

transition from a predominantly white congregation to a predominantly black congregation, growing under the leadership of successive pastors and generations of committed members.

During that transition, the women of Crawford Memorial played an especially important role in preserving and strengthening the life of the church. Women including Mrs. Manzelle Orange, Mrs. Gladys Brewster, Miss Harriet Brewster, Mrs. Marie Allen, Miss Ruth Womsley, and Ms. Roseann Chapman helped sustain cherished traditions and keep the doors of Crawford open. Through the Women's Auxiliary and other ministries, they organized events, supported the church's work, and helped ensure that Crawford remained a place where faith was lived through service.

The church's commitment to service has continued across generations. Crawford Memorial has nurtured young people through youth fellowship and dance ministries. It has supported seniors. It has maintained a vibrant music ministry, including choirs and the Faith-Hope Ensemble. Their work extends outside of the Church's walls through their Service Guild, dramatics stage, and space for community meetings. It has welcomed people of different cultures and educational backgrounds, united by a shared commitment to God's work.

Today, Crawford Memorial continues its journey under the leadership of its 50th pastor, Reverend Heidi N. Thomas.

Fifty pastors. Generations of families. Countless prayers. Countless acts of service. Countless lives touched. That is the legacy we celebrate today.

## RECOGNIZING LESLIE FEUERBORN

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leslie Feuerborn 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. Through 40 years as a program manager in health promotion, 500 volunteer hours each year dedicated to nonprofit service, and weekly readings with elementary students, Leslie tirelessly uplifts her community through action. As the treasurer for The Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis Club and Foundation, she supports initiatives such as Sweet Dreams in a Bag, which provides bedding and comfort items to children in need.

Leslie is a behind-the-scenes force for good, quietly coordinating, tracking details, and following through so that every project—from fundraising to service days—has the structure it needs to succeed. For her unwavering service, conscious compassion, and profound impact on her environment, Leslie truly embodies the spirit of Arvada and the Image Award.

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

## RECOGNIZING COMMANDER RYAN HAWN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Commander Ryan Hawn on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard after 20 years of dedicated service. Throughout his career, Commander Hawn has exemplified the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty and has demonstrated exceptional leadership in service to the American people.

Prior to assuming Command in Traverse City, Commander Hawn served as Chief Pilot at Kodiak Air Station in Alaska where he oversaw aviation operations in challenging environments. At every stage of his career, he has demonstrated exceptional expertise in operational planning, interagency coordination, and military aviation. He has helped strengthen the Coast Guard's lifesaving capabilities while advancing innovative technologies that will support future missions.

For the last two years, Commander Hawn has served as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City where he oversaw active-duty Coast Guardsmen and civilian personnel responsible for safeguarding communities across the Great Lakes. In addition to commanding one of the busiest air stations, he also served as an operational pilot, remaining actively engaged in search and rescue and maritime law enforcement missions. Whether responding to mariners in distress or preparing for emergencies, Commander Hawn ensured the station remained prepared to answer every call, living out the Coast Guard's motto of "Always Ready."

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Commander Ryan Hawn on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard. His dedicated leadership, professionalism, and commitment to protecting the communities of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula exemplify the very best of the United States Coast Guard.

## HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER COREY GREY

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lieutenant Commander Corey Grey. Lieutenant Commander Corey Grey, a native of Kissimmee, was recently selected as the recipient of the 2026 Captain Joseph Rochefort Information Warfare Officer Distinguished Leadership Award.

Lieutenant Commander Grey received the award during a June 4th ceremony in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, in recognition of his unwavering commitment to others, leadership in the face of complex challenges, and ability to deliver extraordinary cryptologic effects that shape fleet operations.

The Captain Joseph Rochefort Information Warfare Officer Distinguished Leadership

Award is an annual U.S. Navy peer-nominated honor. It recognizes superior career achievement, leadership and operational contributions by an outstanding information warfare officer. The award is given to officers who embody the professional excellence, selflessness and teamwork demonstrated by Captain Joseph J. Rochefort.

"This award means an incredible amount to me," Lieutenant Commander Grey said. "I've seen combat veterans, commanding officers, admirals and leaders whose service has shaped our community receive this recognition, all while carrying forward the legacy of Captain Joseph Rochefort, a true World War II legend. As the 15th recipient of this honor, being included among such distinguished individuals is deeply humbling. I consider myself fortunate simply to stand in their company, and I am beyond grateful to have received this award."

While serving as the 7th Fleet cryptologic resource coordinator, Lieutenant Commander Grey led seven forward-deployed Task Force Information Warfare teams and an embarked staff of 18 personnel, directing a combined force of more than 900 cryptologic specialists and officers.

"Like Captain Rochefort, Lieutenant Commander Grey's deep expertise in his craft gives him the foresight to see how cryptology can best support fleet action," said Captain Wolf Melbourne, director of the U.S. 7th Fleet Maritime Operations Center. "Not willing to wait for direction, Lieutenant Commander Grey took the initiative to engage leadership and proactively moved out on turning that vision into reality."

In this role, Lieutenant Commander Grey's department is responsible for addressing complex cryptologic challenges by adapting existing capabilities and developing new technical methods to support all-domain information operations in future operating environments.

"My success is a reflection of my family, mentors, friends and fellow warfighters I've had the privilege to serve alongside," Lieutenant Commander Grey said. "My parents taught me the character of caring for a stranger, and my second parents, Gerald and Stefanie Jones, taught me the importance of finishing every job strongly. My wife, Michelle, and our three beautiful children are the reason I continue to serve. With their support, any and all success has come easily."

"This award is really a reflection of the countless acts of kindness, encouragement, and support I received growing up in Kissimmee. To my coaches, teachers, pastors, friends, and everyone who invested in me along the way, thank you so much. Your guidance helped shape the leader I am today. I hope this recognition serves as a reminder that no matter where you come from, hard work and the support of a strong community can open any door for you."

