

HONORING THE STUDENTS AND
STAFF OF ROOSEVELT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students and staff of Minneapolis' Roosevelt High School.

Earlier this year, Roosevelt became a target of the federal government's Operation Metro Surge, in which federal ICE agents descended upon the metro area and terrorized the people that call Minnesota their home. The students and staff of Roosevelt High School demonstrated remarkable bravery in the face of this violence, coming together as a community to stand their ground. I am exceptionally proud to represent the district that this community calls home.

Despite the freezing temperatures, students and staff showed up en masse to host a walk-out from their school, displaying the incredible courage and warmth that comes from community. Together, Roosevelt High School stood up for their friends, their families, and their community in the face of oppression. They served as an inspiration to onlookers fighting fascism across the Nation, and as a beacon of hope for countless Minnesotans.

The student journalists of The Roosevelt Standard, the high school's newspaper, produced profound work during this time. They covered not only the violence of the occupation and the terror that their community experienced, but also the important day-to-day news in order to show that their lives would continue after the surge. The authors and editors remained conscientious in ensuring that the information they published was accurate, while still including the personal aspects of these stories. These students' work serves as a reminder that the youth are our future, and that the future is in good hands.

The tenacity of the students and staff of Roosevelt High School serves as a testament to the power that comes from community and solidarity. Their resilience, compassion, and devotion will not be forgotten. Please join me in honoring the students and staff of Roosevelt High School for their incredible bravery.

RECOGNIZING SHEIKH MOWAFAQ
TARIF, SPIRITUAL LEADER OF
THE DRUZE COMMUNITY IN
ISRAEL

HON. ABRAHAM J. HAMADEH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif, the paramount spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel and a respected voice for Druze communities throughout the region.

For centuries, the Tarif family has held an important place in the spiritual life of the Druze people. Today, as the recognized leader of Israel's Druze community, President of the Supreme Druze Religious Council, and Chairman of the Druze High Appeal Religious Court, Sheikh Tarif stands not only as a guide for

Druze citizens of Israel, but as a symbol of unity, continuity, and resolve for Druze communities throughout the Levant. His leadership is rooted in faith, honor, service, and an unbroken commitment to the dignity and survival of his people.

Sheikh Tarif also serves as a guardian of Druze religious heritage, including the sacred traditions connected to the Nabi Shu'ayb, the Tomb of Jethro, the most important holy site in the Druze faith. As ancient communities across the Middle East face violence, displacement, and erasure, his leadership has helped preserve the identity and continuity of the Druze people.

During a period of brutal violence facing Druze communities in Syria, Sheikh Tarif brought attention to the suffering of Druze civilians and urged action to prevent further bloodshed and humanitarian catastrophe. He also welcomed a historic delegation of Syrian Druze religious elders visiting Nabi Shu'ayb for the first time in decades, underscoring the bonds of faith, family, and history that connect Druze communities across modern borders. In 2025, Sheikh Tarif received the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor, recognizing his contribution to Israeli society, his defense of the Druze people, and his work as a bridge between communities.

His leadership also reflects the historic partnership between the Druze and Jewish peoples. Druze citizens of Israel have served with distinction in the Israel Defense Forces, contributed to public life, and held positions of national responsibility, including service in the Knesset, senior government roles, and even as Acting President of the State of Israel. Through that service, the Druze people have become an indispensable part of Israel's national mosaic.

Sheikh Tarif's leadership reflects the spirit of the Abraham Accords: looking beyond old divisions and toward a Middle East where ancient communities build a future of partnership, mutual respect, and peace.

Mr. Speaker, Sheikh Mowafaq Tarif stands as a model of principled leadership for the Druze people in Israel, Syria, Lebanon, and beyond—and deserves recognition by this Congress.

HONORING BETH BAUER ON HER
RETIREMENT

HON. ERIN HOUCHIN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Beth Bauer for her more than two decades of dedicated service to the State of Indiana and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Indiana she leaves behind a legacy that has fundamentally strengthened the "Crossroads of America."

Throughout her tenure, Beth has been a tireless advocate for the infrastructure that Hoosiers rely on every day. Her leadership was instrumental in the passage of Indiana's landmark 2017 transportation funding legislation. This historic achievement secured billions of dollars in long-term investment, ensuring that our state's roads, bridges, and water systems remain safe and reliable for generations to come.

