

On behalf of the people of Guam and the United States House of Representatives, I extend my deepest congratulations to Lucia on reaching this extraordinary milestone. May her story continue to inspire future generations, and may she be blessed with continued health, happiness, and the love of family and friends.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. MATTHEW
OLDE'S RETIREMENT

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional Air Force leader for his outstanding service and upcoming retirement following more than 20 years of service to the United States. Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Olde is the F-15 Legacy and Advanced Eagle Acceptance Test Pilot and Director of Operations at Defense Contract Management Agency Fixed Wing St. Louis.

Lt. Col. Olde is an elite aviator whose role bridges the gap between manufacturer production and military combat readiness. He is responsible for rigorously testing and evaluating all newly built or upgraded F-15 aircraft before the United States Department of War officially accepts delivery and they enter active military service within the US or various international allies and foreign partners.

During his time of service, Lt. Col. Olde has accumulated over 2,300 hours in the jet to include 574 combat hours and has delivered all 46 of 46 of Boeing's F-15QA Aircraft. Additionally, he served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve with an additional year of deployment to King Khaled Air Base within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On the lighter side of his service, Lt. Col. Olde served as the director of the Wings Over Wayne Air Show at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in 2017 as well as coordinated and flew five F-15 flyovers during Military Appreciation Night at St. Louis Cardinals Stadium from 2022 through 2026.

Lt. Col. Olde reflects the highest standards of leadership and conduct and is a credit to the U.S. military. I wish Lt. Col. Olde, his wife, Sarah, and their children, Reagan, Patch, and Sybil only the best in his retirement.

HONORING AMERICA 250 AND THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE UNION VET-
ERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
BENCH DEDICATION IN WICHITA

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Kansas Tent No. 6, dedicated a bench at the Dole VA Center in Wichita. I'm pleased today to recognize their efforts to honor the men and women who served our country and celebrate the United States' milestone on July 4 of this year.

In less than a month, our nation will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of

the Declaration of Independence. As we near this special occasion, it's fitting to remember that throughout our country's history, men and women have answered the call to serve—to defend the very liberties that our Founding Fathers enshrined on that document 250 years ago.

When the signers of the Declaration of Independence dipped their quill pens in ink and applied their signatures to parchment, they knew that it was not the ink that would bind our nation together for years to come, but the blood of patriots who would fight to gain independence from a foreign monarchy and who would continue to fight to maintain our freedoms for generations to come.

The blessings of liberty we share today are only possible because of the men and women who donned the uniform for the past 250 years. We can celebrate our semiquincentennial because of the countless soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen, coast guardsmen and guardians who are the reason our country still stands today.

Kansas has long been at the forefront of defending the United States in the air, on land and at sea. We are proud to be home to notable heroes such as President Dwight Eisenhower, medal of Honor recipient Lieutenant Erwin Bleckley, and Senator Bob Dole, the namesake of the medical center that will be home to this new bench.

Kansas sends our best to serve, and for their sacrifices today and over the last 250 years, we are eternally grateful.

I want to thank the Kansans who have worked to establish a bench that honors our heroes and celebrates our Nation's 250th anniversary. This will not only serve as a great reminder of our Nation's history, but also encourage us to continue advancing the values we share as Americans, and to honor the men and women who make our 250 years possible.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL R.
MCDONOUGH

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize and honor the extraordinary service of Major General Daniel R. McDonough, whose distinguished career has had a lasting impact on Peoria, Illinois, and the United States of America.

General McDonough devoted nearly four decades to the United States Air Force and the Illinois Air National Guard, building a legacy of leadership, professionalism, and commitment to mission success. Commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in 1987, he served as a Command Pilot, Instructor, and Evaluator with more than 5,600 flight hours, including nearly 700 combat and combat support hours.

Throughout his career, General McDonough served in numerous operational and command roles, flying the OA-37 Dragonfly, F-16 Fighting Falcon, and C-130 Hercules. He deployed multiple times in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and commanded the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

Illinois is especially grateful for General McDonough's many years of service in Peoria, where he commanded the 169th Airlift Squadron, the 182nd Operations Group, and the 182nd Airlift Wing. Under his leadership, the Wing maintained strong mission readiness and remained a critical part of our Nation's airlift capabilities.

