

Virginia. With the Blue Blasters, Captain Glover supported Operation Iraqi Freedom by completing the final deployment of the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67). While deployed, he embarked on earning a Master of Science in Systems Engineering via NPS in Monterey, California.

Captain Glover went on to earn multiple master's degrees from various institutions: a Master of Science in Flight Test Engineering (USAF TPS), Air University, at Edwards Force Base in California, in 2007, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering (PD-21), Naval Postgraduate School, in 2009, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air University in Montgomery, Alabama, in 2010.

In 2009, he moved to Alabama to serve at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, before reporting to the Dambusters of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-195 in Atsugi, Japan as a Department Head. With the Dambusters, Glover was deployed on three separate missions to varying locations throughout the Pacific.

Captain Glover is also no stranger to working with Congress; in 2012, he was selected for a Legislative Fellowship on Capitol Hill. While working in Washington, D.C., he earned a Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. It was during his fellowship that news broke that he was selected as an astronaut candidate.

In 2013, Captain Glover was selected to be part of the 21st NASA astronaut class, a class of only eight members. In 2015, after concluding Astronaut Candidate Training, he served as a space station capsule communicator (CapCom), Expedition 52 Increment Lead Crewmember, Operations Officer, and Family Escort for several Soyuz and Crew Dragon launches.

Captain Glover was assigned his first spaceflight mission in 2018 as Crew-1 Pilot. The flight launched on November 16, 2020, and headed to the International Space Station (ISS), where he spent 168 days in space before returning to Earth on May 2, 2021. During his time at the ISS, he completed 4 spacewalks, contributed to several scientific research experiments, assisted with maintenance, and conducted outreach activities. This was an unforgettable experience for not only Captain Glover, but also for many students in the Inland Empire who were able to engage with him and a fellow astronaut in a live town hall while they were at the ISS.

In 2023, Captain Glover was assigned to his most recent mission, Artemis II. As Pilot, he launched from Kennedy Space Center on April 1, 2026, on a Space Launch System rocket alongside Reid Wiseman, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen. During the mission, he guided the rocket for nearly ten days, completing a historic lunar flyby, demonstrating humanity's return to the Moon's vicinity for the first time in more than five decades. The crew of Artemis II splashed down off the coast of San Diego on April 10, 2026, after venturing 252,756 miles from Earth.

It comes as no surprise that Captain Glover's accomplishments are truly stellar, as reflected by his many awards and honors. His awards date back to his youth, including his time at Ontario High School, where he was named the high school's 1994 athlete of the year. Since then, he has received many other honors, including the Defense Superior Serv-

ice Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, NASA Distinguished Medal and NASA Space Exploration Medal, 2023 TIME 100 Next, Jet Magazine's inaugural 40 under 40, and Honorary Doctorates of Science from Howard University (2024) and California Polytechnic State University (2025).

Beyond his remarkable professional career, he is blessed with a loving family. In 2002, he married Dianna Odom, a Berkeley native, with whom he has four daughters: Genesis, Maya, Joia, and Corinne. His mother still resides in southern California, and his father and step-mother live in Prosper, Texas.

Captain Glover is a remarkable success story from California's 35th Congressional District. He is a testament that kids across the Inland Empire can dream big and that no goal is beyond reach. In honor of his return to his alma mater, Ontario High School, on June 12, 2026, it is my privilege to celebrate Captain Glover. His impact on our Nation, globe, and beyond is out of this world.

RECOGNIZING BAPS SHRI
SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR OF
BOYNTON BEACH ON ITS 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Boynton Beach on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary, known as Rajat Jayanti, and to honor its longstanding contributions to the spiritual, cultural, and civic life of South Florida.

Since its inauguration in June 2001 as the first traditional Hindu temple in Palm Beach County, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir has served as a center of faith, learning, and community for thousands of families throughout the region. For twenty-five years, the Mandir has advanced the values of devotion, unity, compassion, and selfless service while preserving and promoting Hindu culture, heritage, and traditions. Through its religious and educational programs, it has fostered spiritual growth and strengthened bonds across generations.