Beth's influence extends far beyond Indiana's borders. She has distinguished herself as a fervent supporter of national infrastructure policy, having served from 2021 to 2022 as the President of the National Association of Engineering Council Executives. On the national stage, she has been a vital voice in Washington, DC, mobilizing professionals to educate federal lawmakers on the critical fiscal challenges facing state infrastructure funding and ensuring Indiana is never overlooked.

Under her guidance, ACEC Indiana has become a national gold standard for political engagement. For the 13th consecutive year, her chapter was the first in the Nation to reach its national goals, supporting bipartisan federal candidates who champion the engineering industry's agenda. This unwavering commitment ensures that critical issues—such as federal infrastructure funding, permitting reform, and workforce development—remain at the forefront of our work here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Beth Bauer is the embodiment of a dedicated servant-leader. Her collaborative approach, bipartisan relationship-building, and relentless professionalism have set a standard for advocacy nationwide.

As we fly the United States flag over this Capitol in her honor, we thank Beth for her 21 years of service to ACEC Indiana, her vision, and her unwavering commitment to the public good. We wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MA-
RINE CORPS VETERAN COR-
PORAL EMMA MORIARTY AS
MAY 2026 VETERAN OF THE
MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Emma Moriarty for her honorable service in the United States Marine Corps and her continued dedication following her military career. It is my privilege to name her our May 2026 Veteran of the Month.

Cpl. Moriarty grew up in Ortonville, Michigan, and graduated from Brandon High School. Shortly after graduation, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Parris Island, beginning a career defined by resilience, adaptability, and service to our country. She was assigned to the finance field, where she trained in fiscal and administrative operations supporting fellow service members.

Following her training, Cpl. Moriarty's first duty station was in North Carolina, where she worked in military finance. In this role, she assisted Marines with pay-related matters, processed financial documentation, and helped maintain fiscal records essential to supporting daily military operations.

Cpl. Moriarty was later stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, where she continued serving in fiscal operations and coordinated with finance sections in Okinawa. Her responsibilities included processing and reviewing payments, assisting with military financial systems, and supporting operational readiness within her unit.

Throughout her military service, Cpl. Moriarty remained committed to furthering her

education. While balancing the demands of military life, she began taking college courses and steadily worked toward completing her degree.

Cpl. Moriarty's military career concluded after she sustained an injury while serving, which ultimately resulted in a medical discharge after three and a half years of service. Despite the challenges surrounding her injury and transition to civilian life, she remained focused on her future and continued pursuing higher education full time.

Today, Cpl. Moriarty is preparing to graduate with a bachelor's degree focused on business and finance-related studies. Outside of school, she enjoys creative projects, design work, and exploring Michigan's natural landscapes and sand dunes.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Emma Moriarty's service in the United States Marine Corps, dedication to her education, and perseverance through challenges reflect her strong character and commitment to service. It is my honor to recognize her as our May 2026 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING STATE SENATOR ALICE
MANN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Alice Mann for her dedicated service to the people of Minnesota and her commitment to improving the health and well-being of communities across our state, on the occasion of her decision to retire.

Born in Porto Alegre, Brazil, she immigrated to Minnesota with her family at the age of eight, settling in Richfield. From an early age, she embraced the values of hard work, resilience, and opportunity that would come to define her life and career. A fierce champion of human rights, her unwavering advocacy has been matched only by her conscientious compassion to help those in need, regardless of ethnicity, zip code, or tax bracket.

A highly accomplished physician, Dr. Mann earned her Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and her Doctor of Medicine from Meharry Medical College. She completed her residency at the Mayo Clinic Health System and has practiced both family and emergency medicine, caring for patients in Minnesota and beyond. Her medical career has taken her around the world, providing care to underserved populations in countries including Tanzania, Mali, Nicaragua, Haiti, Brazil, and Zimbabwe, as well as Syrian refugees in Greece, and to U.S. residents impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

Dr. Mann's experience as an immigrant and a physician informs her passion for providing excellent patient care and for transforming our health care system into one that meets all people's needs. Driven by her firsthand experiences with patients struggling to access affordable care, Dr. Mann was compelled to enter public service. She was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives, where she represented the communities of Burnsville and Lakeville. During her tenure, she championed policies to lower healthcare costs, expand access to services, and improve out-

comes for families, including legislation addressing prescription drug pricing, maternal health, and support for individuals with rare diseases.

