

Lawrence also exemplified integrity and commitment through his work. He served faithfully for more than a decade at Metro, and later took a leap of faith to build his own landscaping business. The Lawn Groomer—a reflection of his work ethic, entrepreneurial spirit, and determination.

In his personal life, Lawrence found the love of his life in Vickie Gloria Johnson, whom he married on November 25, 1995, at The Community of Faith Church. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and service. Lawrence cherished every role he held—especially being “Daddy,” then “Pawpaw,” and ultimately “Grand Pawpaw,” embracing his family with deep joy and pride.

Lawrence and Vickie also served others with special dedication—especially homebound seniors, ensuring they received care, companionship, and support, including in the service of the Lord’s Supper. He contributed to compassionate outreach efforts, helping deliver food to seniors through weekly community service initiatives.

On January 6, 2026, Lawrence James Johnson entered eternal rest. His life was defined by steadfast faith, devotion to family, and an unselfish commitment to others. He is preceded in death by his parents, L.J. Johnson and Erma Lee Dixon Johnson; his brother, Lloyd “Poncho” Johnson; his uncle, Pastor Robert Irving Dixon, Sr.; his aunt, Doris Cole; and his niece, London Lynette Kent. Lawrence is survived by his beloved wife, Vickie Gloria Johnson; his daughters, Katrina Carroll and Brandi Williams-Lee; his siblings, Jan Kent, Doris Allen, and Danny Johnson; his beloved uncle, James Dixon, Sr.; and countless extended family members, friends, neighbors, and members of his church family who were blessed by his unique spirit.

Mr. Speaker, the legacy Lawrence leaves behind is one of faith in action—service without recognition, love without condition, and perseverance through life’s challenges. May we honor his memory by keeping Christ first, showing unselfish love to one another, and living by the words of his favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.”

I extend my deepest condolences to the Johnson family and all who loved Lawrence James Johnson. May his life continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him.

HONORING RAMON “RAY” A.  
BORREGO

**HON. TONY GONZALES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ramon “Ray” A. Borrego, a proud American whose life of service reflects the highest traditions of our Armed Forces and our veteran community. At the age of 21, Ray Borrego was drafted into the United States Army in April of 1967. He completed basic training at Fort Bliss, followed by Advanced Individual Training at the renowned “Tiger Land” at Fort Polk, Louisiana, before deploying from Fort Lewis to Vietnam in September 1967.

During his year in Vietnam, he served with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, of the

Airmobile Infantry Division, one of the most heavily engaged units of the war. After returning to the United States in 1968, he completed his service at Fort Dix and Fort Carson, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, Ray’s service did not end with his military career. His hometown of San Elizario has a long and proud military history, but for many years its veterans had only a small museum room honoring their contributions. In 2007, Ray helped change that. As a founding member and the very first Chairperson of the San Elizario Veterans Committee, he helped lead a remarkable transformation of how his community honors those who served.

Under his leadership, the Committee established a permanent Veterans Museum, created the Veterans Memorial Brick Walk, and expanded the annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. The Committee also launched the Honor Salute for fallen San Eli veterans, supported cemetery upkeep, conducted fundraising, and championed the effort to designate San Elizario as a Purple Heart City. His leadership extended beyond San Elizario as a co-founder of the Lower Valley Veterans Alliance and a participant in Mission 15 of the Rio Grande Honor Flight.

Although Ray stepped down as Chairperson in 2024, he continues to serve as Co-Chair, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to honoring veterans across the Lower Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Ramon Borrego represents the best of our country—a soldier, a leader, and a dedicated servant to his community. Today we recognize and thank him for a lifetime of service.

CELEBRATING THE ROUND ROCK  
HIGH SCHOOL MARINE CORPS  
JROTC

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Round Rock High School Marine Corps JROTC Academics Team, who achieved a historic first-place finish at the 2025 JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) National Championship. This marks the first time a Marine Corps JROTC team has captured the overall national title across all service branches, and the first time a team from Round Rock has earned this distinction.