In 2022, General McDonough was selected as Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander of the Illinois Air National Guard, leading more than 3,000 Airmen across the state. His leadership helped guide important modernization efforts, including the 182nd Airlift Wing's transition to the C-130J Super Hercules.

On behalf of the people of Illinois and a grateful Nation, I thank Major General Daniel R. McDonough for his extraordinary service and wish him, his wife Cindy, and their family continued success and happiness in retirement. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his remarkable legacy of leadership and service.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPEN-
ING OF THE ORRVILLE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the City of Orrville and Dallas County community in celebrating the grand opening of the Orrville Public Library, which took place on Saturday, June 6, 2026 in Orrville, Alabama.

Public libraries are among our Nation's most invaluable institutions. They not only serve as gathering places where children can develop a love of reading, students can pursue academic achievement, and job seekers can gain critical skills, they also provide access to information and education that is essential for building strong communities and providing pathways to success. The grand opening of the Orrville Public Library represents a significant investment in the future of Orrville and Dallas County, creating a space where residents can access educational resources, technology, and community services.

This achievement stands as a testament to the determination and collaborative spirit of local leaders, advocates, educators, and community members whose vision and dedication helped bring this long-awaited project from concept to reality.

On a personal note, the grand opening of the Orrville Public Library holds special significance to me. As a child, books were my window to the wider world. Through them, I traveled to distant places, encountered novel ideas, and considered new possibilities that helped shape who I am today. I know that I got my love of reading from my mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, who served as a librarian for the Selma City School System for 36 years. She understood the transformative power of reading, and she taught me that libraries are more than just buildings, they are centers of learning and opportunity. For that reason, I was honored to secure \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2023 federal budget for the construction of this new municipal public library. I was also proud to donate a collection of curated books

obtained through the Library of Congress Surplus Books program to ensure a robust set of reading materials as the library welcomes its first patrons. It is deeply gratifying to be present to see that vision realized in the library's grand opening.

May the Orrville Public Library stand as a lasting symbol of what can be achieved when a community comes together around a shared vision. I commend everyone who contributed to making this project a reality and look forward to seeing the positive impact this institution will have on Orrville and Dallas County for future generations. Whether residents come to read their first story, complete a school project, explore a new career path, or simply find a welcoming place to learn and grow, this library will serve as a foundation for enrichment, opportunity and lifelong learning for years to come.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the grand opening of the Orrville Public Library.

HONORING TRINITY WEEKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Trinity Weeks, an exceptional student at Humphreys County High School and a proud member of the Class of 2026, whose academic achievement, leadership, and service reflect the very best of her school and community.

Trinity has distinguished herself as a remarkable young scholar. She is graduating a full year early, demonstrating extraordinary discipline, focus, and determination. With an impressive 31 on the ACT, Trinity has shown outstanding academic ability while also balancing a full schedule of leadership and service commitments.

Her hard work has opened the door to many exciting opportunities. Trinity has been accepted to more than 30 colleges and universities and has earned approximately \$290,000 in school scholarship offers, along with \$13,500 in outside scholarships. She is currently choosing between North Carolina A&T State University, where she has earned a Teaching Fellows Scholarship, and Alabama A&M University, where she has received a full-ride scholarship.

In addition to her academic excellence, Trinity has shown a deep commitment to public service and personal growth. She is an active member of the Mayor's Youth Council and Sisters of Sophistication, organizations that reflect her dedication to community, character, and empowerment. Trinity also earned distinction as the Second Place Winner of the 2025 Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World National Oratorical Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, a testament to her poise, confidence, and powerful voice.