After returning to the front lines of medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Mann continued her commitment to public service and was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2022, representing District 50. In the Senate, she has been a leading voice on healthcare and family policy, serving as a chief author of legislation establishing paid family and medical leave and supporting efforts to strengthen workers' rights and economic security.

Throughout her career, Dr. Mann has exemplified a deep commitment to service, whether treating patients in emergency rooms, advocating for vulnerable populations, or crafting thoughtful, impactful legislation. Her work reflects a steadfast belief in finding practical solutions and putting people over politics.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Mann is a devoted wife to her husband Elliot, and caring mother to Maxwell, Alexander, and Marcelo. Her dedication to family and community is evident in all that she does.

Dr. Mann's legacy is one of compassion, leadership, and service. On behalf of countless Minnesotans whose lives she has touched and improved, I extend my sincere gratitude for her contributions to our state and wish her all the best in her continued service and future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JASON AND ALEX
RHEINWALD

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month to recognize two outstanding community leaders and preservers of Rochester's Jewish culinary heritage: Jason and Alex Rheinwald.

Jason and Alex Rheinwald are the co-owners of Fox's Deli, a nearly century-old Rochester institution that has long served as a cornerstone of the region's Jewish community and cultural life. After taking over the deli several years ago, the brothers committed themselves to preserving its traditional Jewish deli identity while thoughtfully modernizing and expanding the business for a new generation.

Under their leadership, Fox's Deli has continued to serve as a gathering place for Rochester families and a living connection to the city's historic Jewish community. Their stewardship of this important institution earned Fox's recognition by New York State's Historic Business Preservation Registry, reflecting both the deli's cultural significance and the Rheinwald brothers' dedication to preserving its legacy.

In recent years, Jason and Alex further expanded Rochester's Jewish culinary traditions through the opening of The Bagel Shop By Fox's on Park Avenue, bringing traditional hand-rolled New York-style bagels and Jewish deli culture to new audiences while maintaining the quality and sense of community that define Fox's.

Jason and Alex Rheinwald's work reflects a deep and enduring commitment to preserving Rochester's Jewish heritage, supporting local

business, and strengthening community connections. During Jewish American Heritage Month, it is especially fitting that we honor individuals who have gone above and beyond to preserve shared cultural traditions and enrich our communities. I am proud to recognize them and extend my deepest gratitude for their continued service.

HONORING ERNIE MANOUSE

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ernie Manouse, a dear friend and a true Houston institution, and to congratulate him on 30 years with Houston Public Media.

For three decades, Ernie has helped shape the way Houston tells its story. He has earned the respect of people across our city through his thoughtful reporting, his genuine curiosity, and his ability to connect with people from every walk of life.

Anyone who has watched Ernie interview someone knows he brings warmth and humanity to every conversation. He listens carefully, asks meaningful questions, and makes people feel comfortable enough to share their stories honestly. His infectious smile and easy style are part of what make him such a rare talent, and they are among the reasons he has become such a trusted presence in Houston.

Ernie's impact extends well beyond journalism. He has spent years supporting the arts, championing equality, and giving back to the community he loves. His work has helped strengthen Houston's civic and cultural life in countless ways.

Houston is better because of Ernie. I thank him for his friendship, his decades of service, and everything he has done for our great city.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CAPTAIN MICHAEL D. BISHOP

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain Michael D. Bishop, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer, for his distinguished military service.

Captain Bishop has served in the U.S. Navy since his enlistment in 1991 and has built an exceptional career marked by operational excellence, leadership, and dedication to the development of future servicemembers. His first role was with the "World Watchers" of VQ-1 at Naval Air Station Agana in Guam. He was later selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and graduated summa cum laude from Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.

Over the course of his service, Captain Bishop has accumulated more than 3,000 pilot flight hours and over 7,500 hours in military aircraft. His career reflects extraordinary dedication, professionalism, and patriotism, and he