

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSÉ MANUEL PIZARRO MATOS

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel José Manuel Pizarro Matos upon his retirement from the United States Army after 37 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

Throughout his remarkable and decorated career spanning nearly four decades, Lieutenant Colonel Pizarro Matos dedicated himself to advancing military medicine, protecting the health of our service members, and strengthening the Army Medical Department through scientific research and innovation. His work has directly contributed to the readiness and well-being of the men and women who serve our Nation.

A deeply respected scientist and Army officer, Lieutenant Colonel Pizarro Matos earned national recognition within his field through decades of research, mentorship, and professional achievement. His contributions include extensive scientific publications, oversight of major research programs, and expert guidance to countless military and civilian professionals whose work continues to benefit the Armed Forces and the broader medical community.

His service has been recognized through numerous military awards and honors, including the Order of Military Medical Merit, multiple Meritorious Service Medals, and designation as a leader in Army medical research and development. These accomplishments reflect a career defined by genuine excellence, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel José Manuel Pizarro Matos on his retirement and in thanking him for his extraordinary service to the United States Army and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING CLAY OSBORNE

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month to recognize a dedicated leader from Rochester, New York: Clay Osborne.

Born in Panama, Clay Osborne has built a distinguished career characterized by leadership, service, and a commitment to helping others succeed. As Founder and President of True Insights Consulting, he has earned widespread respect for his expertise in executive coaching, leadership development, and organizational effectiveness. Drawing upon decades

of experience across the corporate and governmental sectors, Clay has devoted his professional life to empowering individuals and strengthening organizations.

Beyond his professional achievements, Clay has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the Rochester community. His extensive civic involvement includes service as Chair of the Board of ESL Federal Credit Union and the Center for Governmental Research. He is also a founding member of the Sigma Pi Phi Foundation and a charter member of the Rochester Area Community Foundation's African American Giving Circle, reflecting his longstanding commitment to expanding opportunity and fostering community engagement.

Clay's leadership extends to numerous organizations dedicated to developing future leaders and promoting inclusive excellence. Through his service on the advisory board of the Parent Leadership Training Institute and as Chair of the Workforce Diversity Network, he has worked tirelessly to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion while creating pathways for individuals to thrive in their personal and professional lives.

Clay Osborne's contributions to the Rochester community exemplify the values of leadership, service, and perseverance that have enriched our Nation. His dedication to uplifting others and strengthening the institutions that serve our communities has left a lasting and meaningful impact. It is with great pride that I recognize Clay Osborne during Caribbean American Heritage Month and extend my sincere gratitude for his many contributions to Rochester and beyond.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CARLISLE FLOYD

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate the life and legacy of a remarkable South Carolinian, a true giant in American music, widely regarded as the Father of Modern American Opera, Carlisle Floyd.

Born in Latta, South Carolina, in 1926, Carlisle Floyd would have turned 100 on June 11. During his life, he carried with him the stories, sounds, and spirit of the American South throughout his extraordinary career. From those roots, he created operas that spoke not only to our region, but to the nation and the world.

His works—most notably *Susannah* and *Of Mice and Men*—redefined what American opera could be. They brought everyday people to the operatic stage, told deeply human stories in an unmistakably American voice, and made the art form more accessible, more relevant, and more enduring. In doing so, he inspired generations of composers, performers, and audiences.

Beyond his compositions, he was a dedicated educator and institutional leader, helping to build and elevate programs like the Houston Grand Opera Studio, where he mentored young artists and ensured the future of American opera would remain vibrant and innovative.

And through it all, he remained a proud son of South Carolina—earning recognition including the Order of the Palmetto, our state's highest civilian honor.

As we mark the centennial of his birth, we celebrate more than his achievements—we celebrate his impact. His music continues to be performed on stages across the country and around the world, reminding us that great art has the power to connect, to challenge, and to endure.

Carlisle Floyd's legacy is a testament to the richness of American creativity and the profound contributions that can come from a small town in South Carolina.

I am grateful to honor his life, his work, and his lasting imprint on American culture.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX CONNECTOR MAINTENANCE TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Fairfax Connector maintenance team and to congratulate them on securing first place at the 2026 Virginia State Bus Rodeo.

Technicians Jerry Salgado, Matthew Bender, and Martin Lopez earned top honors at this year's statewide competition, marking the fifth consecutive year that Fairfax Connector has claimed the championship. The Virginia State Bus Rodeo brings together transit professionals from across the Commonwealth to test their skills in real world scenarios, including vehicle inspection and troubleshooting challenges.

This continued success speaks to the high level of expertise, preparation, and consistency demonstrated by this team. Their performance reflects both the technical knowledge and attention to detail required to maintain a safe and reliable public transit system.

As a result of their first-place finish, the Fairfax Connector maintenance team will represent the Commonwealth of Virginia at the American Public Transportation Association International Bus Rodeo this month in Salt Lake City, Utah. This event brings together top transit maintenance teams from across North America for a premier showcase of technical skill and precision.

While their work often takes place behind the scenes, the impact of their efforts is felt every day by the thousands of riders who rely on Fairfax Connector. This achievement offers

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