

to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military career took him around the world, including assignments supporting Special Operations and service during the Vietnam War. Like so many of his generation, Paul answered the call to serve and carried that sense of duty long after hanging up the uniform.

Retirement did not slow him down. Instead, Paul dedicated himself to serving the community he calls home. Since becoming a Chamber Ambassador in 1984, he has been one of Northwest Florida's most devoted volunteers, welcoming new businesses, supporting local entrepreneurs, and helping strengthen the community that makes our region so special.

Attending 2,000 Chamber events is a remarkable achievement. It represents thousands of handshakes, countless volunteer hours, and more than four decades spent investing in the success of others. It is a testament to a lifetime of showing up, lending a hand, and making a difference.

At 93 years old, Paul continues to embody the values of integrity, humility, and service. His example reminds us that lasting impact is not measured by titles or recognition, but by a steadfast commitment to helping others and strengthening the communities we cherish.

On behalf of Florida's 1st Congressional District, I am proud to congratulate Paul Singleton on his 93rd birthday and this extraordinary milestone. Northwest Florida is stronger because of his service, and countless lives have been enriched by his generosity and dedication.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Paul Singleton for a lifetime of service to our Nation, our community, and the people of Northwest Florida.

CONGRATULATING THE J.P.
McCASKEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
TRACK AND FIELD TEAM ON
THEIR STATE TITLE

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize the J.P. McCaskey High School girls track and field team on securing first place in the 2026 PIAA Class 3A Track and Field Championship.

The Red Tornados made history on May 22 and May 23 at the PIAA Class 3A Track and Field Championship, earning their third girls team state title in school history and their first since 1993. McCaskey's gold medals in the 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay propelled them to first place. The relay team of Damani Crossen, Ella Petrosky, Alonda Grover, and Corrine Miller nabbed gold with a time of 47.20 seconds, while Vivian Salerno capped off her historic season with an 800-meter time of 2:08.61. A silver medal in the 100-meter and fourth-place finish in the 200-meter cemented an accolade-heavy weekend for Ella Petrosky. Team success in the javelin and 3,200-relay also contributed to McCaskey's first-place finish at the PIAA Championship. With a total of 42 points, the Red Tornados eclipsed the second-place finishers by 15 points.

The McCaskey girls track and field team has made the school district and Lancaster County proud with its incredible performance at the 2026 PIAA Track and Field Championship. I congratulate coach Derek Jennings, his staff, and the athletes on their well-earned success. I look forward to seeing what these student-athletes accomplish next, and I wish them all the best of luck.

HONORING TOM KILDAY

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Tom Kilday, an exemplary teacher and community leader in Loudoun County. Mr. Kilday is cherished by his students at Trailside Middle School in Ashburn, where he taught Special Education.

Mr. Kilday is known as someone who brightens everyone's day through his incredible teaching skills and the delicious treats for his students and fellow faculty members. Students and faculty affectionately refer to him as "The Candy Guy." He is known at Trailside as a smart, tough, and caring educator who takes a creative approach to learning in his teaching style. His students leave his class with a better understanding of the subject matter and feel ready to conquer their next learning journey.

Mr. Kilday is an example of the outstanding teachers in the Loudoun County Public School system who work tirelessly every day to leave a positive, long-lasting impact on our younger generation. On behalf of our community, we thank him for a lifetime of service and recognize his legacy as an all-around amazing teacher, friend, and public servant.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN WEILER ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brian Weiler, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, who has served as the Director of Aviation at the Springfield-Branson National Airport since 2011.

Prior to his time at the airport, Brian worked for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for 15 years. Before that, he managed airports in Kansas and Florida.

Brian held progressively higher leadership roles in state, county, and city governments for more than 30 years and is a member of the City of Springfield's leadership team. His accomplishments include negotiating with American Airlines to finance and construct a new maintenance base at Springfield's airport, partnering with Ozarks Tech to start a flight school that tripled enrollment in its first five years, and transforming an unprofitable 100,000-square-foot former airline terminal into a significant non-aeronautical revenue

source and regional economic asset with 100-percent occupancy and more than 1,000 employees.

The Springfield-Branson National Airport is the hub I use to fly to Washington, D.C., and back each week, and I am most thankful for Brian's oversight of the airport. It is an important economic driver to Missouri's 7th Congressional District, and I am so appreciative that he is a constituent. I wish him the best in his retirement and the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN CAMPBELL,
PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY
CLUB OF ORANGE PARK SUN-
RISE

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bryan Campbell as he will be sworn in as President of the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise in Clay County, Florida, on June 27, 2026.