## RECOGNIZING ANDREW HEESACKER

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Heesacker for receiving

the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Man of the Year Award.

The title of Man of the Year is awarded to an exceptional individual who demonstrates extraordinary community involvement, generosity, and overall impact on Arvada. Andrew's passion for serving others through leadership and integrity has made him a standout citizen in Arvada's business and civic life.

As the owner of Arvada Rent-Alls, he uplifts his neighbors and supports important causes through donating volunteers and equipment for events and fundraisers throughout the city. He also serves our community through his work on the Greater Arvada Chamber Board of Directors and his volunteer work with Team Rubicon, the National Western Stock Show, and Hope, Connection & Community.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Andrew Heesacker on receiving the 2025 Man of the Year Award and thank him for his contribution to our community.

CONGRATULATING ELONICA  
TESTER FOR WINNING A NA-  
TIONAL TITLE IN THE 100-METER  
HURDLES AND HIGH JUMP

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Elonica Tester on her extraordinary achievement of capturing two national championships in track and field at the Under Armour Nationals, held May 29 through May 31 in Bradenton, Florida. Her remarkable accomplishments are a testament to the discipline, determination, and perseverance that define outstanding athletes of Northern Michigan.

At just 15 years old, Elonica recently completed her third year at Traverse City East Middle School, where she has already established herself as one of the school's most accomplished student-athletes. She currently holds 13 school records and recently added two national titles to an already impressive list of achievements. This past season, she also helped lead the Traverse City East Trojans girls track and field team to its first Mid-Michigan MegaStar team championship, a competition widely regarded as the middle school equivalent of a state championship.

Despite her success at the local and state levels, Elonica had never envisioned herself competing on the national stage. That changed when she decided to pursue national competition. This was no easy feat, unlike Michigan middle school track, where hurdle races are either 55 or 200 meters long, Under Armour Nationals only provided 100 and 200-meter competitions, requiring her to compete in an event where she had little experience.

After a slow start on her first day of the competition, Elonica rallied to post a title winning 14.92 second run in the 100-meter hurdles the following day. She followed up that performance by adding another championship in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 5 inches.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing Ms. Elonica Tester on her extraordinary achievement of capturing two national cham-

pionships at the Under Armour Nationals. Her willingness to embrace new challenges serves as an inspiration to young athletes across Michigan's 1st Congressional District.

HONORING FRED REILLY FOR A  
LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
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 Fred Reilly for a Lifetime of Contributions to Central Florida. Fred Reilly was a distinguished attorney, international legal professional, dedicated public servant, and longtime member of the Haines City community. A graduate of Haines City High School, Fred built an accomplished legal career while remaining deeply connected to the community he called home.

Fred earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Purdue University, a Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Business Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also served as an Associate Editor of The Cumberland Law Review.

His legal career extended nationally and internationally. Fred was admitted to practice law in Florida, California, and the District of Columbia and as a Solicitor of the United Kingdom. He was also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of International Trade. He was the owner of Reilly International Law Firm, P.A., in Haines City.

Public service was an important part of Fred's legacy. He served as City Attorney for the City of Haines City beginning in 2012 and for the City of Belleair Beach beginning in 2019. During his years with Haines City, Fred provided trusted guidance and counsel to the City Commission, administration, and staff. His father, Andrew "Andy" Reilly, also served as Haines City Attorney from 2000 to 2004.

Fred's commitment to his community included supporting Relay for Life and Habitat for Humanity. His many honors included the International Individual of the Year Award in 1995, the American Cancer Society Courage Award in 2013, and the Haines City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2017.

Throughout his battle with cancer, Fred demonstrated remarkable courage and determination.

Fred's legacy is one of service, professionalism, courage, and commitment to community. His counsel, friendship, and dedication left a lasting impact on Haines City and all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

RECOGNIZING MARSHALL MOORE

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marshall Moore for receiving the

Arvada Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Young Professional Leadership Award.

The Young Professional Leadership Award recognizes a young professional under the age of 40 whose leadership and dedication have impacted the world around them. Marshall is enthusiastic about creating lasting financial confidence and community momentum. As the Director of Community Impact and Financial Well-being at On Tap Credit Union, Marshall has forged 12 partnerships, delivered 100+ speaking engagements, and launched the award-winning "Making Money Joyful" program for 150 plus participants, for which he received two Credit Union Diamond Awards.

He is also an active community member, having presented on the importance of financial wellness to the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, local high schools, Red Rocks Community College, and Jeffco teachers.

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

HONORING IRMA SARMIENTO

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable woman on her 90th birthday—Irma Sarmiento.

Irma Sarmiento was born on August 29, 1935, in La Paz, Bolivia. She has devoted nine decades to family, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, and service.

As a successful business owner, she became a source of inspiration and support for many single mothers striving for financial independence and homeownership.

Her commitment to her heritage and community is equally inspiring. She founded a Bolivian folkloric dance troupe and supported improvements to schools, a hospital, soccer fields, and the town square in Quime, Bolivia. Since 1986, she has also sponsored the Downtown Santa Ana Christmas Food and Toy Giveaway, touching the lives of thousands of local children and families.

Together with her husband, Vicente Sarmiento, she raised three children—Daisy, Vicki, and Vicente—with a strong emphasis on education and opportunity. Today, she is blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

At 90, her greatest legacy is the countless lives she has touched through love, hard work, generosity, and service. Today, we celebrate her extraordinary life and wish her a very happy 90th birthday.

HONORING ALE-8-ONE BOTTLING  
COMPANY

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 31, 2026*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important Kentucky business, Ale-8-One Bottling Company, which celebrated its