

took up the responsibility of running the college farm, which gave him the experience and industry connections needed to have a successful career in the agricultural sector. After graduating, he worked as a salesman for an artificial insemination company before quickly following his lifelong dream of running his own dairy. Partnering with former Dairy Family of the Year recipient Frank Mendonsa and his son Brandon, Matt and Lisa established a successful dairy operation in Visalia.

Building on that success, Matt and Lisa founded Lawrence Family Farms in 2020. In just six years, they have grown their operation into a thriving business that has already made a lasting mark on the Central Valley dairy industry and is undoubtedly on the path for many more years of success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lawrence Family Farms on being named the 2026 Dairy Family of the Year. Their contributions to the Central Valley will be felt for generations to come.

HONORING THE PATRIOTISM AND SERVICE OF JOHN KNOX BURTON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable patriotism and service of John Knox Burton, a decorated Vietnam War veteran who resides in Virginia's 9th District.

In 1968, Mr. Burton made the honorable decision to answer his country's call and enlist in the military. He entered the military's ranks as a private, but following his stint at Officer Training School, he was a First Lieutenant for his deployment to Vietnam. In Vietnam, First Lieutenant Burton served as Assistant District Senior Advisor with a Republic of Vietnam Unit.

It was during this time that First Lieutenant Burton trained local personnel and helped advise district government officials. His help and coordination of joint U.S. and Republic of Vietnam military efforts advanced U.S. military objectives.

As a result of his service, First Lieutenant Burton earned high marks from military brass. His evaluating officers considered him to be one of the finest officers and commended his performance in combat in Vietnam.

Among the awards of his decorated service, First Lieutenant Burton received the National Defense Service Medal, the Sharpshooter Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with a Bronze Star. The Cross of Gallantry orders highlight Lieutenant Burton's brave service "side by side with his Vietnamese counterparts."

Virginia's 9th District is proud to be the home of this Vietnam War hero. After joining the Virginia Tech community in 1977, Mr. Bulton grew as a talented educator. He led numerous courses and initiatives, including his work for the Center for Instructional Technology Solutions in Industry and Education.

In recognition of his successful career in education, Virginia Tech awarded Mr. Burton the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach and later conferred upon him the title of "Professor Emeritus."

I join 9th District communities in honoring and celebrating the military service of Mr. Burton. His sacrifice to protect American life and liberty is to be fiercely commended. I hope that American military personnel continue to embody the same courage, values and service that Mr. Burton demonstrated to his country.

CELEBRATING THE UCLA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Women's Beach Volleyball team from the University of California, Los Angeles. The Bruins Women's Beach Volleyball team took home the 2026 NCAA Women's National Collegiate Beach Volleyball National Championship on May 3, 2026. UCLA defeated the No. 1 seed Women's Beach Volleyball team from Stanford University in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

This year's championship secured UCLA's 3rd national title win in program history. It also marks the 127th overall NCAA title win by a UCLA Bruin team in any sport.

The UCLA Women's Beach Volleyball team should be proud of their achievement in earning the distinction of national champions, competing amongst the more than half a million student-athletes who participate in NCAA events each year. With guidance from Coach Jenny Johnson Jordan, the team's championship season culminated in a thrilling 3-0 win against Stanford in the final match.

I would like to congratulate the UCLA Women's Beach Volleyball team once again on winning the national championship for the first time since 2019 and wish them the best of luck next season. This win is a special moment in the collegiate athletic careers of each individual UCLA player and marks an exceptional accomplishment and historical achievement for the UCLA community. Go Bruins.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 MITCHELL K. TAGGART ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Warrant Officer Five Mitchell K. Taggart of Ashland, Missouri, upon his retirement from the United States Army in June 2026, following more than three decades of extraordinary service to our Nation.

As a veteran myself, I know that no words fully capture what a life in uniform costs, or what it means. But I also know that CW5 Taggart's career represents the very best this Nation's military has to offer.

Mitchell Taggart enlisted in 1992 as a Light Infantryman, earning his Green Beret after completing Special Forces Assessment and Selection in 1996 and serving with the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Car-

son, Colorado. When he briefly left service in 2000, he continued serving his community as a corrections officer in Sumter County, Georgia, and as a firefighter and first responder in Americus, Georgia. In 2003, he returned to the Army, commissioned as a Warrant Officer in 2007, and never looked back.

