBERT C. "BOB" BURNHAM,  
SR.

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Robert C. "Bob" Burnham, Sr., who will be posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, and to pay tribute to a life marked by service, sacrifice, and devotion to both his country and his family.

Bob joined the United States Army in 1943 as the world faced unparalleled conflict during World War II. He completed basic training at Fort Custer, where he prepared for the demands of wartime service with discipline and resolve. He went on to serve as a member of Battery D of the 548th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, rising to the rank of Corporal through dedication and leadership.

In 1945, while serving in Germany, Bob was wounded in action. His courage and sacrifice during this pivotal moment in our Nation's history stand as lasting reminders of the price paid by those who fought to secure freedom and peace around the world.

In 1946, Bob returned home and built a life grounded in humility, hard work, and steadfast love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose quiet strength shaped the lives of all who knew him. Bob also served his community for many years as a courier for Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Robert Burnham, Sr. reflects the very best values of our Nation: courage in service, dedication in work, and love in family. As we honor him with the Purple Heart, may this recognition stand not only as acknowledgment of his sacrifice on the battlefield but also of the dedication and resolve that he lived each day of his life. May his family find comfort in knowing his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 148, I mistakenly voted Aye when I intended to vote No.

HONORING DR. JEFF MATTNER

**HON. JAMES R. BAIRD**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Jeff Mattner from Martinsville, Indiana, a devoted educator whose impact on education will be felt for years to come. For 14 years, Dr. Mattner served with the Association of Christian Schools International as Senior Director of the Central Division, supporting more than 600 schools across 18 states with wisdom, integrity, and a servant's heart.

Throughout his decades-long career as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and trusted advisor, he demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advancing educational opportunity and strengthening communities through faith-based education. Guided by his faith, Dr. Mattner also engaged in advocacy efforts that advanced the mission of Christian schools. His legacy endures in the countless students, educators, and families he influenced through his service, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. May he rest in peace.

HONORING ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT CHAIRMAN  
RYAN GALLAGHER**HON. YOUNG KIM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ryan Gallagher for completing his tenure as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors, having served from July 2024 through June 2026.

In his various positions, Chairman Gallagher has provided nearly six years of continuous leadership and vision to the OC San Board of Directors, Administration Committee, Steering Committee, Operations Committee, Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee, General Manager Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee, and OC San/Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Joint Policy Committee.

Tustin City Councilmember Ryan Gallagher was born and raised in Southern California and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California and was elected to the Tustin City Council in 2020.

Mr. Gallagher was elected to serve as Chairman of the OC San Board in 2024 and serves as a member of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County and Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee. Prior to joining the City Council, Ryan proudly served on the Tustin Planning Commission and as past Board President of Orange County Water Association, as well as in past Board President roles for local chapters of the Association of Water Agencies, American Public Works Association, and American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ryan is the Chief Operations Officer of MKN, a water and wastewater consulting firm. He previously served as a Vice President of a

national engineering firm and Associate Vice President of a Fortune 500 global engineering firm. In his role, he works with local municipalities to plan and design clean water infrastructure for the delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to communities throughout Southern California, which earned him recognition as one of the top 20 engineers in the country under 40 by Engineering News-Record in 2019.

During his tenure as Board Chairman from July 2024 through June 2026, Chairman Gallagher compiled a remarkable record of accomplishment. He championed the rollout of the Resource Innovation for a Sustainable Environment program—known as RISE—a forward-looking initiative focused on water, energy, solids, and air that positions OC San to meet future environmental and operational challenges. He oversaw continued fiscal strength, including maintaining OC San's AAA credit ratings from all three major agencies for the 15th consecutive year, reinforcing affordability and responsible rate management.

Chairman Gallagher directed Board efforts on the 2025 Strategic Plan update, including the addition of a new policy focus on potable water salinity control and continued emphasis on environmental stewardship and fiscal discipline. He supported the launch of OC San's redesigned website, improving accessibility, transparency, and ease of use for customers and stakeholders, and oversaw increased public engagement efforts—including community events, tours, and educational programs reaching thousands of residents and students across the service area.

He also supported initiatives that strengthened workplace culture, including a highly successful employee engagement survey with strong participation and positive feedback on meaningful work and growth opportunities. And throughout his chairmanship, he reinforced OC San's leadership in regulatory compliance and environmental protection through programs like the Pretreatment Honor Roll and longstanding ocean monitoring efforts that protect coastal water quality.

I want to thank Chairman Gallagher for his exemplary service and dedication to OC San and the communities we serve and wish him all the best in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MS. SERAFINA DE LOS SANTOS**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the career of a faithful servant to our Nation, Ms. Serafina L. De Los Santos, as she retires from the United States Air Force as the Executive Director to the Commander of the 502nd Force Support Group at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA). Ms. De Los Santos selflessly served our Nation in the civilian service for 23 years, dedicating herself to ensuring the highest operational standards for our military. Her commitment to service also extended to the San Antonio community and I am grateful for her contributions to our neighbors.

A native of Brownsville, Texas, Ms. De Los Santos' military career began in 1977 when

she began a 5-year tenure with the Air Force. Following her departure in 1982, she enrolled as a student at the University of Houston where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in 1986.

Upon receiving her degree, Ms. De Los Santos was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army. She served as an officer until she retired from active duty in 2004 with the rank of Major. Following her retirement, she began her civil service career as the Senior Logistics Officer for the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade. She would remain with the Army until 2010, when she joined the Department of the Air Force's civil service as the Deputy for Installation Support during the transformation of JBSA. In December of 2013, Ms. De Los Santos became the Executive Director to the Commander of the 502nd Force Support Group.

As Executive Director, she oversaw the group's budget and personnel across four military installations—JBSA Randolph, JBSA Lackland, JBSA Fort Sam Houston and JBSA Camp Bullis. Additionally, she was responsible for the base's Community Partnership for Transitioning Service Members, Military Spouses and Family Programs.

Throughout her career, Ms. De Los Santos received numerous awards and decorations, including the Senior Civilian Service Award, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and the Meritorious Service Medal. Ms. De Los Santos was also a dedicated community servant. She helped create and maintain partnerships between the community and military, contributing immensely to the continued growth of San Antonio as Military City, U.S.A.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable career of Ms. Serafina De Los Santos. Her leadership and commitment to our Nation will be long remembered and may future generations of leaders look towards her as a shining example.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE HOUSING DIRECTOR  
STEVEN KELSO**HON. MIKE FLOOD**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 19, 2026*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Steve Kelso, a quiet, humble and dedicated public servant whose passing is being deeply felt across Nebraska.

Steve devoted more than 40 years to Nebraska's housing industry and public service. Through hard work, integrity and deep expertise, he rose from an entry-level housing manufacturing position to lead the Nebraska Public Service Commission's Housing and Recreational Vehicle Department. Colleagues knew him as unfailingly friendly and approachable, but also deeply committed to protecting public safety and ensuring high standards across the housing industry.

Steve's service extended far beyond state government. He devoted countless hours as a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician and EMS instructor, helping train first responders in small towns and rural communities across Nebraska. Even while battling cancer, Steve continued assisting others and serving his community until his final days.