Trinity is the beloved daughter of Lakisha Hinnant and Zackery Weeks, Sr., and the proud granddaughter of Pastor Kevin and Laura Hinnant of Belzoni, Mississippi; Felicia Allen of Selma, North Carolina; and the late Bronica Lane. She is also celebrated by her younger siblings, Serenity and Victory Weeks, who look up to her with admiration and pride.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Trinity Weeks for her outstanding accomplishments. Her dedication to scholarship, leadership, and service is an inspiration to Humphrey's County and beyond. I am confident that Trinity's future is bright, and I look forward to seeing the many ways she will continue to make her family, her school, and her community proud.

CELEBRATING CATHY H'ORRY

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary public service of Cathy H'orry, a devoted Bronxite whose career has spanned more than four decades in service to the people of the Bronx.

Cathy built a life defined by dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to public service. After graduating from Dodge Vocational High School and attending Virginia State University, she returned home to the Bronx, where she began a remarkable career in government. From 1984 to 1987, Cathy served as Assistant Administrator to the late Bronx Borough President Stanley Simon. She then went on to serve under four consecutive Borough Presidents: Fernando Ferrer, Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Ruben Diaz, Jr., and Vanessa L. Gibson. Across more than 40 years, Cathy has been a steady and trusted presence through generations of leadership, helping advance the interests of the Bronx and its residents.

Few public servants can claim the distinction of serving five consecutive Borough Presidents. Fewer still can do so with the grace, integrity, and excellence that have defined Cathy's career.

As she retires in June 2026, we thank Cathy H'orry for her decades of faithful service and for the lasting impact she has made on the Bronx. Her legacy is one of dedication to community and commitment to public good.

I wish her a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN STEPHEN C. DUBA, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Stephen C. Duba, Jr. upon his retirement from the United States Navy after 25 years of honorable service to our Nation.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Captain Duba has lived a life shaped by service, sacrifice, and devotion to country. Raised in a Navy family, he graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management, as well as a U.S. Coast Guard Third Assistant Engineer's

License for vessels of unlimited tonnage. He later earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Throughout his distinguished career, Captain Duba served around the world in sea and shore assignments involving explosive ordnance disposal, diving, mine countermeasures, weapons technical exploitation, and strategic naval operations. His service included assignments aboard USS *Sentry*, with EOD Mobile Unit SIX, at Kings Bay Submarine Base, with Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN, at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit, with Expeditionary Exploitation Unit ONE, and in command of EOD Mobile Unit EIGHT in Rota, Spain. Across the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Pacific, Captain Duba led sailors in complex and dangerous missions that strengthened our national security and supported our allies and partners.

From August 2023 to July 2026, Captain Duba completed his final tour as Commanding Officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division and Director for Joint EOD Technology. In that role, he led one of the Navy's most critical commands, supporting research, development, testing, evaluation, engineering, manufacturing, explosive ordnance disposal, and weapons technical exploitation for U.S. and allied forces. Under his leadership, the command advanced the Navy's Energetics Comprehensive Modernization Plan, helping strengthen the Nation's munitions industrial base.

Captain Duba is designated as an EOD Warfare Officer, Surface Warfare Officer, Diving Officer, and Naval Parachutist. These qualifications reflect not only his technical expertise, but also his courage, discipline, and commitment to leading from the front.

Mr. Speaker, military service is never carried by the service member alone. Captain Duba's wife, Kristine, and children, Charlie, Tommy, and Lilly, served alongside him through every assignment, every deployment, and every sacrifice required of a Navy family. Their love and support helped make his extraordinary career possible.

On behalf of Florida's 4th Congressional District and a grateful Nation, I congratulate Captain Stephen C. Duba, Jr. on his retirement from the United States Navy. We thank him for his faithful service, commend his outstanding career, and wish him and his family fair winds and following seas.

HONORING SIVARAMAKRISHNAN "SOMA" SOMASEGAR

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life and legacy of Sivaramakrishnan "Soma" Somasegar. Soma was an incredible technologist, entrepreneur, leader, and friend in our community.

Born and raised in southern India, Soma came to the United States to attend Louisiana State University. In 1989, he began his career at Microsoft. Soma played a critical role in Windows NT, one of the most important projects in Microsoft's history. Through his remarkable management skills, dedication, and