The impact of the Mandir extends well beyond its walls. Dedicated volunteers have organized food drives, health fairs, walkathons, disaster relief initiatives, and youth leadership programs that have benefited countless individuals throughout South Florida. The Mandir has also promoted interfaith understanding and civic engagement by welcoming people of all backgrounds to learn about and experience Hindu culture, helping to build a stronger and more connected community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Boynton Beach as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Its enduring commitment to faith, service, and community has enriched the cultural fabric of South Florida, and its contributions will continue to inspire future generations.

RECOGNIZING RONAN BOYLE

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young man from Rochester, New York, whose dedication to leadership, service, and academic excellence has earned him admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point and the opportunity to continue his athletic career as a member of its football program: Ronan Boyle.

Throughout his time at Penfield High School, Ronan distinguished himself both in the classroom and on the field. As captain of the varsity football team, he demonstrated the qualities of a true leader—integrity, humility, discipline, and a steadfast commitment to those around him. Balancing academic achievement with athletic success, he served as a role model to his peers and embraced the responsibility of leading by example.

Ronan's accomplishments are a testament not only to his hard work and determination, but also to his character. Whether as a student, athlete, teammate, or friend, he has consistently exhibited a selfless dedication to helping others and pursuing goals greater than himself. These qualities reflect the very values that define the United States Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that Ronan Boyle will continue to excel as a cadet at the United States Military Academy and as a future leader in service to our country. On behalf of the Rochester community, I congratulate him on this remarkable accomplishment and extend my very best wishes for continued success as he embarks on this next chapter of his journey.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and to reaffirm our shared commitment to protecting children, supporting families, and strengthening communities across our nation.

Since 1983, National Child Abuse Prevention Month has served as a reminder of our collective responsibility to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Preventing abuse and neglect requires a coordinated effort among families, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and community organizations working together to support children and intervene when help is needed.

In communities across Northern Virginia, dedicated professionals and volunteers are working every day to protect children and support survivors. Their efforts help ensure that children are treated with dignity and compassion, and that families have access to the resources they need during difficult times.

In Virginia's 11th Congressional District, organizations like SafeSpot Children's Advocacy

Center play a vital role in this work. SafeSpot partners with law enforcement, child protective services, and other community organizations to support children and families navigating the trauma of abuse. Through trauma-informed forensic interviews, advocacy services, and therapy, organizations like SafeSpot help reduce the burden on children while ensuring they receive the care and support they need to begin the healing process.

Child Abuse Prevention Month also highlights the importance of prevention through education, awareness, and early intervention. By investing in families and strengthening support systems, we can reduce risk factors and create environments where children can thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Child Abuse Prevention Month and in supporting the individuals and organizations working tirelessly to protect children and promote safe, healthy communities.

HONORING RICARDO PEPI AND
ALEJANDRO "ALEX" ZENDEJAS

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Soccer Caucus, I rise today to honor Ricardo Pepi and Alejandro "Alex" Zendejas, two stars in professional and international soccer, for being selected as part of the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2026 World Cup.

Mr. Pepi, born in El Paso and raised in San Elizario, made a name for himself at FC Dallas where he won MLS Young Player of the Year in 2021 before moving abroad to Europe. He is now a cornerstone of PSV Eindhoven.

Mr. Zendejas, born in neighboring Ciudad Juarez and raised in El Paso, has had an incredible career playing for some of Liga MX's biggest clubs like Chivas and Club America, where he is a staple today.

So many young athletes and their families sacrifice immensely to perfect their craft with the dream of playing professionally one day. I hope each of them are proud of their accomplishments and this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent our country on the world's biggest stage.

El Paso is very proud of them.

I thank them both for making our community and our country proud. I wish each of them—and the entire Men's National Team—nothing but the best of luck.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REP-
RESENTATIVE BETTY JO BROWN

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic life and accomplishments of Texas State Representative Betty Jo Brown. Representative Brown passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the age of 86. A native of my hometown of Terrell, Representative Brown was Terrell High School Class of

1957 Salutatorian, and a graduate of Southern Methodist University.

Representative Brown dedicated much of her life to serving our shared community and the State of Texas. During her six terms in the Texas State House of Representatives, she served on several committees, including Elections, Redistricting, and Agriculture and Livestock, and was a faithful servant of Hunt, Kaufman, and Henderson counties.

