

came to rely heavily on her judgment and counsel. On many occasions, Jessie offered advice that challenged my initial instincts, and in those moments, her insight, clarity, and confidence led me to trust her perspective. Time and again, that trust was well placed. Her guidance was thoughtful, grounded, and motivated solely by what was best for the office, the district, and the people we serve.

Jessie's leadership was especially evident in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which struck North Carolina's 11th District on September 27, 2024. In the face of widespread devastation and urgent need, she played a critical role in our response and recovery efforts. Jessie worked tirelessly to coordinate with local officials, emergency responders, and community leaders throughout Western North Carolina, while maintaining close communication with our Washington, D.C., team and relevant federal agencies.

Her ability to operate seamlessly across levels of government ensured that resources and assistance were directed where they were most urgently needed. During an extraordinarily challenging time, her calm demeanor, organizational skill, and unwavering dedication helped our office serve constituents with compassion and effectiveness.

Throughout her service, Jessie Frank consistently demonstrated the qualities that define exceptional public servants: intelligence, discretion, political awareness, and a deep sense of responsibility to those she served. Her contributions strengthened our legislative work, enhanced constituent services, and improved our office's overall effectiveness. She earned the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the trust of community leaders across our district.

On a personal note, Jessie has been a public servant every Member hopes to have by their side—steadfast, selfless, and wholly committed to serving others.

In moments of pressure and calm, she brought clarity, kindness, and an unwavering sense of responsibility. Her service was not simply professional; it was deeply human. I am grateful beyond words for her loyalty, her friendship, and the heart she poured into this office. Her imprint on our work and on the people we serve will endure long after her time here.

Jessie Frank will always be part of the story of this office, as well as my political career. I am profoundly thankful for the years we had the privilege to serve together.

#### TRIBUTE TO WOODROW "WOODY" HARPOLE

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Woodrow "Woody" Harpole, who celebrated his 80th birthday on December 21, 2025. Woody has been a respected business leader, community volunteer, and trusted friend to my hometown of Corona, California, for nearly five decades.

Woody was born in Mississippi on December 21, 1945. He served his country as a soldier in the United States Army, including a year in combat in Vietnam during the height of

the war. He later moved to California, where he established himself as a knowledgeable and dedicated professional in the commercial and industrial real estate sector. So much so, in fact, that I hired him nearly 40 years ago to work at Calvert Real Properties, the small business that I owned and operated before being elected to Congress.

Throughout his professional career, Woody has always made time for community service. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he was an active and influential member of the Corona Jaycees, a dynamic service and leadership organization that shaped many of the city's rising young professionals. Woody also became a dedicated member of the Corona Rotary Club, serving as Club President in 2006 to 2007. His leadership helped advance Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self," and he played a vital role in supporting the club's signature events, including the well-loved Lobsterfest fundraiser, which has generated substantial support for local nonprofit organizations.

Personally, I will always value his friendship, sense of humor, loyalty, and am deeply grateful for his many contributions to our community. On this special occasion, I wish Woody a Happy Birthday and the very best in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF BETTY BUCHER

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedicated public service of Betty Bucher, who recently concluded a 16-year tenure as a member of Littlestown Borough Council in Adams County.

During the December meeting of the borough council, Betty was honored for the steady and reliable leadership that she provided to the community.

Serving in the role of Council Vice President, Betty was presented a proclamation that highlighted her service on the borough's union and police contract committee and a design committee that facilitated the creation of a mural for the new borough building.

Betty's servant leadership in the borough stretches from the mid-1960s, when she was instrumental in the creation and early operation of the former Littlestown Swimming Pool.

With professionalism and integrity over the last 16 years, Betty has most certainly personified the ideals of representative government.

On behalf of constituents throughout Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Betty for her faithful public service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to airline schedules, my flight was delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted present on Roll Call No. 1.

#### RECOGNIZING PASCO COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR RECEIVING THE AUDREY NEL- SON AWARD

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Pasco County Community Development and to congratulate the County on receiving the prestigious Audrey Nelson Award, a national honor that recognizes exemplary achievement in serving communities and low- and moderate-income residents through the innovative use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds.

The Audrey Nelson Award is bestowed annually on only a limited number of projects nationwide. This year, just seven projects were selected, making Pasco County's achievement especially noteworthy. Pasco County is proud to once again be among this distinguished group, with recognition for its Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (UCC)—the first Behavioral Health UCC in the State of Florida. This innovative project was developed to address a critical gap in access to urgent mental health and substance use services for vulnerable populations. The Behavioral Health UCC provides immediate, voluntary access to outpatient behavioral health care with extended hours, offering a vital alternative to emergency departments. It also serves as an essential access point for individuals transitioning from high-risk settings such as jails and inpatient facilities, helping ensure continuity of care at moments when intervention is most needed. The impact of this program has been extraordinary. While the UCC initially anticipated serving 450 individuals during its first year of operation—from February 5, 2025, through September 30, 2025—it ultimately provided services to 1,274 adults, exceeding expectations by 183 percent. Approximately 94 percent of those served were successfully diverted from more acute inpatient settings. Additionally, 71 percent of follow-up appointments were attended, a remarkable improvement from the 34 percent follow-up rate that existed prior to the establishment of the UCC for individuals referred from critical transition points.

This success was made possible in part through a strategic investment of \$1,469,927 in CDBG funds, which supported essential infrastructure and renovation needs at the facility. These funds not only enabled the UCC to open its doors but also helped leverage additional operational funding to sustain services in the years ahead. The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center now stands as a model for how targeted federal resources can be used to drive innovation, improve outcomes, and strengthen communities.