Bryan has been a Rotarian since 2012, living the club motto of "Service Above Self" through more than a decade of work in community service, youth development, food security, health, wellness, and local philanthropy. As President, he will lead with a clear goal: ensuring the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise strengthens Clay County through service, collaboration, and leadership.

Bryan's service extends far beyond Rotary. As my District Director, he works every day to connect the people of Northeast Florida with their federal government, solve problems for constituents, and strengthen relationships across our communities.

Before joining my office, Bryan led major healthcare organizations in Colorado and Florida. He helped author LifeBridge, a physician wellness program used by more than 30 medical societies nationwide to address physician burnout, depression, and suicide. He also created the Blue Paisley Ribbon to recognize National Thyroid Awareness Month.

Earlier in his career, Bryan was an Emmy Award-winning journalist, bringing the same commitment to public service that would later define his work in healthcare advocacy, non-profit leadership, and constituent service.

Bryan has served as President of the American Association of Medical Society Executives, Chair of the Council of Florida Medical Society Executives, Chairman of Jacksonville's Mayor's Council for Fitness and Wellbeing, Chairman of the Clay County Charter Review Commission, Director of Challenge Enterprises, and President of North Florida PRSA.

In every chapter, Bryan has brought people together, strengthened institutions, and turned service into impact. Bryan is joined in this milestone by his wife, Sarah; his children, Lauren and Nathan; and his grandson, Lincoln.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I congratulate Bryan Campbell on his installation as President of the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise, and I thank him for his service to our community, our state, and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, due to scheduled activities and planned obligations within the district, I had to miss votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 223, and YEA on Roll Call No. 224.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who are traveling to Washington, D.C. on June 24, 2026, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who travel here on June 24, 2026, answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

Jerry W. Anderson, Leon E. Ausec, Marlowe Bacon, James E. Baker, Jr., John Balkema, Arthur T. Baltazar, Lawrence K. Barber, Donald Barnacle, James Barnacle, Joseph J. Barrett, Robert T. Barrett, Anthony Barrios, Walter Beckman, Sherlen Bell, Stephen D. Bennett, Thomas Berghthold, Ronald R. Bielke, Wayne R. Biasen, Gary F. Bliss, Rockne Bork, Stephan M. Brennan, Michael R. Brittain, Roy D. Brown, Michael J. Bunton, Thomas P. Bunton, Phillip Buoscio, Gary W. Butler, James S. Buttridge, Daniel Buzinski, Bruce D. Callen, Robert Capuani, Donald L. Carroll, Victor Chacon, Jr., Richard D. Clayton, John W. Cliffe, William Collins, William H. Crotty, Walter F. Cudecki, Henry L. Dean, Merle J. Denker, James J. Dennis, Jr., William T. Diaz, Michael O. Downing, Willie Ellis, Jr., George Engelthaler, John Evans, Philip M. Foss, Ernesto Garcia, Vanessa Gibbs, Robert W. Glines, Thomas C. Greenan, Richard Grenda, Dennis Habbly, Albert R. Harris, Claude C. Harris, David W. Heath, Terry D. Henderson, Robert J. Hluchy, David L. Hoffman, Herbert E. Hogberg, Jr., Richard G. Howard, Joseph E. Idaszak, Julius H. Igyarto, Jeffery A. Jordan, Dennis C. Kane, Michael R. Kearney, Donald T. Keegan, Lowell E. Killion, Francis M. Kirkpatrick, Dale L. Klinefelter, Charles H. Kock, John Kranz, Anthony W. Kubon,

Russell Leach, Charles L. Lenzini, Richard Lisy, Kalman J. Mager, Richard Malvestuto, Charles L. Meyer, David Miller, Rex A. Miller, David E. Mills, Virgil M. Mitchell, Richard Mix, Jr., Andrew Nixon, Jr., Dennis J. Nowicki, Cesar A. Pantoja, John P. Parrish, John J. Pawelski, Lawrence A. PeBELSke, Frederick T. Pennix, Jr., Edward J. Plane, Mitchell S. Pierce, Robert Pruter, John M. Puskar, Gene Sbalchiero, Joseph C. Schmidt, Vivin F. Schultz, George W. Smuckel, Robert Tamillo, John D. Totemeier, John W. Tracy, Sidney M. Victor, John C. Volkmann, Marjorie R. Walton, James T. Watts, Paul White, Warren W. Wiggenhauser, Michael C. Williams, Eugene W. Wright, John E. Yaun, John O. Young, Charles R. Zelinski, and Francis L. Zmuda.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. MICHAEL CORTEZ

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Michael "Phoenix" Cortez.