CW5 Taggart deployed twelve times in support of combat operations to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, and served across AFRICOM, CENTCOM, and EUCOM in support of theater security cooperation. He led at every level of Special Forces, from the SFOD-A, company, battalion, and group levels, and earned a Master of Arts in Military Studies and Strategic Leadership along the way.

His wife, Special Agent Chief Warrant Officer Four Melissa Taggart, is a proud defender of this Nation in her own right. Together, they have raised three sons, Stephen, Rex, and Cash, who have watched their parents model sacrifice and service every day of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in thanking CW5 Mitchell Taggart for a lifetime of service to this country. This country is safer, stronger, and more worthy of its own ideals because Mitchell Taggart chose to serve.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IRAN

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's reckless decision to take the United States to war with Iran without Congressional authorization has been a disastrous failure. Not only has the president's war of choice utterly failed to deliver on his own shifting military goals, it has cost the American people directly: increasing costs for many necessities like groceries, housing, health care, utilities, gasoline, and more. The war has also left the U.S. and the world in a more precarious geopolitical position.

In the first hours of the war, President Trump spoke of eliminating the Iranian regime through U.S. military strikes and a popular uprising of the Iranian people. Not only did no popular uprising against the regime materialize, but President Trump's war has had the opposite effect on Iran. The Iranian regime is emboldened, and it is more tightly controlled by hardliners and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps than it was prior to the war. This will make the prospects for long-term peace with Iran more difficult.

The war has failed to achieve other key military goals that the President laid out. First and foremost is the failure to eliminate or secure the Iranian nuclear program's strategic materials. Iran's nuclear program has not been destroyed, and the United States and our allies now have far less visibility into the program than we did while President Obama's Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran was in effect. The war has also depleted U.S. stocks of critical munitions, creating a vulnerability for the U.S. military in other theaters.

The war has also resulted in considerable economic disruptions in the United States and around the world. On average, gas prices have risen by over \$1 per gallon since the

start of the war. When gas goes up, so does the price of everything else. We saw that reflected in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' May report on inflation which showed prices increasing at the fastest rate in three years. The American people are paying every single day for a war that no one voted for and Congress has not authorized.

Now, President Trump is attempting to negotiate with Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which was not closed prior to the start of the war. I welcome the international community's support for securing and maintaining the security of the Strait. I also support the ongoing ceasefire with Iran. But this ceasefire extension must lead to a tangible resolution to the war that provides for peace and long-term stability in the Middle East. That includes insisting that Israel honor its ceasefire with Lebanon and cease and desist its use of U.S. munitions in that conflict. This is not what President Trump announced on June 14th. The President's new agreement with Iran is just a tenuous sixty-day extension of the existing ceasefire. It may result in an end to the U.S. naval blockade of Iran and a reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, but that remains to be seen.

Furthermore, the ceasefire extension announced by President Trump does nothing to resolve the most critical issues in this conflict, such as the status of the Iranian nuclear program, ballistic missile programs, frozen Iranian financial assets, or imposed U.S. sanctions. Without a resolution to these issues, long-term peace and stability in the region will remain out of reach.

Prior to the President's war of choice, Iran was an international pariah state. The Iranian regime was guilty of heinous crimes and human rights atrocities against its own people. But President Trump's war has allowed Iran to recast itself as a victim in the eyes of many around the world. Their regime is more hardline, emboldened to continue to disrupt security in the Middle East, and now have serious economic leverage over the United States and the world. The fault for this lies squarely with President Trump.

HONORING EDWARD THEODORE
"TEDDY" RILEY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Edward Theodore "Teddy" Riley, a visionary musician, producer, songwriter, and innovator whose extraordinary contributions to American music have left an indelible mark on generations of artists and listeners around the world. Mr. Riley will be celebrated during this year's Juneteenth commemoration at Indianapolis' historic Madam C.J. Walker Legacy Center located in the 7th Congressional District, which I'm honored to represent here in Congress.

Teddy Riley began as a child prodigy and was playing instruments in church and working in recording studios as a teenager. Few artists can claim to have created an entirely new musical genre, launched the careers of future superstars, influenced generations of musicians around the world, and helped to redefine pop-

ular music. Teddy Riley has accomplished all four.

