

There he was trusted to manage personnel and support deployed forces, leading to a well-deserved promotion to Staff Sergeant. As a result, he was subsequently deployed to serve as the Administrative Chief for the Command Element of the Combined Joint Task Force in the Horn of Africa until November 2013.

In the years following his deployment to the Horn of Africa, MSgt Nivar, Jr. continued to earn positions with increasing responsibility. In November of 2014, he received orders to serve as the Administrative Chief and Funeral Honors Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge at Quantico, Virginia and was later transferred to the Marine and Family Programs to serve as the Administrative Chief. He later provided administrative leadership and inspection oversight at Headquarters, 1st Marine Corps District, and was promoted to Master Sergeant in 2021 while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. In his most recent position, he served as Adjutant Chief with the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group.

Throughout his distinguished military career, MSgt Nivar, Jr. has earned numerous personal decorations, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, four awards of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, four awards of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous additional service and campaign medals.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Master Sergeant Jesus L. Nivar, Jr. on his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. His humility, work ethic, and unwavering dedication to his fellow Marines embody the very best of what it means to serve this great Nation.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DAVID
COLEMAN, SR. FOR HIS LIFE-
TIME OF SERVICE

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend David Coleman, Sr., a devoted pastor, community leader, and servant of Chicago's South Side, who passed away on July 21, 2026, following a lifetime of faith, hard work, and service to the Englewood community.

Born in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the seventh of eleven children, Reverend Coleman learned the values of faith, family, and hard work from an early age. Following the passing of his father in 1967, he assumed the pastoral leadership of New Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for more than 50 years until his retirement in 2020. Through his ministry, Reverend Coleman created a sanctuary where generations of families found spiritual nourishment, youth programs, and community support.

Beyond his pastoral work, Reverend Coleman demonstrated his commitment to service through hard work and civic engagement. For more than two decades, he served as a custodian, engineer, and manager at the Stone Terrace Apartments complex. A lifelong self-taught repairman and craftsman, he personally rehabilitated a former warehouse at West 59th Street and transformed it into a spiritual sanc-

tuary and community gathering place. He was also a dedicated member of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, the Baptist Pastors Conference of Chicago and Vicinity, and the Baptist Ministers Conference of Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Reverend David Coleman, Sr., whose more than five decades of pastoral leadership and service touched generations of Chicagoans and strengthened the community he called home. As we mourn his passing, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, including his wife, former Alderman, Bishop Shirley Coleman, daughter, Alderman Stephanie Coleman, and all those who knew and loved him.

HONORING DANIEL "DANNY"
RAMOS FOR A LIFETIME OF CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL FLOR-
IDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Daniel "Danny" Ramos, who was a distinguished Hispanic community leader, entrepreneur, media producer, and nonprofit founder based in Orlando, Florida. For more than four decades, he dedicated his life's work to promoting Hispanic culture, advancing educational and economic opportunity, assisting families with immigration-related needs, and recognizing the achievements of Hispanic professionals and artists throughout the United States. His legacy reflected a lifelong commitment to service, cultural preservation, and community empowerment.

Ramos was the founder of the National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, a nonprofit organization established to recognize outstanding Hispanic professionals in corporate America while encouraging greater diversity, leadership, and advancement within the business community. Through his vision and leadership, the organization honored hundreds of executives and professionals from major corporations nationwide, becoming one of the longest-running recognition programs dedicated to Hispanic excellence in corporate leadership. In addition to its annual awards program, the organization expanded its mission to include educational seminars, leadership development initiatives, and partnerships with colleges and universities designed to strengthen the pipeline of future Hispanic leaders.

A passionate advocate for Hispanic arts and cultural preservation, Ramos also founded the Arte Mundial Museum Gallery in Orlando. Opened in 2021, the museum served as a permanent exhibition space dedicated exclusively to Hispanic artists, featuring paintings, sculptures, and cultural artifacts representing dozens of countries across the Americas and beyond. The institution was created to preserve, elevate, and celebrate Hispanic cultural heritage while providing artists with a permanent venue to showcase their work.

Under his leadership, the museum became a unique cultural landmark in Central Florida and was recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for its contributions to the preservation of Hispanic art and history.