Michael's childhood during the Great Depression instilled him with humility and determination, eager to explore the world and take on life's challenges. Michael served in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps as a bilingual service member, then he went on to be a reservist in the U.S. Air Force. After the conclusion of Michael's active service, he demonstrated his lasting commitment to the public sector through his work as a civilian employee in the Department of Defense. Over the course of his career, Michael participated in highly classified missions and collaborated on advanced aircraft systems. He was able to travel the globe, broadening his horizons across several cultures and lifestyles and engaging in top secret defense programs. Michael's enduring dedication to his country was characterized by unwavering loyalty and selfless devotion.

My prayers are with the Cortez family as they go through this difficult time. In addition to being an incredible man, Michael was a loving husband to his wife, Sharon, and a devoted father to his five children, Michael, Michele, Sherry, Marnie, and Blayne. He is also survived by four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Service requires sacrifice, and military families pay that price in the time we spend away from our families, while defending our great Nation.

May God watch over Michael, Michele, Sherry, Marnie, and Blayne, and Sharon, who stood by Michael throughout his career.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. WILLIAM R. BERKLEY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great business and charitable leader from New England, Mr. William R. Berkley, to celebrate his life and extraordinary achievements. Tragically, Bill died suddenly from a heart attack.

His accomplishments in business are undeniable but somewhat beneath the radar as he eschewed the spotlight unless it was to further some greater purpose. His success in business allowed him to "pay it forward" in many ways, including board leadership of several educational and charitable organizations and generous giving through a family foundation, as described more fully below. He is a strong believer in the American Dream and wants to foster it for others as best he can. He recently shared his private collection of rare documents in an exhibit entitled "The Declaration of Independence: Long Trail to Liberty" at NYU's Grey Art Museum and was in the process of creating a museum in New York City to celebrate American history and opportunity.

Bill founded his company W.R. Berkley Corporation nearly 60 years ago. Since that time, the company, which is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut, has grown from a small investment management firm into one of the largest commercial lines property and casualty (P&C) insurers in the United States. Comprising nearly sixty specialty insurance businesses and employing over 8500 people worldwide, the company is a Fortune 500 company and a member of the S&P 500 with gross written premiums exceeding \$10 billion.

The company was largely a reflection of Bill, as he was affectionately known. The company's driving purpose is to provide customers "peace of mind" and its core tenet is striving "to do the right thing." Bill strongly believed that the integration of service, integrity and fairness in the company culture was central to building trust and loyalty among the company's customers, partners, and employees.

This strong sense of purpose, determination and drive was forged in Bill's childhood largely out of necessity in response to a tragic event. When Bill was eleven, his father was killed when the company plane he was on crashed. Determined not to burden his mother and to help out financially, Bill started selling Austin biscuits first in his apartment complex and later to the owner of the local grocery store. Impressed by the young man, the store owner soon offered Bill a job. As Bill recalled the experience, "it was there that I learned to work hard and longer than anyone else in the market. I wanted to learn all I could about the business and soon I was giving the owner advice that would improve his operations. Mentally, I pretended I owned the store, which made me take responsibility for all I did."

Bill also started a paper route and learned how to invest the proceeds from these jobs from a neighbor who was a stockbroker. Still, he did not have enough money to afford to go to the University of Pennsylvania, his first choice. Fortunately, he was offered a full scholarship to attend NYU, which he quickly accepted. Bill often referred to that as his "big break." Bill excelled there, graduating in three years with a double major in statistics and finance.

He subsequently received an MBA from Harvard Business School, which he largely paid for with the proceeds of selling a large paper route he had started while at NYU. At Harvard, Bill once again exhibited his extraordinary business acumen, starting and running a \$2 million investment fund out of an apartment with a classmate, Paul Dean. Berkley, Dean & Company quickly grew to managing \$10 million in assets.

At this point, another event helped shape Bill's world view and business ethos. While at