

standards and certification programs, and led an industry-wide effort to apply lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic to future equipment design. Since 2023, he has served as Global Vice President for Government Affairs and Sustainability at Baltimore Aircoil Company.

Last year, after decades of work, William achieved his dream of serving as the international President of ASHRAE. In his role, he spent more than 250 days traveling the world to champion his theme, "Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life," in which he elevated water quality as an important pillar of indoor building quality, established the Presidential Ad Hoc Committee that led to the creation of the Center of Excellence for Indoor Environmental Quality, and advocated for standardized methods to measure embodied carbon in mechanical systems.

William has received numerous honors throughout his career, including the: ASHRAE Distinguished Service Award (2012); AHRI Richard C. Schulze Distinguished Service Award (2014); ASHRAE Exceptional Service Award (2023); and ASHRAE Distinguished Public Service Award (2023). On top of his honors, he earned 22 U.S. and international patents. Most importantly, William has been an actively engaged father and mentor despite his demanding career. As a mentor, he has guided students, young engineers, and colleagues with patience, encouragement, and genuine care for their wellbeing. As a father, he guided his two sons as Boy Scouts, serving as Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, and eventually Council President for the New Birth of Freedom Council.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to recognize Mr. William F. McQuade on his distinguished and decorated career in the HVAC&R industry and congratulate him on being installed as President of ASHRAE for the 2025 to 2026 session. His service to our local communities and Nation, and his commitment to making the world a better place, set the standard by which all should be judged.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS
LEPPLER, LANCASTER COUNTY
SHERIFF ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize Chris Leppler on his retirement as Lancaster County Sheriff after three decades of service with the department.

Chris Leppler, a lifelong resident of Lancaster County and graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School, joined the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in November 1994. Starting with the department as a Deputy Sheriff, Chris Leppler ascended through the ranks and became Sergeant in 2005. He was elected Sheriff by the voters of Lancaster County in 2017 and has served in that position since.

Notable during Sheriff Leppler's tenure was his collaboration with law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. His office worked with the Lancaster County District Attorney to form the Human Trafficking Task Force in 2022 and collaborated with local partners on the County Special Emergency

Task Force and Joining Forces, an initiative to combat the opioid epidemic. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office also coordinated with federal law enforcement agencies including the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and United States Secret Service.

Sheriff Chris Leppler retires with nearly 32 years of service to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, including almost 9 years as Sheriff. I thank Sheriff Leppler for his three decades of service to the residents of Lancaster County and for helping to keep Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District safe. I wish him well in his hard-earned retirement.

COMMENDING MRS. MARIA H.
ARENAS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mrs. Maria H. Arenas, beloved educator, wife and mother who passed away on June 21, 2013. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in her honor:

Whereas, Mrs. Arenas was an enthusiastic educator and administrator in the Miami-Dade County Public School system for over thirty years until her retirement in summer of 2006;

Whereas, Mrs. Arenas was a lifelong devotee to the pursuit of knowledge, earning her high school degree from Miami Northwestern High School in 1965, a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Theater Arts from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a Master of Science degree in Educational Curriculum, and had, at the time of her passing, completed all of the required coursework toward earning a Doctoral degree in Education;

Whereas, Mrs. Arenas travelled extensively around the world and allowed others to share her experiences through social media websites;

Whereas, Mrs. Arenas was a vibrant member of the Red Hatters and numerous other civic and social organizations; and now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend Mrs. Maria H. Arenas for her years of service and dedication to Miami-Dade County Public Schools her community, and to her family.

HONORING AND PAYING TRIBUTE
TO HAROLD DUANE SMITH

HON. MATT VAN EPPS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a remarkable hero from Houston County, Tennessee, who answered the call of duty during a critical chapter in our Nation's history. As the years pass, the profound debt we owe to our Korean War veterans only grows.

