

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

dedicated himself to an internship with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. From his love for his family to his charismatic personality that turned strangers into friends, he embodied the best traits of the human spirit.

Sina was a beloved son, brother, friend, and athlete who taught those around him what it means to be unbreakable. He was a light to all who knew him, and I share in the celebration of his life.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RYAN MACKENZIE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Emergency Management Awareness Month and to honor the dedicated emergency management professionals who work tirelessly to protect our families.

Emergency managers play a critical role in preparing communities for natural disasters, severe weather, public health emergencies, and other threats. Long before a crisis occurs, they work with first responders, government agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community partners to develop preparedness plans, coordinate resources, and ensure that our communities are ready to respond when disaster strikes.

When emergencies occur, emergency management professionals are often among the first to act and among the last to leave. Their leadership and coordination help protect lives, maintain essential services, support first responders, and guide communities through the difficult process of recovery and rebuilding. This work is especially important in communities across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, where first responders—including police, EMS, and professional and volunteer firefighters—play an essential role in keeping our families and neighborhoods safe.

Across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, we are fortunate to have emergency management professionals who are committed to serving their neighbors and strengthening the resilience of their communities. Their work may often take place behind the scenes, but its impact is felt whenever a community is prepared to endure a crisis and recover from its effects.

National Emergency Management Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize these dedicated public servants and to remind every American of the importance of being prepared. I encourage families, businesses, and communities to take steps to understand their unique risks, develop emergency plans, and know where to turn for information and assistance during a crisis.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the emergency management professionals and first responders who dedicate themselves to preparing for the unexpected and protecting their communities. Their commitment, expertise, and service are essential to the safety and resilience of our Nation, and they deserve our sincere gratitude.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN JOSHUA PAUL NAUMAN

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognizing Captain Joshua Paul Nauman for his 27 years of outstanding active-duty Navy service, including this past year serving as the Director for Policy and Legislation in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Executive Assistant for the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, the Commanding Officer of Region Legal Service Office Southwest, and Special Counsel to the Chief of Naval Operations.

A native of Nebraska who was commissioned through the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) Student Program, Captain Nauman began his active service in 2000 at Naval Legal Service Office Southwest in San Diego—a unit he would later command. His distinguished career includes assignments as a Trial Counsel in San Diego and as the Staff Judge Advocate in Keflavik, Iceland, before serving as the Deputy Fleet Judge Advocate for the U.S. Second Fleet. In 2008, he was assigned to the Pentagon, from where he deployed to Iraq with the II Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His subsequent assignments include a deployment with Commander, Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN to the 5th, 6th, and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility; service as Executive Officer of Region Legal Service Office Japan; Special Assistant for Legal and Legislative Matters for the Secretary of the Navy; and Senior Legal Counsel for the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Captain Joshua Paul Nauman for his exemplary dedication to our Nation as he retires from the United States Navy. Throughout his 27 years of military service, Captain Nauman has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the defense of our Nation. His profound patriotism, stellar leadership, and tireless work ethic leave an enduring legacy that has strengthened our National Defense.

HONORING BAILA VENEZUELA'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN CARACAS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the countless Minnesotans who have dedicated their time and resources to helping those impacted by severe earthquakes in Venezuela, which took place in June 2026, and Baila Venezuela, a dance organization based in Richfield, Minnesota, which quickly acted and made a call for donations to support Venezuelans. According to initial estimates by the International Organization for Migration, up to 6.76 million Venezuelans may be affected by

this natural disaster and the need for humanitarian aid is immediate.

As many Minnesotans have family and friends in Venezuela who have been out of reach, organizations like Baila Venezuela are working tirelessly to collect and transport humanitarian aid supplies. While typically a dance group, Baila Venezuela shifted gears temporarily to help those in need, even from more than 3,000 miles away. What was initially intended to be an organizational initiative became a larger community response. Baila Venezuela collected over 220 boxes of non-perishable supplies such as medicine, diapers, baby supplements, and much more, to be delivered to Miami and then Caracas, Venezuela. In the words of Baila Venezuela's leader, Roiny Rojas, "We don't just show up to celebrate Venezuela's wins, we also show solidarity during difficult times."

As the death toll continued to rise and the dancers wait to hear from their loved ones, their commitment to aiding extended beyond their initial estimates and the donations received exceeded their space, leading them to sleep outside in the parking lot to ensure that these resources remained secure as they awaited shipment to Miami.

This demonstrates to the world who we are and what we value as Minnesotans: generosity, community, and unwavering commitment to help those in need. We realize that no matter if you help your neighbor across the street or someone several thousand miles away, we share a common humanity that calls us to action. It is my great honor to pay tribute to Baila Venezuela and the many individuals dedicating their time and resources to support Venezuelans facing the brunt of climate change abroad. Minnesotans have shown us that there is no limit to compassion and willingness to help those who are in need. Our community responds to these issues, not because they are easy, but because it is the right thing to do. I am deeply proud to represent a community that values supporting those in need.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTDOOR LAB FOUNDATION

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Outdoor Lab Foundation on the 50th anniversary of their Windy Peaks Campus.

For over 60 years, the Outdoor Lab has touched the lives of young people in Jefferson County by providing a week-long camp experience that helps middle and high school students build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Beyond this, the Outdoor Lab has helped generations of Jefferson County students develop a lasting appreciation for Colorado's natural spaces.

At both their Mount Blue Sky campus in Evergreen and Windy Peak campus in Bailey, the Outdoor Lab Foundation welcomes over 5,000 students each year. As a proud Outdoor Lab alumna and former high school student leader myself, I can personally attest to the importance of their work. I thank them for investing in our children and in access to the