Widely recognized as the creator of New Jack Swing, Teddy Riley revolutionized popular music by blending the rhythmic energy of hip-hop with the soulful melodies of R&B. He helped define the sound of an era and transformed the landscape of contemporary music through his creativity and pioneering spirit. His influence can be heard in countless recordings and continues to shape artists across genres to this day.

Over a career spanning more than four decades, Mr. Riley produced, wrote, and performed some of the most iconic songs in modern music. His work with legendary artists helped launch chart-topping hits and platinum-selling albums, including collaborations with Michael Jackson ("Remember the Time" and "Dangerous"), Bobby Brown ("My Prerogative"), Keith Sweat, Stevie Wonder, Doug E. Fresh, Kool Moe Dee, and many others. As a founding member of the acclaimed groups Guy and Blackstreet, he further cemented his place in music history with timeless classics that remain beloved by audiences around the world, including his Grammy Award-winning hit "No Diggity".

Beyond his commercial success, Teddy Riley's legacy is one of innovation, mentorship, and artistic excellence. His groundbreaking production techniques helped bridge musical genres, expand creative possibilities for future generations, and elevate the cultural impact of Black music throughout the world. His contributions have earned him widespread acclaim, including two Grammy Awards, the Soul Train Award, the Hip-Hop Hall of Fame, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is recognized as one of the most influential producers in modern music history.

Mr. Speaker, Teddy Riley's remarkable career stands as a testament to the power of creativity, perseverance, and innovation. As he is celebrated during this Juneteenth in Indianapolis, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his extraordinary achievements and enduring contributions today to American music and culture.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF WALT AND
RITA TUCHALSKI

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with the family and friends of Walt and Rita Tuchalski in expressing congratulations to this remarkable couple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married on June 19, 1976, Walt and Rita have enjoyed notable professional success in their respective careers throughout their years as residents of southcentral Pennsylvania.

Walt has entered his 28th year as a radio and digital marketing consultant in Gettysburg. He is also a proud U.S. Army Veteran. Rita made her mark in sales, advertising, promotions, and special events.

On behalf of everyone in Adams County and the entire 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Walt and Rita on this significant milestone, and thank Walt for his military service to our country.

May their 50th wedding anniversary kindle fond memories of all the people, places, and experiences that are especially meaningful to them.

RECOGNIZING ADAM STOLL UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH
SERVICE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Adam Stoll, who is finishing 27 years of outstanding work at the Congressional Research Service. Members of Congress and their staff who are engaged with Federal education and labor policy have benefited from his wisdom and professionalism, as well as the work of the many CRS analysts, specialists, and research assistants that he has supported and developed throughout his career. He has been an exemplary analyst, mentor, manager, and thought leader in his different roles during his tenure at CRS and has contributed greatly to providing authoritative and nonpartisan analysis to assist Congress.

Adam earned a bachelor's degree in political science from American University, a master's degree in politics and education from Columbia University, and a doctorate in Social Policy from Brandeis University. Before joining CRS, Adam was an Evaluation Officer at the Lila and DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds, designing evaluations for large national demonstration projects, and a Governmental and Professional Liaison Associate at the American Educational Research Association.

Since he began his service at CRS in 1999, Adam has been a nationally recognized expert on numerous postsecondary education issues, including student loans, college costs and prices, the federal needs analysis system used to determine student eligibility for various sources of financial aid, and the relationship between higher education tax credits and traditional student aid. After a distinguished and cherished career as a Specialist in Social Legislation, Adam began a lengthy career in management at CRS. From 2006 until 2023, Adam served as Section Research Manager for the Education and Labor Section in the Domestic Social Policy division at CRS, leading a group of analysts who support Congress on issues pertaining to education, workforce development, and labor standards. Since 2023, Adam has served as the DSP Deputy Assistant Director. Congress has indicated strong interest in CRS pursuing advanced data analytics, and Adam has played a key role in fostering the use of advanced analytic methods in CRS in its support to Congress. He has also served on numerous Service-wide strategic planning groups and committees, including chairing a two-year study group that examined the alignment between the work being done at CRS and its workforce composition. Throughout his management roles, Adam has focused on helping his colleagues excel as CRS analysts and research assistants, so that they could provide Congress with exemplary service. While Adam's dedication to CRS' mission has been steadfast, his commitment to supporting the analysts and research assistants