

Connecticut Psychological Association, Legislator of the Year from the Connecticut Farm Bureau, the American Lung Association's Breath of Life Award, a Public Service Award from the Connecticut Secretary of State, and Legislative Awards from the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut. Representative Ryan was also named Champion for Community Providers by the Connecticut Community Providers Association and received a Community Service Award from the Norwich NAACP. He was a Henry Toll Fellow and a winner of the William Fitzgerald and Senator Chris J. Dodd Awards.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Ryan's loss is felt by his colleagues in Connecticut and across the country as well as his constituents in Ledyard, Montville, and Norwich. Kevin's irreverent humor and tenacious work ethic won't soon be matched. Representative Ryan championed the needs of his constituents to his last days, proving his commitment to his constituency. Despite how monumental a chasm is left by his death; I take solace in the knowledge that Representative Ryan's memory and example are survived by the countless lives he touched through his decades of service. I ask my colleagues join me in honoring Kevin's life and legacy.

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REMEMBERING FRED HAMPTON,  
SR. AND THE BLACK PANTHER  
PARTY IN CHICAGO

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**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, December 4, 1969 is a part of history that many Chicagoans would like to forget especially the family and friends of Fred Hampton, Sr., who was killed by Edward Hanrahan Cook County States Attorney and his band of police raiders in an apartment on W. Monroe Street. Although people were outraged and mourned they also used the atrocity as a rallying point, they agonized, they organized, they advocated, they registered people, they voted, they voted Edward Hanrahan out of office, they elected Jane Byrne, they elected Harold Washington as mayor, they projected Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lu Palmer, Nancy Jefferson, Tim Evans, Danny Davis, Bobby Rush, Mariam Stamps, Jim Compton, Rev. Ray Evans and others as leaders, they changed the culture and the history of Chicago.

As a result of the murder of Fred Hampton, the city of Chicago will never be the same. One could go so far as to say that the country will never ever again be the same. Chicago produced individuals who contributed significantly to America, especially Black America becoming what it is today.

Home of Rev. Jesse Jackson, and home of Barack Obama when he was elected President. Illinois is a progressive state, with Chicago leading the way. Not nearly as progressive as it could and should be; but much better than what it was and Chairman Fred Hampton's life and death played a great role in causing Chicago to become what it is today.

RECOGNIZING WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUDY HOOVER

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the dedicated public service of Ms. Judy Hoover, a distinguished member of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors who celebrated her final meeting as Secretary and Supervisor on December 4, 2025. Her six-year commitment to Warminster Township has been marked by leadership, promise to strengthening local government, and an unwavering focus on the residents of Warminster Township.

Throughout her service, Judy witnessed and helped guide Warminster through a period of transformation when the Township faced financial challenges in 2019 when she was first elected. Under her leadership and a committed Board of Supervisors, Warminster established a more stable, professional, and forward-looking municipal environment by 2025.

Judy played an influential role in decisions vital to Warminster's fiscal health and infrastructure. Highlights of her service include transforming greater expertise into local water authority and making improvements at Five Ponds Golf Course. Judy maintained the standard of being thoughtful and resident-focused in her approach to governance. Ms. Hoover has been especially proud of the work of Library Director Peter Lehu, whom she praised as "the best Library Director the township has ever had." She hopes to continue supporting the library and other community institutions in the years ahead.

Her advice to the incoming 2026 Board is to support newly elected Supervisor Mary Owens, "hold tight" to the Township's financial stability, and examine every issue with the care required to secure a better future for Warminster residents.

Beyond her elected service, Ms. Hoover has been an invaluable resource to constituents in her part-time role with the Office of State Representative Brian Munroe. In that capacity, she has assisted residents of Warminster Township and the 144th Legislative District with questions, concerns, and access to government services.

Her long professional career reflects a deep commitment to public service and organized labor. Ms. Hoover served the City of Philadelphia as a Real Property Evaluator and later as Legislative Coordinator for AFSCME District Council 47. She has held numerous AFSCME leadership roles over decades—including Business Agent, Delegate, Trustee, Steward, Legislative Coordinator, and Health & Welfare Fund Trustee and has received substantial training in fiduciary responsibilities and public employee benefit trusts.

Her community involvement has been no less impressive. Ms. Hoover has served as a Township Auditor, a Township Supervisor, and Secretary. She remains active with the Warminster Parks and Recreation Board, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Parks, and numerous nonprofit groups. She lives in the Meadow Woods section of Warminster with her two grandchildren, who attend Willowdale.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Judy Hoover. Today, we

honor her in return for all she has done for the community. Warminster Township, Bucks County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are better because of the service, dedication, and integrity that Judy Hoover has brought to every role she has held. May we wish her continued success as she remains engaged in the civic life of her community.

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RECOGNIZING BYUZAND  
YEREMYAN

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mr. Byuzand Yeremyan, President of Armenians of Colorado, for his exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to our community.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Mr. Yeremyan's volunteer service with Armenians of Colorado. Armenians of Colorado is a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving and promoting Armenian culture and heritage in our state.

Over the last decade, Mr. Yeremyan has devoted his time and leadership to the community, including through the establishment of the Armenian School of Colorado in 2017. Through this initiative, students learn about Armenian language, literature, history, and culture, ensuring they continue to be passed down to future generations.

Nourishing younger generations, supporting Armenian Americans in Colorado, and engaging the broader community are just a few of the ways Mr. Yeremyan shows up for Coloradans. He also previously served on the boards of the Lone Tree Arts Center Fund and the U.S. Bank Development Network, and currently contributes his time and expertise as a board member of the Coalition Against Global Genocide (COAGG).

I commend Mr. Yeremyan for years of devoted leadership, service, and commitment to the Armenian community and to the people of Colorado. His efforts embody the spirit of civic engagement and cultural stewardship.

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HONORING RUBEN J. SALDAÑA

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 4, 2025*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruben J. Saldaña, a dedicated public servant whose retirement marks the culmination of thirty-seven years of distinguished service to the state of Texas and the Texas A&M University System.

Dr. Saldaña's career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, community leadership, and the advancement of opportunities for families across South Texas. A native of Mercedes, Texas, he began as a young leader in FFA and 4-H before earning degrees from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, ultimately completing his Doctor of Education at Texas A&M. His professional journey took him from the classroom to the field, serving as a science