

HONORING ANTHONY "TONY" R.  
PITTMAN, SR.

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony "Tony" R. Pittman, Sr., who was born on May 8, 1948, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was raised in Cranford, New Jersey, where he attended school and formed long lasting friendships, including the love of his life Brenda Brown. After graduating from high school, he answered the call to serve his country enlisting in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Korea.

Following his deployment, Anthony R. Pittman, Sr. married Brenda Brown and together built a life centered on love and family. Together, they welcomed three children while living in Landover, Maryland where he worked for NASA. Ultimately, the family relocated and settled in Willingboro, New Jersey, where Anthony worked for Lockheed Martin and retired after dedicating himself to the company for 36 years.

Anthony R. Pittman, Sr. will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his quiet strength, and his unwavering love for those closest to him. His legacy will continue through the generations he so deeply cherished.

Today, Anthony R. Pittman, Sr. is survived by his brothers, Cary Pittman, III and Charles Pittman, with whom he shared a life-long bond; his three adoring children, Anthony Pittman, Jr. (Tess), Leslie Pittman, and Michael Pittman (Meredith); and was a proud and loving grandfather to Nicole (Anthony), Ian (Alyssa), Cameron (Jesse), Julian, and Patrick; a cherished great-grandfather to Hayes and was predeceased by his beloved wife, Brenda Brown; his parents, Cary and Margaret Pittman; and his sisters, Gloria Brown and Gwendolyn "Mickey" Pittman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Anthony R. Pittman, Sr., a man dedicated to both his family and country and who has thoroughly served them both to the best of his ability. I extend sincerest condolences for a life well lived.

RECOGNIZING JOHN DELGADO

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the 24th District of Texas. The 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Specialist Fifth Class John Delgado, United States Army, of Euless, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Specialist Delgado served honorably in the United States Army from 1968 to 1974 during the Vietnam War. As a combat medic, he provided lifesaving care to his fellow soldiers under some of the most difficult and dangerous conditions of the conflict. His courage, professionalism, and compassion on the bat-

tlefield earned him the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his military service, Specialist Delgado devoted his life to service and improving the lives of others. He served as Director of The Glory House, a home for juvenile boys who had been abused, abandoned, or neglected offering stability, mentorship, and guidance to young men in crisis. Under his leadership, The Glory House became a model of compassion and transformation, and he was honored by the Alabama Department of Youth Services with the "Child's Best Friend Award" for his extraordinary impact on youth and families.

After relocating to Texas, Specialist Delgado continued his lifelong mission to serve others through his ministry at Calvary Temple Church in Irving, where he has served for more than thirty years. He later co-founded Texas University of Theology in Hurst, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Through this institution, he established a comprehensive chaplain training program that has certified more than 900 chaplains serving in hospitals, hospices, schools, prisons, and veteran programs nationwide including the Dallas VA hospital.

Specialist Delgado's legacy of service, compassion, and leadership has touched countless lives and continues to inspire others to live with purpose and faith. His devotion to his country and his community reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army and brings great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING LARRY KELLER  
ON HIS SERVICE AS MAYOR OF  
NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent of my district, Larry Keller. Larry has faithfully served the residents of New Hope Borough, Pennsylvania, including as Mayor of New Hope, during his many years of dedication to public service.

Mayor Keller has long been a committed civic leader in New Hope, a historic river town known for its vibrant small businesses, tourism, and strong sense of community. Throughout his time in public service, Mayor Keller has worked diligently to preserve the character of the borough while supporting responsible growth, public safety, and economic vitality.

As Mayor, Larry Keller placed a strong emphasis on collaboration between borough council, local businesses, residents, and public safety officials. His leadership reflected a practical, community-first approach, focused on maintaining New Hope's unique identity while addressing the everyday needs of its residents and visitors alike.

Under his leadership, New Hope continued to strengthen its position as one of Bucks County's most recognizable destinations, balancing tourism with quality of life for those who call the borough home. Mayor Keller's service exemplified integrity, approachability,

and a deep respect for local government's role in serving the public.

After years of dedicated service, Mayor Keller leaves a lasting impact on the borough and the people he served. His commitment to community engagement and civic responsibility stands as an example of how local leadership plays a vital role in strengthening our Commonwealth.

I wish to congratulate Larry Keller on his service to the citizens of New Hope Borough and thank him for his dedication to public service and to the community he proudly represented.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
DORIS GRIFFIN

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mrs. Doris Griffin, who passed away on December 25, 2025. A tireless advocate, she dedicated herself to serving San Antonio's and Texas' senior communities. She is survived by her three children, Joy Martinez, Jim Griffin, and John Griffin, her siblings June Harr and Ralph Money, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As a child in Gobbler's Knob, Ohio, her parents Clyde and Beulah Money, instilled in Doris and her siblings the importance of caring for and serving those in need. As a teenager, she worked at the WLWT radio station in Cincinnati and performed with a band going by the stage name of Dixie West.

In 1949, she married George Griffin, a World War II veteran and retiree from the U.S. Air Force. George's career took Doris across the world, where at each duty station she volunteered with numerous community organizations. Following George's retirement, the family made San Antonio their home.

In 1991, Doris began a 27-year stint as the executive director of Jefferson Outreach for Seniors. Under her leadership, the organization, located in the neighborhood of my alma mater Thomas Jefferson High School, served mobile meals to seniors and offered transportation, grocery delivery, and home visits. Doris served as executive director until 2018.

During the 1990s, she co-hosted "Live Longer and Love it," a television show on Catholic Television of San Antonio. In this show, she brought attention to the concerns of San Antonio's senior community.