JLAB 2025 began in November 2024 with 3,543 JROTC programs from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. After months of rigorous online competition, only the top teams advanced to the national championship at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Though Round Rock initially ranked ninth among Marine Corps programs, just outside the qualifying cutoff, an unexpected opening allowed them to compete. They went on to win the Marine Corps division and then defeat the champions from every other branch to claim the national title.

Their victory was the result of months of disciplined preparation, including weekly practices, competition simulations, and intense review of past contest materials. Under the leadership of retired Marine Master Gunnery Ser-

geant Olmeda, who served 23 years on active duty and is now in his eighth year teaching JROTC, cadets Niveda Swamynathan, Khushal Jalagam, Sylvia Marrone, and Ishaan Chokshi demonstrated exceptional dedication, teamwork, and academic excellence.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate the Round Rock High School Marine Corps JROTC Academics Team, who have made Central Texas proud through their perseverance and groundbreaking achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 28 on H.R. 7006, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YES when I should have voted NO.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FAA-APPROVED DRONE DELIVERY IN THE UNITED STATES, COMMENDING LET’S FLY WISELY

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a landmark moment in both American aviation history and rural health care innovation: the 10th anniversary of the first Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-approved drone delivery, which took place in Wise County, Virginia, on July 17, 2015.

This groundbreaking event marked the first official drone package delivery in this country. It was the first time in our Nation’s history that medical supplies were delivered to patients via Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), setting a global precedent for how drone technology can serve humanity.

The drone delivery was made possible through an extraordinary collaboration among several visionary partners:

Flirtey, a pioneering startup in commercial drone delivery (including co-founder and chief executive officer Matthew Sweeny; co-founder and chief operations officer Tom Bass; advisory board member Shyam Chidamber);

Health Wagon, a nonprofit health care organization that has served the medically underserved in Central Appalachia for over four decades (including chief executive officer, Dr. Teresa Gardner Tyson, DNP; clinical director, Dr. Paula Meade Collins, DNP);

Remote Area Medical (RAM), which organizes annual pop-up clinics providing free medical, dental, and vision care (including president, Stan Brock);

NASA Langley Research Center, which offered critical technical support and expertise (including director David E. Bowles; Frank Jones; John Foggia);

Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP) at Virginia Tech, an official FAA-designated UAS test site (including director, Jon Greene; president, Timothy D. Sands);

Virginia Center for Innovative Technology, which facilitated public-private collaboration and integration;

Appalachian College of Pharmacy, which played a key role in preparing and ensuring the safe dispensing of the prescription medications delivered by drone (including adjunct associate professor of pharmacy, Dr. Shamly Abdelfattah); and

Jack Kennedy, Clerk of the Wise County Circuit Court, who was instrumental in pioneering and championing the concept of using drones for rural medical delivery in the Appalachian region.

Other Notable Partners: Shelcy Mullins, Sr. Fairgrounds; Lonesome Pine Airport manager, Jarrod Powers; RX Partnership executive director Amy Yarcich; Ryan Media Lab chief executive officer Mark A. Ryan and partner Kyle Mark Ryan; and Wise County UAS event coordinator, Andrianah Kilgore.

At that time, delivering medical supplies to rural sites like the RAM Wise County clinic event often required extensive hours of travel that could take hours or days of travel across rugged, mountainous terrain. But on that historic day, a drone carried the same supplies in just minutes—safely and efficiently delivering pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to patients.

This was more than a demonstration of technical prowess—it was a transformative moment for underserved communities. It showed how cutting-edge innovation could eliminate barriers to health care, reduce delays in treatment, and save lives in areas long overlooked by traditional infrastructure.

The implications extended far beyond Southwest Virginia. This mission laid the groundwork for nationwide drone delivery applications and inspired regulatory advancements by the FAA. It served as a springboard for companies to explore widespread drone delivery as a viable, scalable solution.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the 10th anniversary of this historic achievement, we honor all those who made it possible. Their collective vision, determination, and compassion gave rise to a new frontier of health care access, born in the mountains of Central Appalachian Virginia but felt across the globe.

