

like Trick or Treat Street and Second Saturday during the summer with her "Wheel of Wealth" booth.

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

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRI CITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tri City Health Partnership as it celebrates its 25th anniversary of providing compassionate, high-quality health care to residents of Central Kane County.

Since opening its doors in 2001, Tri City Health Partnership has played an indispensable role in our community by ensuring that uninsured individuals and families have access to the medical and dental services they need.

Tri City was founded on a simple but powerful principle that no one should have to go without basic health care simply because they cannot afford it. Its mission is to provide quality health care in an environment of mutual respect while promoting better health choices through education and preventive care.

That mission is reflected in the breadth of services Tri City provides. Its volunteer physicians, dentists, health care professionals, and dedicated staff help patients receive preventive and ongoing care, including medical examinations, dental services, chronic disease management, screenings, medications, and other essential services. By helping patients address health concerns early, Tri City works to prevent manageable conditions from becoming serious or life-threatening illnesses.

Tri City Health Partnership provides more than health care. It provides dignity, compassion, and peace of mind. Patients who walk through its doors can receive high-quality care in an environment where they are treated with respect and without the fear of overwhelming medical bills. For people who have struggled to navigate our health care system, that welcoming environment can be life-changing.

Over its 25 years of service, Tri City Health Partnership has become a trusted institution in Central Kane County. Its impact can be measured not only in the thousands of medical and dental visits it has provided, but also in the healthier families, prevented illnesses, and improved quality of life made possible through its work.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have Tri City Health Partnership in my district and grateful for its 25 years of service to the people of Kane County. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the organization's staff, volunteers, supporters, and everyone who has contributed to its remarkable legacy.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) as they celebrate 75 years of serving students and communities across Northern Michigan.

Since opening its doors in 1951 as Michigan's first community college, NMC has provided generations of students with affordable, high-quality educational opportunities while helping meet the workforce needs of our region. For 75 years, NMC has strengthened Northern Michigan by preparing students for meaningful careers, supporting local employers, and creating opportunities for lifelong learning.

NMC has long demonstrated a commitment to innovation. As Michigan's first community college, NMC has continued to find new ways to serve students and employers alike. Today, the college offers a variety of employer-driven degrees, certificates, and workforce training programs. They lead important research through its Freshwater Research and Innovation Center and provide students with valuable hands-on learning opportunities.

NMC is also home to one of the Nation's premier aviation programs, where students can earn their private pilot licenses and continue on pathways toward commercial aviation careers. Its nationally recognized drone program is preparing the next generation of professionals to use unmanned aircraft systems in industries ranging from agriculture and infrastructure to public safety and environmental stewardship.

The College has also built strong partnerships with universities across Michigan, giving students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and select master's degrees while remaining in Traverse City. These partnerships expand access to higher education, keep talented students in Northern Michigan, and help meet the workforce needs of our communities.

For 75 years, NMC has remained committed to serving the people of Northern Michigan by expanding educational opportunities, strengthening our workforce, and investing in the future of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I congratulate Northwestern Michigan College on this significant milestone and thank its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters for 75 years of service to Northern Michigan. I wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PEDRO RAMOS RIVERA FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private First Class Pedro Ramos Rivera, who honorably served in the United States Army

from February 5, 1951, to January 31, 1953, as a member of the 65th Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers, assigned to the Medical Company, APO 468. He served during the Korean War and was recognized with the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

After his military service, he continued serving his community with dedication and integrity. He worked as a maintenance supervisor for a United States company established in Puerto Rico, where he contributed through hard work and strong leadership. He also gave his time to the Little League Baseball program in Country Club, the Angel Ramos League, volunteering his efforts to help children play the game and grow in a positive environment. Through both his work and volunteer service, he was a productive and respected example of citizenship in his community.

His service also reflects the proud legacy of the Borinqueneers, one of the most distinguished units in United States military history. He received the Borinqueneers 65th Infantry Regiment Congressional Gold Medal, a thank-you letter from the office of Senator RICK SCOTT, a Certificate of Recognition from CSM Anibal Arbertorio, an Ambassador for Peace Medal, a Return from Hell Patch, 3rd Division, a Letter of Bravery from Paula Stark, Florida House District 47, and recognition from me for his service.

Private First Class Ramos Rivera's military and community service stand as a lasting example of courage, sacrifice, leadership, and devotion to family, community, and country.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ANNKATHERINE CARLOS

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman whose life embodies the values of duty, perseverance, and selfless service—Sergeant First Class Annkatherine Carlos of the United States Army.

Raised on the island of Guam, Sergeant First Class Carlos has carried the strength and spirit of our island with her throughout a distinguished military career spanning nearly two decades.

In 2006, shortly after graduating from high school, she made the decision to answer our Nation's call by enlisting in the United States Army.

Throughout her military service, Sergeant First Class Carlos has taken on increasingly demanding assignments across the globe. From South Korea to Iraq, from Qatar to Afghanistan, and today serving on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and professionalism in some of our Nation's most critical missions.

With every new assignment came greater responsibility. Whether serving overseas, supporting combat operations, or advising senior military leaders, she has consistently earned the trust of those around her.

She has supported Operations Iraqi Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation

Allies Refuge, and Operation Allies Welcome—missions that required courage during some of the most challenging moments facing our Armed Forces. In every role, she has demonstrated the professionalism and resolve that our servicemembers exemplify every day in defense of our Nation.

As a Human Resources professional, her work may often take place behind the scenes, but anyone who has served in uniform understands that mission success depends on the Soldiers who ensure our forces are supported and cared for. Sergeant First Class Carlos has dedicated her career to taking care of America's warfighters, allowing them to focus on accomplishing the mission. It is often said that leaders take care of people first, because people accomplish the mission. Sergeant First Class Carlos has lived that principle throughout her career.

