RECOGONIZING KEVIN MOLLOY FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE LANCASTER COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2026

Mr, SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Kevin R. Molloy, who has served as executive director of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority (LCCCA) since 2008.

Kevin Molloy, who previously worked for authorities and groups across the country, became executive director of the LCCCA in May 2008. He joined the authority when the convention center was still under construction and he oversaw its opening in June 2009.

Under Kevin's leadership. the Lancaster County Convention Center has been at the heart of the city of Lancaster's economic and cultural life. Over a hundred thousand people from across the country attend events there annually, ranging from consumer shows and sporting events to concerts and science fiction conventions. In turn, the convention center generates millions of dollars in economic impact for the city, county, and commonwealth and provides jobs for over 300 people. Kevin also oversaw the expansion of the Lancaster County Convention Center to include a new event space, the Commons on Vine, and worked with LancasterHistory to develop the Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy.

The Lancaster County Convention Center has played an important role in revitalizing the City of Lancaster in large part thanks to Kevin Molloy's leadership as executive director of the LCCCA. I thank Kevin for his hard work and service to the community and wish him the best in his next chapter.

RECOGNIZING FLARE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2026

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Flourish in Life through Art and Resources for Endometriosis (FLARE) for their work making the realities of endometriosis visible through patient-created artwork, healthcare education, research, and advocacy.

In September of 2026, FLARE will hold their inaugural Art Exhibit in New York City, bringing awareness to a chronic illness that continues to be one of the most under-recognized medical conditions in the world. The exhibit will make endometriosis visible by presenting it through the eyes of artists experiencing the real symptoms and life disruptions that chronic pain causes.

Chelsea Hardesty, a health policy advocate and artist from Lakewood in Colorado's 7th Congressional District, has worked tirelessly to connect local leadership with the growing national movement to improve access to endometriosis education and healthcare. Her dedication to advocacy supports patients with endometriosis and clinicians across the United States.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize FLARE for their work bringing hope to endometriosis patients nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GLORIA MAE GURLEA

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Mae Gurlea, a lifelong daughter of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on October 16, 2026. Gloria has spent a century living by the values of faith, family, service, and devotion to our Nation.

Born in Escanaba in 1926 to Maurice and Katherine Connor, Gloria grew up alongside her sister and best friend, Faye, in Turin and later New Swanzy. She graduated from Gwinn High School in 1944. In 1949, Gloria answered the call to serve her country and enlisted in the United States Navy, completing basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Gloria's first assignment brought her to Washington, D.C., where she served as a Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class at the Naval Operations Center on Nebraska Avenue during the Korean War. While stationed in Washington, she met Corporal Victor Gurlea, whom she married in 1951.

Following her honorable discharge, Gloria spent the next two decades traveling the world alongside Victor as he continued his career in the United States Army. Together, they raised two sons, Timothy and Paul, building a family grounded in service and resilience.

Following Victor's service in Vietnam, the Gurlea family returned home to the Upper Peninsula in 1969 and settled once again in New Swanzy. Today, Gloria remains part of that same community as a resident of Mill Creek Assisted Living in Marquette.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gloria Mae Gurlea on this remarkable milestone and thanking her for her service to our Nation. May she and her family continue to be blessed for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT ALISA DODENHOFF

HON. JAKE ELLZEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2026

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize U.S. Air Force veteran, Master Sergeant Alisa Dodenhoff of Midlothian, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her dedication to our Nation, fellow service members, and community exemplifies the highest ideals of service and leadership.

Master Sergeant Dodenhoff began her Air Force career in November 2011, serving on active duty until November 2017 before continuing her service in the Air Force Reserve. Throughout her career, she had deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve. Master Sergeant Dodenhoffs military honors include the Air and Space Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award, and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, among numerous other awards and commendations.

Following her military service, Master Sergeant Dodenhoff continued her commitment to servant leadership through mentorship, community involvement, and support for veterans, military families, students, and aspiring leaders throughout North Texas. She actively coaches and mentors students at Arlington ISD, helping young people build confidence, develop leadership skills, and prepare for their futures. She also serves as a leader with the DFW Professional Women's Networking Group, where she empowers women through mentorship, professional development, and meaningful community connections. Master Sergeant Dodenhoff remains dedicated to supporting veterans and military families through her involvement with the Veteran Tickets Foundation, helping create opportunities for veterans and their families to attend events and be recognized for their service. Her commitment to community and economic development is further demonstrated through her service on the Board of Directors of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce, where she contributes to the growth and strength of the local business community.

Master Sergeant Dodenhoff's dedication to serving her Nation and community exemplifies the highest traditions of military service and civic leadership. I commend her remarkable contributions and extend my sincere appreciation for her steadfast commitment to our veterans, military families, students, and the North Texas community.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR RICHARD ''DICK'' JONES

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2026

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the citizens of the 24th District of Texas, the 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Major Richard Jones, United States Air Force, of Grapevine, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Major Jones served with distinction in the United States Air Force for twenty years, beginning as an enlisted Airman before earning his commission and becoming a military aviator. He accumulated approximately 10,000 flight hours and served as an Operations Officer with the 1605th Air Base Wing under Military Airlift Command. His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster. He retired as a Major in 1972.

Following his retirement, Major Jones devoted decades to civic leadership and volunteerism in Grapevine. He served on the Executive Board of the Grapevine Chamber of