

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

100th year in business on August 1, 2026. It is the oldest privately held bottler in the United States still owned by the founding family.

Located in Winchester, Kentucky, the business was founded in 1926 by George Lee Wainscott. His first creation was a soda called Roxa-Kola, named after Wainscott's wife Roxanne. The drink was quite successful but spurred a lawsuit from the Nation's largest cola company. Wainscott ultimately won the lawsuit but decided to develop a new, unique drink. He combined ginger with citrus to create a new flavor. He introduced it at the Clark County Fair in 1926 and held a contest to name his new recipe. A young fairgoer said the drink was the latest thing, or "A Late One". Thus Ale-8-One was used as the drink's name.

The company and the family secret recipe stayed protected through 4 generations. In the fall of 2009, Wainscott's great-great-nephew Fielding Rogers became the youngest family member to assume the leadership role. Rogers serves as owner, Chairman of the Board, and President. Ale-8-One is a very popular drink in Kentucky and other locations. Its signature green glass bottle is instantly recognized.

I extend my sincere congratulations to this family business on their 100th anniversary. Their success and longevity are inspiring, and I am honored to recognize Ale-8-One Bottling Company on their 100th anniversary before the U.S. House of Representatives.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF AL LABELLE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Al Labelle, a distinguished advocate, trusted leader, and unwavering voice for veterans. I am grateful for his many years of service, his friendship, and his steadfast work for veterans, including through his work with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). His passing leaves a profound void, felt deeply throughout the veteran community. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friend as we honor a man whose service, spirit, and legacy will continue to guide our commitment to serving our Nation's veterans for years to come.

When it comes to making change on a national level, you need advocacy—and you need people like Al Labelle. For decades, Al stood as one of Wisconsin's most dedicated and effective champions for veterans, a man whose voice carried from the halls of Congress to the State Capitol in Madison, always in service of those who served.

Al's commitment to veterans was rooted in his own service. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves on December 3, 1965, immediately entering active duty aboard the USS *Okinawa* LPH-3, a helicopter carrier. After a year in the Atlantic Fleet, the *Okinawa* transferred to the Pacific Fleet, eventually arriving off the coast of Vietnam on April 25, 1967, as part of Amphibious Ready Group Alpha. Over the next seven months, the ship conducted nine amphibious landing operations near the DMZ, flying Marines inland and re-

turning them when operations concluded. During these missions, the *Okinawa* served as a combat medical hospital—wounded Marines on one side of the hangar deck, the fallen on the other. Al returned to San Diego in December 1967 and was discharged shortly thereafter, carrying with him the memories and sacrifices of those he served beside.

Those experiences shaped the rest of his life. In 1990, Al was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), later recognized as an Agent Orange presumptive condition. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) helped him file his claim, and out of gratitude—and a deepening sense of purpose—he joined the organization. From that moment forward, Al devoted himself to ensuring that every veteran received the care, benefits, and respect they earned.

Within DAV, Al wore many hats. He served as the Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL) for DAV Wisconsin and as Chairman of DAV's National Interim Legislation and Veterans Rights Committee, roles he held for more than nine years. At the time of his passing, he continued to serve as chair of this committee, guiding DAV's national legislative strategy with clarity, conviction, and an unwavering commitment to justice.

Al brought a deep passion to every aspect of his service, from legislative advocacy to outreach and his commitment to finding new, innovative ways to connect DAV with a new generation of veterans. He believed wholeheartedly in the strength of the organization and in the importance of ensuring its mission remained relevant to those who would carry it forward.

His advocacy produced tangible, lasting change. One of his most significant accomplishments was helping reform how the VA receives its funding. Before his efforts, government shutdowns halted VA operations, leaving veterans without access to critical medical care. Al provided valuable insight which led to legislation which ensured that VA health benefits would be funded one year in advance, protecting veterans from political gridlock and safeguarding their access to essential health services.

His influence extended far beyond policy. Al met with congressmen, senators, governors, and community leaders, always with the same message: "It's not enough to send them there. It's not enough to say thank you for your service. Veterans who are returning or have served need more than that." His advocacy was driven by the sacrifices he witnessed in Vietnam and by his unwavering belief that the Nation must honor those sacrifices through action, not symbolism. For nearly twenty years without missing a beat, Al was a welcomed face in my Washington DC office, always bringing a great spirit and devotion to his work on behalf of our veterans. I have no doubt that our community was a better place because of his presence. Beyond his achievements, Al was known for his kindness, humor, and love for the Boston Red Sox. He inspired others to serve, to speak up, and to lead with heart. Even as he approached his eighth decade, he remained driven by a simple mission: "Let's make sure that veterans who have served get the health care and benefits they earned and are needed."

Al Labelle dedicated his life to a purpose greater than himself—ensuring that veterans were heard, respected, and cared for. His leg-

acy is one of courage, compassion, and relentless advocacy, a legacy that will endure in every life he touched, every heavy heart he helped make a little lighter, and every victory he helped secure.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF ORANGE COUNTY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County in celebration of being named the Delhi Center's 2026 Héroie de la Comunidad.

For decades, Second Harvest has stood as a beacon of compassion, ensuring that nutritious food reaches children, families, seniors, and individuals facing food insecurity throughout Orange County.

Their work reflects a profound belief that a strong community is one in which neighbors care for one another and no family is left behind.

Every meal provided, every family supported, and every partnership strengthened represents an investment in the health, dignity, and future of our community.

Second Harvest embodies the heart and spirit of the Delhi Center's Zócalo dinner—a celebration of culture, connection, community, and service.

With deepest gratitude, we honor Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County for its extraordinary service and enduring commitment to the well-being of our community.

HONORING STERLING HEALTH CARE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 31, 2026

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the vital contributions of Sterling Health Care during Health Center Week. Sterling Health, founded in 2012, serves the people of Nicholas, Bourbon, Bath, Montgomery, Clark, and Powell counties in Kentucky.

Sterling Health provides a robust list of vital medical services, including primary care, behavioral health, dental, vision, pharmacy, school-based health, a mobile unit, women's health, children's health, and substance abuse treatment. When they started in 2012, Sterling Health was focused on providing quality care to all, regardless of their ability to pay. That focus continues today.

In 2025, Sterling Health had 31,260 patients with 134,053 visits, and 255 full-time employees. Sterling Health is recognized by HRSA as a Quality Leader in several categories. They recently received 2 Communicator Awards of Excellence in Commercial Campaign (radio) and Website. They are planning to break ground soon on a new clinic in Owingsville.

Sterling Health is very community oriented. They sponsor mission-related causes and donate to area communities to provide resources