Her remarkable record of achievement reflects that commitment. She has earned two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, multiple Joint Service and Army Achievement Medals, a Combat Action Badge, and numerous other decorations recognizing both her leadership and her service in combat and joint operations.

Yet what makes Sergeant First Class Carlos truly exceptional extends beyond the medals she wears.

She has continued to invest in herself through higher education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Post University and completing Yale University's Connected Leadership certification. She has also completed extensive military professional education throughout her career, demonstrating that true leaders never stop learning and never stop striving to improve.

Leadership is not measured simply by rank or responsibility, but by the willingness to invest in others. Sergeant First Class Carlos has embraced that responsibility throughout her career, mentoring fellow Soldiers and helping pave the way for future generations of women in uniform. Through organizations such as the Women's Veterans Memorial, Sisters-in-Arms, and the Special Operations Spartan Women's Leadership Initiative, she continues to inspire others to lead with purpose. Her influence extends well beyond her own assignments and will continue to be felt through the many servicemembers she has encouraged and mentored.

Behind every Soldier is a family that shares in the sacrifices of military service. Sergeant First Class Carlos is also a devoted mother to her two children, Aliyanah and Tyler. Like so many military families, they have experienced frequent moves, long separations, and the unique challenges that accompany a life of service. Their support has been an essential part of her success, and they deserve our gratitude as well. And of course, no family would be complete without mentioning their beloved dog, Tofu.

For the people of Guam, Sergeant First Class Carlos represents something deeply meaningful. Our island has long answered our Nation's call to serve. Despite our small size, Guam has consistently produced men and women who have answered the call to defend our Nation with unwavering dedication. Across every generation and every branch of service, the people of Guam have proudly worn the uniform, making sacrifices far beyond what

many realize. Sergeant First Class Carlos proudly carries on that proud tradition. From the villages of Guam to the Pentagon, she has represented our island with distinction and serves as an inspiration to young people who aspire to wear the uniform and serve something greater than themselves.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer our heartfelt gratitude for her faithful service to our Nation. We are immensely proud to call her one of Guam's own, and we thank her for representing our island with honor, integrity, and distinction.

May God continue to bless Sergeant First Class Annkatherine Carlos, her family, the men and women of our Armed Forces, Guam, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF VIRGINIA ANN PAYNE

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 the 70th birthday of Virginia Payne.

Virginia was born in Lee County, Alabama, on August 24, 1956, to Mr. Arthur Lee Lockhart and Mrs. Lucille Lockhart and raised with strong faith and family values. Virginia is married to Wilbert Payne and was blessed with four children: Audrey, David, Jacques and Doricho. The Paynes have 10 grandchildren.

Virginia retired from Walmart in 2021 after 30 years of serving others during her time there. She was affectionately known as "Mrs. V" to her colleagues and customers—always lending a hand or a smile. Virginia was a member of the Zenith Horizons Social Club since the late 1970s, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to fellowship, friendship and community. She has served as a table host for the Cheryl Comer Ministries Brunch, raising more than \$2,100 to support local youth scholarships and ministry efforts.

The Payne family are members of Truth and Love Ministries Church and faithfully attend Sunday worship and fellowship at Green Chapel Missionary Church.

In her retirement, she enjoys spending her time with her family. She also loves to dance and is a member of a dancing group called the Opelika Dancercize Club. When not dancing or with family, The Paynes enjoy traveling. Virginia's family lovingly describes her as "the rock" and the reason for many of their individual successes. She has supported her family to help them accomplish their goals, assisting with celebrations and helping in any way she is needed. She has also provided unwavering and unconditional support to her husband throughout his civic involvement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Virginia Payne and wishing her a Happy 70th Birthday.

CELEBRATING CORPORAL JAMES RUSSELL EVANS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Corporal James Russell Evans, one of our last surviving World War II veterans, who turned 100 years old on August 9, 2026.

Corporal Evans was born on August 9, 1926, in Plummers Landing, Kentucky, to James Hurst and Lena Maude Evans. At just four years old, Corporal Evans began attending a one-room schoolhouse because he wanted to be with his older sister, Sarah, while helping make it easier for his mother to care for his baby sister, Lena May.

After graduating from high school at the age of sixteen, Corporal Evans hoped to enlist in the military and serve his country during World War II, but his parents would not yet consent. When he reached the age of eligibility, he enlisted in the United States Army and became part of the first Allied occupation forces in Japan, ultimately rising to the rank of Corporal. During his service, he traveled throughout Japan and witnessed firsthand the devastation left in the wake of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, experiences he would remember throughout his life. After completing his Army service, Corporal Evans continued his commitment to our Nation by joining the Air Force Reserve.

Corporal Evans was the first member of his family to attend college, enrolling at the University of Kentucky on the GI Bill. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and went on to build a successful career with Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

On June 28, 1958, Corporal Evans married the love of his life, Irene Evans. This year, they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, marking nearly seven decades of marriage and devotion. Together, they raised three children and have been blessed with ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A longtime member of the Freemasons and a devoted Christian, Corporal Evans has remained active in his church and community throughout his life. Together, Jim and Irene have built a lasting legacy rooted in love, faith, family, and service to God and country. At 100 years old, Corporal Evans's life is a testament to the dignity of a life well lived and the enduring impact one person can have through a lifetime of service, devotion, and faith.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I am pleased to wish Corporal James Russell Evans a very happy 100th birthday.

COST ESTIMATE OF H.R. 7661, STOP THE SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN ACT

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 7661, Stop the Sexualization of Children