

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,

pandemic, and the rapid changes that come with being at the forefront of America's Pacific presence.

Mr. Speaker, GWA Year runs from July 31, 2026, through July 31, 2027. February 1, 2027, will mark thirty years of continuous utility operations as a self-supporting public corporation. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this milestone, recognizing that a stronger GWA means a stronger Guam, and a stronger Guam means a stronger United States in the Pacific.

God bless the people of Guam, and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JOE HENGSTLER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Joe Hengstler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Image Award posthumously.

Image Award winners are selected for their commitment to Arvada and the overall positive image they portray within the community. Joe, who was a tremendous advocate for Arvada, was lovingly called the "Mayor of Olde Town." Joe was instrumental in developing signature events like Second Saturdays, and he was a champion of initiatives that enhanced Olde Town's welcoming, walkable character, including with pedestrian-friendly design and public art. His commitment to our community helped make it a vibrant regional destination and one of the area's most cherished landmarks.

Joe is described by those closest to him as "hard on the issues, but easy on the people." In times of crisis, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, his bold and altruistic leadership was invaluable in helping local companies survive. Even after his diagnosis with Stage 4 cancer in February 2024, Joe remained steadfast in his mission and remained committed to our community—planning events, collaborating with regional stakeholders, and tirelessly advocating for small businesses.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to help dedicate this award in memory of Joe Hengstler and thank him for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE DIXON FAMILY FOR BEING AWARDED ALABAMA'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robin and Garrett Dixon and their children, Chandler Jane and Cash, for being named Alabama's Outstanding Young Farm family.

The Lee County farmers received the honor during the Alabama Farmers Federation Farm and Land Conference on August 8 in Mobile, Alabama.

The Dixon family primarily grows cotton and peanuts on their farm in Salem. The crops they tend clothe and feed America and the world. Garrett began growing the farm from near scratch in college and has invested countless hours into improving every acre of land his family tends. He has installed irrigation, improved soil fertility and has now accepted a new challenge of growing their cattle herd. The livestock graze cover crops planted in row crop fields each winter, adding value to the land.

Their sphere of influence extends beyond the farm. Robin is an agriscience teacher at Smiths Station High School and shares on-farm experience with her students.

The Dixons understand grassroots involvement and have deep ties to groups such as the Alabama Farmers Federation. Garrett has chaired the State Young Farmers Committee and serves on multiple boards.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this young family on this great honor. I congratulate the Dixons.

HONORING THE INDUCTION OF DARWIN AND KATHY SNELLER INTO THE MICHIGAN FARMERS HALL OF FAME

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Darwin and Kathy Sneller of Sebawaing, Michigan, on their induction into the 2026 Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. For more than 50 years, the Snellers have dedicated their lives to farming, family, and investment in Michigan's agricultural community.

At Starward Farms, Darwin and Kathy built a thriving operation while carrying forward the family traditions that have guided them throughout their careers. Their stewardship of their dairy herd and the land they farm has earned them recognition, including 34 consecutive Holstein USA Progressive Breeder Awards.

The Snellers also place family and community at the heart of their work. They farm alongside their son and have opened their doors to dairy interns and students, providing valuable hands-on experience and a deeper appreciation for the hard work that sustains Michigan agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Darwin and Kathy Sneller on their induction into the 2026 Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. They exemplify the very best of Michigan agriculture through their deep commitment to family, hard work, and stewardship of the land. I am proud to honor their remarkable contributions to our state and the agricultural community.

RECOGNIZING JAN ECKHARDT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jan Eckhardt for receiving the Ar-

vada Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Woman of the Year Award.

The title of Woman of the Year is awarded to an exceptional individual who demonstrates extraordinary community involvement, generosity, and overall impact on Arvada. As a lifelong advocate for people, parks, and animals in Arvada, Jan Eckhardt is a deserving recipient of this honor.

During her more than 32 years serving on the North Jeffco (now Apex) Park and Recreation District Board of Directors, Eckhardt has been a champion for our local open spaces—even securing a park near her home and preserving what is now Jack B. Tomlinson Park. She has also brought that sense of land stewardship to her work on the Board of Two Ponds Wildlife Refuge, the MaxFund Board of Directors, and the West Side Denver Symphony Guild, which integrates cultural prosperity with humanitarian advocacy.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Jan Eckhardt on receiving the 2025 Woman of the Year Award and thank her for her contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SINA SINBARI

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sina Sinbari, of Laguna Niguel, California, who passed away on April 20, 2026, at the age of twenty-four. On that day, Sina lost his courageous four-year battle with desmoplastic small round cell tumors, a rare and aggressive cancer. In honor of his passing, I reflect on the life he led and the impact he had on our community in the 49th District.

Sina was born and raised in Orange County, where he established lifelong friendships. Sina attended elementary, middle, and high school in Mission Viejo, and was known for his big heart, his loyalty, and his infectious smile.

With a lifelong passion for volleyball, he was preparing to play Division 1 volleyball at Fairleigh Dickinson University in the summer of 2022 when he was diagnosed with cancer. Over the next four years, Sina endured more than thirty rounds of chemotherapy, surgeries, and hospital stays. But Sina refused to let his diagnosis steal his dreams and break his spirit. While undergoing intense treatments, he would fly crosscountry on red-eye flights—straight from chemotherapy at UCLA to morning volleyball practices in New Jersey—just to be with his team.

Even when his body was broken, his voice was the loudest in the gym. Sina's journey earned him national recognition, including the Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award and FDU's Comeback Player of the Year. In May 2025, he proudly graduated with a bachelor's degree in business and promptly enrolled at UCLA to pursue a master's degree in business law. He was scheduled to receive his degree one month after his passing.

Sina's true legacy lies in his profound empathy and willingness to uplift others. Even during long hospital stays, he found the strength to motivate other young cancer patients and