Among Ramos' most widely recognized accomplishments was the creation of the Raices

Festival, one of Central Florida's largest Hispanic cultural celebrations. The festival was established to highlight the traditions, music, dance, cuisine, and heritage of the diverse Hispanic community while bringing together families, businesses, civic organizations, and cultural institutions. Over the years, Raices grew into a signature annual event that strengthened community pride and celebrated Hispanic identity throughout the region. According to organizational history, Ramos also played a key role in organizing one of the largest Hispanic festivals ever held in New York, further demonstrating his long-standing commitment to cultural celebration and community engagement.

Throughout his career, Ramos founded, supported, and collaborated with numerous organizations and initiatives serving the Hispanic community. These included the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, Hispanics SpeakOut TV, Latina Role Model TV, Christian Stars Chaplaincy, and a range of educational and business conferences focused on economic development, leadership training, and minority entrepreneurship. His media and public engagement efforts also addressed critical community issues, including human trafficking prevention, domestic violence awareness, homelessness outreach, consumer education, small business development, and assistance for Hispanic families navigating immigration status, documentation, and related paperwork. Through these efforts, he provided trusted guidance, resources, and advocacy to individuals and families working toward stability and legal security in the United States, while also creating platforms for education, awareness, and public dialogue.

Ramos remained steadfast in his commitment to preserving Hispanic history and expanding opportunities for future generations. Through his work in leadership, media, education, the arts, cultural advocacy, and immigration support services, he combined entrepreneurship with public service in a way that left a lasting imprint on Central Florida's Hispanic community. His organizations, festivals, museums, recognition programs, and educational initiatives continue to reflect his vision of celebrating achievement, strengthening identity, and empowering future leaders.

Daniel "Danny" Ramos' legacy endures through the institutions he built, the communities he strengthened, and the countless individuals he inspired through his lifelong dedication to service, cultural pride, and support for immigrant families seeking opportunity and belonging.

RECOGNIZING STEVE SELLE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Selle for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Image Award.

Image Award winners are selected for their commitment to Arvada and the overall positive image they portray within the community. As a longtime member of the Lake Arbor Optimists Club, Steve has changed countless lives and brought a sorely-needed positive outlook to

our community. He also founded the Optimists Bicycle Program, donating over 1,200 bicycles to schools, churches, nonprofits, and community organizations throughout Jefferson and Adams Counties. He also helped launch the annual Arvada Bicycle Recycling Day, which has given more than 800 bicycles a second life.

For over 37 years, Steve has made education possible for young Coloradans, serving as a principal and teacher in multiple school districts before retiring in 2008. Through service as an educator, advocate, and a volunteer with multiple groups, Steve embodies the best of Arvada—a place where community, service, and humanity thrive.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Steve Selle for this award and thank him for his commitment to our community.

HONORING JEREMY AND BRANDY JENKINS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeremy and Brandy Jenkins, who tragically lost their lives on August 15, 2026. The Jenkins leave behind three sons and countless family and friends devastated by their loss, but grateful for the lives they dedicated to teaching, coaching, and loving so many around them.

Jeremy served as head football coach and athletic director at East Bernard ISD, with previous coaching stops at Harmony, Tenaha, and Mount Enterprise ISDs. Brandy had just begun her career at East Bernard ISD as a junior high teacher. They were extraordinary parents to three sons, and were examples of service and commitment to their community and the schools they served.

Through Jeremy's football coaching career and their work in education, they influenced countless students, athletes, coaches, teachers, families, and communities. They weren't simply teaching lessons in a classroom or coaching a game on Friday nights—they were pouring into people, building relationships, shaping young men and women, and leaving an impact that will continue long after their time here.

On behalf of a grateful, but heartbroken community, we recognize with deep appreciation the lives of Jeremy and Brandy Jenkins, their years of service and devotion to East Texas, and the legacies they leave behind. And, we pray that our Lord above would watch over their sons, comfort them, and be with their family and friends as they mourn this tragedy.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY AND PROCLAIMING GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY YEAR

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable milestone for the island of Guam and for one of the most strategically important pieces of infrastructure in the United States Indo-Pacific territory—the Guam Waterworks Authority. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of GWA's establishment, and I am proud to bring this occasion to the attention of the United States House of Representatives.

Guam is not just an American island—it is America's forward post in the Pacific. As the westernmost territory of the United States, Guam is home to some of the most significant military installations in the Indo-Pacific region: Andersen Air Force Base, Naval Base Guam, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz, and the headquarters of Joint Region Marianas. The ongoing U.S. military buildup on Guam—one of the largest in the Pacific since World War II—is reshaping the island's strategic landscape and will bring thousands of additional military personnel, families, and civilian workers to our shores in the coming years.

