## HONORING GORAN RANNEFORS

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2026*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Swedish diplomat and business leader Goran Rannefors on the occasion of his retirement and to commend his decades of service to Sweden, the United States, and the international community.

As Co-Chairs of the House Friends of Sweden Caucus, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Rannefors for his contributions to strengthening the longstanding friendship between our two nations and advancing the value of educational and cultural exchange.

Following his service in the Swedish Armed Forces, Mr. Rannefors held leadership positions in Sweden's private sector before being appointed Sweden's Trade Commissioner to the United States in 1986. He served in that position for nearly a decade, helping strengthen economic ties between Sweden and America. In 1994, Mr. Rannefors joined Education First (EF), beginning more than three decades of leadership with an organization dedicated to international education and cultural exchange. During his tenure, EF expanded its reach around the world, creating opportunities for students to travel, study, learn English, and experience different cultures. His leadership also helped establish Hult International Business School and expand EF's international educational programs, including its au pair program.

Over the course of his career with EF, Mr. Rannefors helped create opportunities for more than one million students around the world. He has also continued his commitment to service through the Cultural Care Kids First Foundation, which supports children in need around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in thanking Mr. Rannefors for his many years of service and wish him and his family the very best in retirement. His work has benefited countless Swedish and American families and helped demonstrate the enduring value of friendship, education, and cultural exchange.

## RECOGNIZING THE GREATER ARVADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2026*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce for receiving the 2026 Community Partnership Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association. Each year, this award recognizes an organization that supports economic development efforts and community outreach.

The Greater Arvada Chamber has strengthened the regional business environment in recent years through B.O.L.D. 2026, promoting economic resiliency through talent, housing, childcare, advocacy, and entrepreneurship. In 2024, it launched the Business Resource Center, which serves as a hub for supporting training, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. The Chamber has invested in workforce development by supporting Career Hubs in schools and partnering with education and workforce leaders. The Chamber has also raised more than $22,000 for the "No Neighbor Hungry" campaign and continues to promote civic engagement and community dialogue through public forums.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce for receiving the 2026 Community Partnership Award and thank them for their contributions to the Arvada community.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JERRY W. TUECHÉ

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2026*

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Jerry W. Tueché of Manheim Township, who passed away on September 30, 2026.

Mr. Jerry Tueché was a father to Michele, a grandfather to Christian, Weston, and Taylor, and a husband to Marjorie for 57 years prior to her passing in 2018.

Though he first began his career in different sectors, Jerry's professional calling was in public service. From 1971 to 2005, he served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in various capacities, including roles within the Governor's Office, the Department of Commerce, the State Treasury, and the Auditor General's Office. He also returned to Western Pennsylvania and served as County Manager for Fayette County. Even after his retirement and move to Manheim Township, Jerry continued serving his community. He served as Manheim Township Tax Collector and Treasurer and spent many years as Vice-Chairperson of Manheim Township's Civil Service Commission. He was also active in the local Republican committee, assisted in local political campaigns, and was an ardent volunteer for civic organizations like the Rotary Club.

Jerry Tueché lived an exciting and full life, and his impact on both our community and Pennsylvania cannot be understated. I am glad to have known him. In recognizing and celebrating his life, I offer prayers of comfort to his family during this time.

## RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JOSEPH FOX

### 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 Captain Joseph Fox, United States Army, of Dallas, Texas, for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Captain Fox graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1974 and served honorably in the United States Army for five years as a Field Artillery Officer. Throughout his military career, he held numerous leadership positions, including Company Executive Officer, Assistant Brigade Personnel Officer, Company Commander, and Aide-de-Camp to both the Deputy Commanding General and Commanding General at Fort Dix, New Jersey. His exemplary performance and dedication to duty earned him the National Defense Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Following his military service, Captain Fox built a distinguished career in labor relations, human resources, and employment law, serving in leadership positions with major corporations and law firms. For more than two decades, he has served as Vice President and Chief Counsel of Global Labor and Employment Law for Celanese Corporation. Alongside his professional accomplishments, he has remained deeply committed to supporting veterans and military families, leading the company's Veterans Employee Resource Group and subsequently serving as its Dallas Site sponsor. Through these efforts, he has coordinated charitable support for numerous veteran-focused organizations, including Defenders of Freedom, the Boots to Heels program, and Paws of Honor.

Captain Fox's dedication to those who serve extends throughout the North Texas community. For more than fifteen years, he has been an active member of the Rockwall Band of Brothers and Sisters, supporting initiatives such as Carry The Load and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. He has also served on Congressional Service Academy Nomination Boards for three Members of Congress, helping identify and encourage the next generation of military leaders. Through his mentorship of students pursuing ROTC, direct commissioning, and appointments to the United States Service Academies, he continues to instill the principles of duty, honor, and service that have guided his own life.

Captain Fox's distinguished military service and enduring commitment to veterans, military families, and future generations reflect the highest traditions of the United State Army and bring great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

## RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOE CONLEY

### HON. JAKE ELLZEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2026*

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize retired Army veteran Colonel Joe Conley of Mansfield, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His unwavering commitment to our country and community is a shining example of honor and duty.

Colonel Conley served 27 years, retiring in 2006. Throughout his distinguished career, he commanded at the company, battalion, and brigade levels and served at multiple locations including Camp Casey and Yongsan in Korea, Honduras, the Pentagon, and the Defense Contract Management Agency in Alexandria, Virginia. Colonel Conley led teams responsible for ensuring U.S. service members had access to critical weaponry and munitions.