I commend Pasco County Community Development and all partners involved for their leadership, vision, and commitment to serving those most in need. Their work exemplifies the purpose of community development programs and demonstrates how thoughtful investment

can change lives. It is fitting that this exceptional project has been recognized with the Audrey Nelson Award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I was indisposed during this vote due to a vehicle accident. Had I been present, I would have voted present on Roll Call No. 1.

#### HONORING TRACEY ANN TIPPETT

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Ms. Tracey Ann Tippet on being named Michigan Marine of the Year and on her induction into the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes. This well-deserved honor reflects her steadfast dedication to Veterans, our Nation, and the communities throughout Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Ms. Tippet served honorably as a heavy equipment mechanic in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant. Throughout her distinguished military career, she was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, as well as a Letter of Appreciation and Certificate of Appreciation. Her unwavering commitment to her fellow Marines and Veterans has not wavered since returning from her service.

Since being honorably discharged in October of 1992, Ms. Tippet has devoted her time and energy to serving Veterans and strengthening her community. While it would be difficult to fully capture the scope of her service, her leadership and dedication are evident across Michigan. Recently, she was elected as Commandant of the Michigan Marine Corps League, an organization that supports and unites Marines from both the past and present. Notably, Ms. Tippet is only the second woman to hold this position, serving as a powerful inspiration to young women who aspire to serve our Nation.

In addition to her work with Veterans, Ms. Tippet has been a constant presence in her community, supporting programs like Toys for Tots, the Marquette and Ishpeming Christmas parades, Negaunee Pioneer Days, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Her actions within her community have been recognized on multiple occasions, including being named 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year and 2021 State of Michigan Veteran of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in congratulating Ms. Tracey Ann Tippet on earning the distinguished honor of being named Michigan Marine of the Year and on her induction into the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes. I thank her for her enduring commitment to Veterans, her community, and our great country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MRS. JEAN BREWER OF MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA

### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a remarkable leader, devoted patriot, and tireless advocate for conservative values in the great State of Alabama, Mrs. Jean Brewer of Marshall County.

Jean Brewer's life has been one defined by service to our Nation, her community, and her beloved state. Upon graduating from DAR High School in Grant, Alabama, Jean embarked on her first professional journey with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Maryland, where she served with distinction early in her career.

Jean was married to the late Don Brewer, whose service in the United States Air Force took their family around the world. Jean worked faithfully alongside her husband after he enlisted and earned his commission as an officer; she served as a liaison to other military spouses and providing support, encouragement, and leadership to families navigating the demands of military life. Together, Jean and Don raised three children, Jennifer, Renea, and Roger, instilling in them the same values of faith, service, and love of country that have guided their own lives.

Following Don's retirement from the Air Force, the Brewer family returned home to Grant, Alabama. Never content to rest after years of service, Jean became deeply involved in local civic and political life. Her leadership and dedication were recognized by her community when she was elected and served for several years as President of the Marshall County Republican Party, where she worked tirelessly to strengthen grassroots involvement and uphold conservative principles.

Jean Brewer loves this state, she loves this country, and she has consistently worked to preserve and restore the values that so many Alabamians hold dear. Through her leadership, mentorship, and steadfast commitment to service, she has left a lasting impact on Marshall County and beyond.

As the Member of Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Alabama, it is my privilege to recognize Jean's lifetime of service and to commend her for her devotion to family, community, and country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Jean Brewer and extending our deepest appreciation for her many contributions.

God bless Jean Brewer, and God bless the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to vote on the following. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 335; YEA on Roll Call No. 336; YEA on Roll Call No. 337; YEA on Roll Call No. 338; NAY on Roll Call

No. 339; YEA on Roll Call No. 340; NAY on Roll Call No. 341; YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA on Roll Call No. 343; YEA on Roll Call No. 344; NAY on Roll Call No. 345; NAY on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; NAY on Roll Call No. 348; YEA on Roll Call No. 349; NAY on Roll Call No. 350; and YEA on Roll Call No. 351.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF G. WILLIAM "BILL" WARD

### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of G. William "Bill" Ward, a widely respected corporate executive, community leader, and U.S. Navy veteran who passed away on December 17 in Blair County.

Bill's career at family-owned Ward Trucking Corp. spanned more than 50 years, beginning in 1956. Bill served as both president and chairman of the board.

Bill was a driving force in the trucking industry who was gifted with the ability to relate to people from across the broad spectrum of society.

Tributes to Bill have included recognition of his philanthropic spirit, integrity, community service, and mentorship.

As one long-time friend noted so perfectly, "Trying to capture the life of Bill Ward in a few words is a daunting task, as this was a man who was truly larger than life."

As we remember Bill, his legacy will live on through his family and their commitment to transportation.

Please join me in remembering the life of G. William Ward.

#### RECOGNIZING LISA JANICKI

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 7, 2026*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Lisa Janicki's service as a County Commissioner for Skagit County, Washington.

Commissioner Janicki was first elected to the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners in November 2014, following a career of more than thirty years as the Chief Financial Officer for Janicki family businesses.

During her eleven years in office, Commissioner Janicki has been a tireless leader in fighting the opioid epidemic across our communities and Washington state, advocating for policy solutions, programs and investments to end this scourge and repair the incredible damage it has caused. She has worked collaboratively with the county's partner jurisdictions to increase services available for community members in need of urgent crisis support. She was a founding member of North Star, a partnership between the county commissioners and government, the mayors of the four largest cities in Skagit County, and service organizations to end homelessness and enhance effective delivery of crisis response,