That buildup depends entirely on one thing: water. Clean, reliable, abundant water. And that is precisely what the Guam Waterworks Authority provides.

GWA was established on July 31, 1996, by the Guam Legislature through Public Law 23–119, creating an autonomous, self-supporting public corporation to manage the island's water and wastewater infrastructure. Since commencing operations on February 1, 1997, GWA has served not only the 160,000 residents of Guam but also the United States military installations that depend on GWA's water systems for operational readiness.

The federal government has recognized this reality—and invested accordingly. The Department of Defense provided \$55.3 million in August 2016 and an additional \$117.9 million in November 2017 through the Office of Economic Adjustment, helping to finance the upgrade of the Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plant to full secondary treatment, completed in August 2022. That upgrade was completed ahead of the opening of Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz—the first new Marine Corps base established since 1952, activated in October 2020, and officially opened in January 2023, located in Dededo and named in honor of Brigadier General Vicente T. “Ben” Blaz, Guam's own son and the first person of an ethnic minority to reach general rank in the U.S. Marine Corps. Camp Blaz is home to approximately 1,300 permanently stationed Marines, with another 3,700 rotating through on temporary deployments—all of whom depend on GWA's water and wastewater infrastructure. This partnership—GWA and the United States government working together—is a model of what the One-Guam Initiative represents: the proposition that Guam's security, readiness, and sustainability cannot be separated.

The One-Guam Initiative, formalized through a 2010 memorandum of understanding be-

tween GWA and U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command, expanded by the 2016 MOU, deepened by the 2022 Memorandum of Agreement for co-management and protection of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer, and anchored by a 10-year Intergovernmental Support Agreement executed in July 2023 following Typhoon Mawar, is now a cornerstone of Guam's utility strategy and the military's long-term infrastructure planning. Protecting the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer—the primary source of drinking water for northern Guam and the military installations that rely upon it—is both an environmental imperative and a matter of national security.

GWA has not waited for the federal government to solve its challenges. Beginning with an inherited crisis—more than \$25 million in accumulated debt and federal lawsuits for water quality violations—GWA undertook a sustained, twenty-year transformation. It filed its first rate petition in 2004, entered the bond markets in 2005, achieved debt service coverage compliance for the first time in Fiscal Year 2012, and has since built a capital program of \$898.8 million for the period 2025 through 2029. The 2025 Interim Water Resources Master Plan calls for approximately \$1.892 billion in infrastructure investment through 2037—a commitment that will shape Guam's water security for decades.

The scale of that investment reflects the scale of what Guam is becoming. Camp Blaz is receiving thousands of Marines relocating from Okinawa, Japan—a realignment that is decades in the making that makes Guam the centerpiece of America's forward-deployed Marine presence in the Indo-Pacific. The U.S. military buildup is not just a national security deployment—it is an economic and demographic transformation for our island. GWA is planning and investing now so that Guam's water and wastewater infrastructure will meet not only today's demands but the demands of a larger, more strategically vital Guam for the next generation.

I also want to acknowledge something that often goes unsaid in this chamber: the federal government has an ongoing responsibility to the people of Guam. We are American citizens. We serve in the United States military at extraordinary rates—among the highest per capita of any state or territory. We pay federal taxes. We abide by federal laws and federal environmental mandates. GWA's 2024 Partial Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency commits GWA to a 10-year wastewater collection system improvement program—a federal requirement that comes with a price tag. Congress can and should continue to support Guam's utility infrastructure as part of its broader commitment to the Indo-Pacific strategy and to the constitutional obligation owed to all American citizens, wherever they live.

As GWA celebrates its 30th Anniversary, I include in the RECORD each of the General Managers who has led this Authority since inception:

Richard A. Quintanilla, Herbert J. Johnston, Jr., Gil Shinohara, David E.R. Craddick, John Benavente, Dr. Leonard Olive, Martin L. Roush, Thomas F. Cruz, Mark G. Miller, Greg P. Cruz, and current General Manager Miguel C. Bordallo.

Their leadership—and the work of every GWA employee—has kept water flowing to the homes, schools, hospitals, and military installations of Guam through typhoons, drought,