Outside her career in the state legislature, Representative Brown built a life centered on faith, family, and service to others with her husband of more than 63 years, Ronald George Brown, who preceded her in death in 2022. She was also an active member of Russell Memorial United Methodist Church and Wills Point International Outreach Church, where she participated in the choir, handbell choir, children's ministry, and where she also served as a worship leader.

She is survived by her children, Rhonda Cobern, Greg Brown, and Emily Pogue; her grandchildren, Tarryn Cobern Hatcher, Tory Cobern, Simpson, Tabor Cobern, Denton Brown, Sophia Brown, Samantha Pogue, Lincoln Pogue, and Meredith Pogue; and her great-grandchildren, Jewel, Denver, Luke, Grayson, Grace, and Mason. Representative Brown's legacy will not be forgotten. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family, and I appreciate the profound impact of her lifelong commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING JAMES KESTER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young man from Rochester, New York, whose dedication to leadership, service, and academic excellence has earned him admission to the United States Air Force Academy: James Kester.

Throughout his years at Fairport High School, James distinguished himself as a leader both in the classroom and in his community. As an Eagle Scout, he dedicated countless hours to serving others, demonstrating a commitment to teamwork, responsibility, and selfless service. He further developed those leadership skills as captain of his football team, where he learned the importance of setting an example, supporting his teammates, and fostering success through collective effort. Balancing these responsibilities with an outstanding academic record, James consistently embodied the values of hard work, integrity, and perseverance.

For James, a commitment to service is deeply rooted in family tradition. Coming from a five-generation military family, he was inspired from an early age by the example of those who answered the call to serve our Nation. Drawn to the Air Force Academy's mission of developing leaders of character, he recognized an opportunity to continue that legacy while preparing himself for a lifetime of service. His dedication to duty, leadership, and country makes him exceptionally well-suited for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that James Kester will continue to make the Rochester

community proud as he embarks on his journey at the United States Air Force Academy. I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and extend my very best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2025 recipients of the Best of Braddock Awards, an annual tradition in Virginia's 11th Congressional District that celebrates the residents, volunteers, public servants, students, and organizations who strengthen the Braddock District of Fairfax County through extraordinary service and civic leadership. I include in the RECORD the following names of the Best of Braddock Award recipients:

Annandale Mission Center, 2025 Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District Award. The Mission Center serves as a lifeline for hundreds of families each week. Through its supplemental grocery distribution program, it supports more than 325 families weekly and distributes hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each year. In addition, it offers clothing and hygiene distributions, maintains Little Free Libraries, hosts community groups and partner organizations, and provides welcoming space for congregations and vital services.

Leo "Chip" Bouche, 2025 Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification Award. Chip has strengthened community connection through craftsmanship and initiative. He designed, built, and installed new Little Free Library and Little Puzzle Library structures while restoring an aging library that had served the neighborhood for years. His work has created inviting gathering points that promote literacy, creativity, and neighborly exchange.

Margaret Thaxton, 2025 Most "Can Do" Public Employee Award. As Director of Development for the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Margaret has played a transformative role in advancing the mission of the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Through her leadership in fundraising, donor relations, and grant management, annual contributions have grown dramatically, reaching record levels in the past fiscal year. Her efforts have supported park improvements, community programs, and historic preservation projects that directly benefit residents across the Braddock District and Fairfax County.

Anthony Nguyen, 2025 Young Person of the Year. Anthony exemplifies thoughtful and dependable student leadership at Annandale High School. He contributes through student government, school media, and athletics, while also applying his creative talents as a photographer and entrepreneur to document and celebrate school life. His commitment to service, collaboration, and amplifying student voices reflects maturity well beyond his years.

Bob Mizer, Special Recognition for a Lifetime of Service to the Braddock District by dedicating decades to strengthening public safety and civic life in Fairfax County. As founder of one of the county's longest-running neighborhood watch programs, he built a volunteer network that has protected and connected hundreds of households. His continued service through civic leadership,