Of the 6.8 million Americans who served during the Korean War era, fewer than

300,000 remain with us today. This generation, now largely in their nineties, represents a rapidly dwindling connection to a pivotal struggle for global freedom. It is our sacred obligation to ensure their stories are told and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary service, sacrifice, and lifelong dedication of Harold Duane Smith. He represents the very best of Tennessee's Volunteer Spirit and the enduring resilience of the American servicemember.

Mr. Harold Duane Smith was born in Flint, Michigan, on May 14, 1935. He began his distinguished military career when he enlisted in the United States Navy on January 21, 1955. For more than two decades, he served his country with honor and distinction before retiring from active duty on February 1, 1976.

A testament to the daily perils of naval service, Mr. Smith recalls an incident during the Vietnam War while serving aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA-63) in 1966 or 1967. A weapon-loading crew accidentally dropped a Mark 82 (Mk 82) 500-pound general-purpose bomb onto the flight deck, crushing its nose fuse. Displaying extraordinary composure under immense pressure, Mr. Smith successfully disarmed the damaged weapon, preventing what could have been a catastrophic explosion that threatened the ship and her crew.

Mr. Smith's commitment to national security did not end with his retirement from the Navy. On the very day he retired from active duty, he began civilian service with the Nuclear Weapons Laboratory, working in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tonopah, Nevada. For the next twenty years, until January 31, 1996, he served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, testing weapons systems and ensuring the safety and readiness of our Nation's strategic deterrent. His more than forty years of combined military and civilian service stand as a remarkable testament to his patriotism. Mr. Smith currently resides in Cumberland City, Tennessee.

Please join me in offering our deepest gratitude for his faithful service and proudly preserve their legacies in the United States Congress.

HONORING UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS VETERAN CAPTAIN
MARISOL CANTU ZAMMIT AS
JULY 2026 VETERAN OF THE
MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Marisol Cantu Zammit for her honorable service in the United States Marine Corps and her continued dedication to her family and community. It is my privilege to honor her as our July 2026 Veteran of the Month.

Captain Zammit was born at Camp Pendleton, California, and later moved to Texas following her father's retirement from the United States Marine Corps. In 1999, Captain Zammit was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps after successfully completing the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Rice University. She attended The Basic School in

Quantico, Virginia, before completing her training as a Public Affairs Officer at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Maryland.

Captain Zammit began her military career as a Public Affairs Officer with the 2nd Marine Division. During her service, she deployed to Camp Fuji, Japan, where she covered Marine Corps training exercises throughout the region. In 2003, she deployed with the 2nd Service Support Group to Camp Fox, Kuwait, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The following year, she deployed to Cartagena, Colombia, in support of the Commandant's Conference of the Americas.

Throughout her military service, Captain Zammit demonstrated professionalism, leadership, and dedication to the mission. Her service was recognized with the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and a Letter of Appreciation.

Captain Zammit concluded her active-duty military service in 2005 and transitioned her spirit of service from the Marine Corps to her family and community. Using her Post-9/11 GI Bill, she earned a Master of Arts in Management while dedicating herself to raising her four children alongside her husband. As her children grew, Captain Zammit became a constant presence in their schools, volunteering with elementary, middle, and high school cross-country and track teams. She also serves as a lector at Our Lady on the River Catholic Church. Whether cheering on student-athletes, supporting school activities, or serving her parish, she has continued to demonstrate the same dedication to others that defined her military service.

Today, Captain Zammit and her family live in China Township, where they enjoy kayaking, hiking, running, volunteering, exploring the outdoors, and hosting local cross-country and track teams in their home. Her unwavering commitment to family, faith, and service continues to exemplify the values she upheld throughout her military career.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Zammit's commitment to service has remained steadfast long after her military career. Through her dedication to her Nation, family, faith, and community, she continues to exemplify the values of leadership, selflessness, and service. It is my great honor to recognize her service and accomplishments by naming her our July 2026 Veteran of the Month.