In 2000, Doris began the first of nine terms on the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, an advocacy group that addresses senior issues in the state legislative process. In 2002, she joined a joint city-county commission on elderly affairs. In this commission, Doris advocated for the building of senior centers across the city. These centers have been a tremendous addition to the San Antonio community as they offer meals, access to medical services, recreational activities and exercise classes to seniors. And for her leadership and impact on the community, a center was named after her—the Doris Griffin Senior One Stop Center.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Doris Griffin. She was a source of hope whose impact will continue to

shape San Antonio. She will be greatly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL FILMMAKING AND PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would permit commercial filmmaking and photography throughout the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Complex. Currently, such filmmaking and photography is only authorized in Union Square. Film and television productions that involve the Capitol should not have to go to other cities or use a fake building.

This bill would allow commercial filmmaking and photography outside of the Capitol and congressional office buildings by permit, as long as neither chamber is in session. The policy allowing commercial filmmaking and photography in Union Square shows that the Capitol Police can handle commercial filmmaking and photography at the Capitol Complex, especially when Congress is not in session. However, the Union Square vantage point captures the least familiar view of the Capitol. Preventing commercial filmmakers and photographers from shooting throughout the Capitol Complex is neither business-friendly nor true to the Nation's democratic traditions. Encouraging commercial filmmaking and photography at the Capitol would help spread the story of democracy around the world.

This bill would give the Capitol Police complete discretion to issue a permit for commercial filmmaking and photography throughout the Capitol Complex under the same terms and conditions as those for commercial filmmaking and photography in Union Square. No policy or security reasons exist to justify limiting commercial filmmaking and photography at the Capitol Complex to Union Square, especially considering that permits are necessary. Visitors are regularly seen taking videos and pictures around the Capitol Complex, demonstrating the arbitrary nature of limiting commercial filmmaking and photography to Union Square.

This bill would provide the Capitol Police authority to charge fees to cover any costs incurred by the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) for permit approval. The fees would be deposited into the Capitol Trust Account, which was established to accept fees collected from commercial filmmaking and photography permits for Union Square. Amounts in the Capitol Trust Account would be available without fiscal year limitation for maintenance, improvements, and projects the AOC considers appropriate, subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committees.

Views of the Capitol are among America's most iconic. Limiting commercial filmmaking and photography of the Capitol, an important vehicle for telling the Nation's story, does not serve the American people. Commercial films and photographs of the Capitol, the seat of our democracy, are perhaps the best modern vehicles for telling the Nation's story and showcasing its democratic system of government.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed one vote on January 13, 2026. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 23, final passage of H.R. 4593, SHOWER Act.

RECOGNIZING CYNTHIA TRICKETT

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the 24th District of Texas. The 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Lieutenant Colonel Cynthia Jean Trickett, United States Air Force, of Dallas, Texas, for her honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for her continued service to her community.

Lieutenant Colonel Trickett served with distinction in the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and Texas Air National Guard for thirty three years. As a Physician Associate and Medical Officer assigned to the 149th Medical Group at Joint Base San Antonio, she provided exemplary clinical leadership and care in both peacetime and crisis operations. Her career included four major activations in support of disaster relief and public health emergencies including Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hurricane Rita in 2005, Hurricane Harvey in 2017, and the Texas COVID-19 pandemic response from 2020 to 2021. She also deployed along the Rio Grande in 2002 and 2005 to deliver medical, dental, and humanitarian services to underserved communities. Her military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with service star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with service star, Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, and Air Force Longevity Service Award with four oak leaf clusters.

Following her distinguished military career, Lieutenant Colonel Trickett has continued her lifelong mission of service through medicine, mentorship, and education. A nationally recognized Physician Associate in dermatology, she lectures and teaches across the country, advancing patient care and professional standards in her field. She was honored with the 2022 Society of Dermatology Physician Associates Service Award for her leadership, mentorship, and advocacy. In North Texas, she serves as a clinical instructor and preceptor for students from West Coast University, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and the University of North Texas, shaping the next generation of

healthcare providers through compassion and excellence.

Lieutenant Colonel Trickett also remains dedicated to honoring fellow veterans through her volunteer work with Wreaths Across America, ensuring that the service and sacrifice of those interred at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery are never forgotten. Her service in uniform, in medicine, and in the community exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership, integrity, and compassion.

Lieutenant Colonel Trickett's distinguished career and enduring commitment to others reflect the finest traditions of the United States Air Force and bring great credit upon herself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

COMMEMORATING 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK JANUARY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the "Black January" killings, one of the most tragic events in Azerbaijan's history.

On the night of January 20, 1990, nearly 26,000 Soviet troops stormed the capital city of Baku, deploying tanks and armored vehicles against the civilian population. Soviet forces crushed innocent Azerbaijanis under heavy machinery and fired without restraint at peaceful demonstrators, including women and children. These brutal actions resulted in the deaths of 147 individuals, injuries to approximately 800 others, the arrest of 841 people, and the disappearance of five.

The Human Rights Watch report "Black January in Azerbaijan" states that "among the most heinous violations of human rights during the Baku incursion were the numerous attacks on medical personnel, ambulances, and even hospitals." I offer my thoughts and prayers to the families of the victims and to those who gave their lives to help their fellow citizens.

The United States was one of the first countries to recognize independence and fully established diplomatic relations on February 28, 1992. Today, the United States and Azerbaijan are still strategic allies and share common interests in the region and globally.

As the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I urge my colleagues to recognize the sacrifices of the Azerbaijani people in their steps towards independence and encourage a recommitment to the democratic values for which many Azerbaijanis sacrificed their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS O. HICKS

**HON. PAT FALLON**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 20, 2026*

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Thomas O. Hicks of Dallas, Texas, who passed away on December 6, 2025.

Thomas O. Hicks was born in Houston, Texas, and raised between Dallas and Port