

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

Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, after more than three decades of distinguished service.

A native son of Connecticut, General Healy graduated from Windsor High School in 1985 and attended the University of Connecticut (UConn), earning his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1989. General Healy then embarked on a career that would see him become a command pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours, including 402 combat hours operating in hostile airspace over Iraq and Afghanistan. An "Air Mobility Warrior," his journey took him from the C-141 Starlifter at then-McGuire Air Force Base, to the initial cadre of the C-17 Globemaster III program at then-Charleston Air Force Base, and ultimately to the C-5 Galaxy at Westover Air Reserve Base. A true Citizen Airman, General Healy also served as a Captain with U.S. Airways from 1999 to 2002, commanding the Boeing 737, and continues to serve as an Airbus A320 Captain with JetBlue.

Throughout his career, General Healy has commanded at all echelons, demonstrating exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to the Airmen under his command. Joining him on this journey and making it all possible is his wife of 34 years and fellow UConn Husky, Cathy. The Healy's have two daughters, Shannon and Paige, born in 1996 in Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1998 in Altus, Oklahoma, respectively. It was while they were in South Carolina and Oklahoma that General Healy was actively training future generations of C-17 pilots as an Instructor Pilot and the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. General Healy then progressed from critical squadron and wing assignments to key command and joint assignments, including the Director of Exercises and Assessments for U.S. European Command and then the Commander of the Twenty-Second Air Force, culminating in his current position where he is a steadfast advocate for more than 67,000 Reserve Citizen Airmen worldwide.

General Healy's tenure as Chief of Air Force Reserve has been marked by his clear vision of a force that is "Ready Now and Transforming for the Future." He has championed the modernization of the Air Force Reserve, ensuring that it remains an efficient, experienced, accessible, and lethal force prepared to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. Having personally experienced the challenges of balancing civilian-sector expertise with military excellence, General Healy is a tireless promoter for the well-being of Reserve Citizen Airmen and their families, recognizing that they are the foundation of the Reserve Advantage and the key to the Air Force's continued success.

General Healy's leadership has been instrumental in shaping the Air Force Reserve into the formidable force it is today. His dedication to our Nation, his commitment to the men and women of the Air Force, and his visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on the service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest thanks to Lieutenant General John P. Healy for his extraordinary service to his family, his airmen, and this country. I wish him, his wife Cathy, and their daughters, Shannon and Paige, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING MR. GEORGE B. MELICK

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mr. KEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. George B. Melick of Tewksbury, New Jersey, for his 90th birthday. Mr. Melick was born to George B. Melick, Sr. and Florence Rinehart Melick on August 16, 1936 at Somerville Hospital becoming the ninth generation of Melick farmers in Tewksbury.

George grew up on the family farm where he still resides to this day. He learned from the strong example set by his parents about hard work, serving their faith, family, community and flag. George's father died in July 1954 when George, at 17 years old, making him head of the family and farm operation. That life-altering event resulted in George's hard work and resilience in the family business; he has worked tirelessly to find efficiencies to expand the farm. His efforts created the farm as it is today. Melick's farm cultivates over 700 acres of crops including the 120 acres of apple and peach trees that make Melick's Town Farm the largest apple grower in the state.

George's upbringing led him to a lifetime of public service beginning with the Oldwick Fire Company in 1957 and as a volunteer on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment in Tewksbury Township in 1960. In 1964 he went on to be successfully elected and later re-elected to the Township Committee for six consecutive terms over 18 years. In 1978 he was elected to the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, serving 12 consecutive terms over 36 years before retiring in 2013 as the longest continuous serving Freeholder in the State of New Jersey at that time.

Since his very first campaign in 1963, George Melick's message and credibility as a local public servant has never waned. He firmly believes that government should be efficient, accountable, constrained and that leaders must not be afraid to say "no."

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate George Melick's enduring impact and legacy; I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his lifelong contributions to agriculture and public service.

HONORING AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES BROWN POTTER

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 Charles Brown Potter. He represents the very best of Tennessee's Volunteer Spirit and the enduring resilience of the American servicemember.

Mr. Charles Brown Potter is a distinguished United States Air Force veteran who dedicated his military service to our Nation during the Korean War era. Following his honorable service, Mr. Potter established roots in Tennessee, where his presence as a resident of Houston County has strengthened the local network of military families and contributed to the proud tradition of veteran leadership and historic preservation within the community.

His exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity during active duty earned him the Good Conduct Medal. His specialized training and unique operational capabilities are further reflected in his receipt of the Special Forces Badge. Mr. Potter's life of service and continued civic dedication stand as a testament to the enduring legacy of America's veterans, and Houston County remains deeply enriched by his leadership.

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

HONORING THE LATE PASTOR, DR. ANNETTE ANDERSON

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 Pastor Dr. Annette Anderson, a true servant of God, a beloved and respected spiritual leader, and a dedicated social activist in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Pastor Annette Anderson devoted her life to serving God and spreading His Word. She lived her life based on the teachings and lessons in the Bible, which also served as a guide to raising her family and working to improve our community and quality of life.

Pastor Anderson never met a stranger, nor tired of helping those in need. Her unwavering faith in God, love for all people and words of wisdom are credited with bringing comfort to the suffering at their darkest hour and restoring their faith.

As pastor and teacher of Light of Life Ministries, a weekly prayer and Bible study ministry, and assistant pastor of Breakthrough Deliverance and Healing Prayer Ministries, Incorporated, Pastor Anderson touched the lives of countless people. She did not believe in dwelling on the past and past circumstances but using life's struggles as steppingstones to strengthen one's faith in Jesus.

Pastor Anderson earned a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville Theological Seminary; a Master of Theology Degree and Posthumous Doctoral Degree in Theology from Practical Christianity Institute of Evangelism (PCIE), School of Bible Theology.

Please join me in honoring the late Pastor Dr. Annette Anderson, for her commitment, dedication and service to God, her congregation, her family and friends and our community.