NATIONAL SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Chair, today I will vote for the bipartisan Amendment No. 8 offered by Representative MASSIE to prevent the United States from sending an additional \$3.3 billion in foreign military financing to Israel. I support Israel's sovereignty. I support funding for defensive systems such as the Iron Dome. I support a two-state-solution with a sovereign

Palestinian state. However, I cannot send \$3.3 billion more to Benjamin Netanyahu's government. It is worth noting that Netanyahu himself has indicated that Israel has sufficient resources so that his country no longer needs to rely on the United States for financial aid.

COMMENDING OFFICER WILLIAM J. CALHOUN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. William J. Calhoun one of the first African-American police dispatchers for the City of Miami Police Department, and dedicated community activist. I include in the RECORD the following proclamation in his honor:

Whereas, Officer William J. Calhoun dutifully served and protected the citizens of the City of Miami and was one of the police department's first African-American dispatchers;

Whereas, Officer Calhoun bravely served his country as a member of the United States Navy and the United States Army;

Whereas, Officer Calhoun's valiant efforts lead to the restoration and preservation of the Black Police Precinct and Courthouse and its designation as a historical site in the City of Miami;

Whereas, Officer Calhoun selflessly gave back to his community by serving as a board member for many Liberty City organizations such as the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation, the Belafonte Talcolcy Center, and the City of Miami Department of Code Enforcement;

Whereas, Officer Calhoun was a devoted member of the New Way Fellowship Praise and Worship Center where he assisted in the security and the retirees' ministries; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Frederica S. Wilson, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, commend the late Officer William J. Calhoun for his service to our country and our community, for his activism, and for his dedication to his family and friends.

HONORING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT NATALIE A. BRIGGS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Master Sergeant Natalie A. Briggs on the auspicious occasion of her retirement upon 26 years of selfless service to our Nation.

Chief Master Sergeant Natalie Briggs has more than 25 years of human resources, personnel management, and military leadership experience in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. She currently serves as Senior Enlisted Leader for the 193d Special Operations Wing Force Support Squadron, where she serves as a principal advisor to commanders on enlisted morale, welfare, training, readiness, and mission execution, while being the

vital bridge between enlisted personnel and senior leadership. In this role, she helps reinforce the Air Force core values, professional military standards, and culture of readiness while advocating for policies and decisions that support Airmen and their families.

Throughout her career, Chief Master Sergeant Briggs has held key leadership roles across force sustainment, human resources, recruiting and retention, personnel readiness, casualty assistance, contingency operations, and crisis action support. She has led teams, managed programs affecting thousands of Airmen, guided commanders and supervisors through complex personnel matters, and supported major deployment, conversion, and readiness initiatives. Known for her sound judgment, regulatory expertise, professionalism, and compassionate leadership, Chief Master Sergeant Briggs consistently strengthened programs, improved processes, and developed Airmen at every level.

Having earned a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Eastern University, and an associate's degree in human resources from the Community College of the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant Briggs' professional development includes Distinguished Graduate honors from the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, and Airman Leadership School. Her career reflects a strong commitment to service, mentorship, mission readiness, and trusted leadership within the military community.

Chief Master Sergeant Briggs has earned numerous awards, including the: Meritorious Service Medal (w/2 OLC); Air and Space Commendation Medal (w/2 OLC); Meritorious Unit Award (w/1 OLC); Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award (w/5 OLC); and the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (w/7 OLC). She has deployed to Andrews Air Force Base as the A1 Representative in support of Operation Jump Start in 2006, and to RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus, with the 1st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009. In Cyprus, during emergency aircraft diversion, Chief Master Sergeant Briggs employed self-plans untouched for 10 years and deployed 20 personnel to recover the aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize, commend, and congratulate Chief Master Sergeant Natalie A. Briggs upon the auspicious occasion of her retirement after more than 26 years of outstanding and selfless service to our Nation. Her dedication, professionalism, and tireless devotion are a great credit to herself, our Commonwealth, the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America and set the standard by which all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN P. HEALY

HON. AUGUST PFLUGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable Airman and leader, Lieutenant General John P. Healy, on the occasion of his retirement as the Chief of Air