The first FAA-approved drone delivery was not merely a feat of aviation—it was a profound act of compassion. It marked a turning point in how we approach health care access for those living in rural communities. For areas long burdened by limited infrastructure and geographic barriers, this moment offered something far greater than innovation—it delivered dignity and hope. It was, in every sense, the “Kitty Hawk moment” for the drone delivery industry and the future of rural health care delivery.

RECOGNIZING MS. KIMBERLY DAY-SCANLON, OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOLS 2027 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. JIMMY PATRONIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kimberly Day-Scanlon as the Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year. For

several years, Ms. Day-Scanlon has served Kenwood Elementary School with talent, passion, and an unwavering commitment to a quality education. In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. Day-Scanlon has performed her teaching duties exceptionally, while also being an active and supportive member of her community.

Ms. Day-Scanlon's outreach extends far beyond the walls of her classroom through her active involvement in her school and community. Kimberly is currently a full-time teacher in Okaloosa County. She has taught students of all ages across various school settings for the last three decades. Kimberly also works with preservice teachers and as a mentor for new classroom teachers. She holds a BS in Special Education (College of Saint Rose) and a MS in Inclusive Education (Nazareth College). Kimberly is certified in Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education (K–12), and is endorsed in Gifted, ESOL, Reading, and Autism Spectrum Disorders. For all of her admirable contributions to our community, I'm truly proud to have Ms. Day-Scanlon as a constituent in Florida's 1st Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Kimberly Day-Scanlon for her many accomplishments, and her commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation and collaboration in the Okaloosa County School District. I thank her for her service, and wish her all the best for her continued success.

### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF SUSAN KAMAS

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I proudly recognize Susan Kamas for her remarkable career and decades of service to the people of Central Texas. After fifty years in the workforce development field, including thirty-seven years leading Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, Susan retired in February 2025, leaving behind a legacy of visionary leadership and community impact.

Under her direction, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas became a statewide and national model for excellence in connecting job seekers, employers, and educators. Managing a \$45 million annual budget, Susan built partnerships that strengthened the regional economy and expanded opportunities across Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties. Her leadership also positioned the organization as a vital resource for veterans and military families in the Fort Hood (formerly Fort Cavazos) community.

Susan's influence extended well beyond Central Texas. She served as Co-Chair of the U.S. Department of Labor Enterprise Council, a founding member of the Coalition of State Workforce Associations, and an active member of organizations such as the Association of the United States Army and Rotary Club of Belton.

Her lifelong dedication has inspired initiatives such as the Susan Kamas Endowed

Scholarship at Temple College, ensuring her legacy continues to benefit future generations.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank Susan Kamas for her extraordinary leadership, commitment to service, and lasting contributions to the Central Texas community.

### CELEBRATING CELESTE MADDEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Celeste Madden as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

The daughter of Vincenzo and Elena Cicora, Celeste was raised in Brockton, Massachusetts, alongside her siblings Anthony and Anne. After graduating from Brockton High School in 1944, Celeste worked in a dress shop and as a teacher's aide, and a few years later married Timothy Madden. Together, they raised their four daughters, Elena, Marie, Teresa, and Cathy, and retired to Falmouth in 1986. Over the years, Celeste enjoyed gardening, doing yardwork, and travelling the country with her husband in their camper.

Today, Celeste enjoys doing crossword puzzles, reading, watching historical programs, for which she is grateful for the closed captioning on her tv, and spending time with her 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. On January 17, 2026, Celeste will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Celeste Madden, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a century well lived and wishing Celeste many more years of health and happiness.

### HONORING SHERRIF DARRIN MITCHELL

### HON. TONY GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 16, 2026*

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished public servant, veteran, and law enforcement leader—Sheriff Darrin Mitchell—whose decades of service to our Nation and to the people of Texas exemplify duty, courage, and integrity.

Darrin Mitchell began his service to the United States in January of 1985 when he enlisted in the United States Army as a Parachute Rigger. His first assignment placed him among some of our Nation's most elite warriors, serving with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Initially stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he continued his service when the unit relocated to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, during this period he supported critical missions and deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991—two of the most consequential military operations of the modern era. His work ensured that America's airborne forces remained supplied, prepared, and mission-ready in the harshest conditions.