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### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the distinguished service of Chief Warrant Officer 4 James McInnis, United States Coast Guard, as our Veteran of the Month for December 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His more than two decades of dedicated service exemplify the highest traditions of our Armed Forces.

CWO4 McInnis devoted more than 24 years to honorable service in the United States Coast Guard after enlisting in 1980 and completing basic training in Cape May, New Jersey. He began his career aboard operational cutters in the Great Lakes, supporting essential missions including fisheries enforcement, search and rescue, icebreaking, and aids to navigation. These missions were vital to the safety of mariners and the protection of our waterways.

As he advanced through the enlisted ranks, CWO4 McInnis served in increasingly responsible operational and supervisory roles. He supported buoy tending and lighthouse operations throughout the Great Lakes and later coordinated extensive search and rescue efforts across large maritime regions, overseeing thousands of cases while leading and mentoring Coast Guard personnel.

Upon promotion to Chief Warrant Officer, Mr. McInnis assumed officer-level responsibilities across multiple Coast Guard missions. He led law enforcement teams supporting international drug interdiction operations aboard United States Navy and allied vessels, deploying to the Caribbean, eastern Pacific, and the Middle East. He also served as an Aids to Navigation Officer in several major ports, supervising cutters and crews responsible for maintaining critical waterways and restoring navigation systems following hurricanes and other emergencies.

In the later years of his career, CWO4 McInnis returned to senior sea and staff assignments, conducting offshore buoy tending, environmental response, and complex recovery missions. He concluded his Coast Guard service in the Great Lakes region, overseeing operations, training, and navigation systems while supporting the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Throughout his distinguished career, CWO4 McInnis earned numerous awards, including four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, five Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the 9/11 Medal, two Southwest Asia Campaign Medals, the Kuwait Liberation Medal from Kuwait, six Sea Service Ribbons, three Good Conduct Medals, and both the Expert Pistol Medal and Expert Rifle Medal.

Following his retirement in July of 2004, Mr. McInnis continued his commitment to service through education. Using a degree earned while on active duty, he taught in Wisconsin's prison system and later, as Education Director, led the introduction of an associate degree pilot program within state prisons for the first time since 1994. That program has since ex-

panded statewide and continues to provide life-changing educational opportunities. He retired from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in 2024 and returned to Michigan with his wife, Anne, to enjoy traveling and cheering for the Detroit Lions.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer 4 James McInnis' lifetime of service reflects steadfast dedication to our Nation and our communities. His military leadership and postservice contributions have strengthened lives and protected our freedoms, and it is my distinct honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month for December 2025.

### COMMENDING THE HONORABLE GENE DODARO

### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my fellow Pennsylvanian, the Honorable Gene Dodaro, whose term as U.S. Comptroller General comes to an end this month.

For 52 years, Gene Dodaro has served the American people as part of the Government Accountability Office. During his 17-year tenure as head of the agency, he has embodied GAO's core values of accountability, integrity, and reliability, leading work that has resulted in more than \$1 trillion in taxpayer savings and other financial benefits. His dedication to fighting fraud, waste, and abuse has helped shape the federal civil service for more than half a century.

Gene joined GAO as an entry-level analyst in 1973 after graduating from Pennsylvania's Lycoming College with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He went on to lead GAO's Accounting and Information Management Division, which focused on financial management, computer technology, and budget issues. He served in that role until 1999, when he became GAO's Chief Operating Officer, the agency's number-two position, helping guide the direction and long-term vision of the workforce.

After 35 years of service, when many might have chosen to step away, Gene accepted an appointment as Acting Comptroller General in 2008. He was later confirmed by the Senate in 2010 to serve a 15-year term as Comptroller General. Under his leadership, GAO continued its impactful work on the federal government's long-term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce overlap and duplication across agencies, and the High-Risk List, which highlights programs and operations vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse, mismanagement, or in need of transformation. As Comptroller General, Gene also spearheaded the creation of GAO's Innovation Lab, which has strengthened oversight capacity through the use of data science, artificial intelligence, and other emerging technologies.

Throughout his career, Gene has been a steadfast defender of Congress' power of the purse. His work has been especially important to the Budget Committee, including oversight of Impoundment Control Act reviews. He also directed the first-ever audit of the consolidated financial statements of the federal government, an annual effort that has significantly improved transparency and accountability.

Gene Dodaro is widely respected on both sides of the aisle as a principled, nonpartisan public servant. He has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the American Society for Public Administration, the Association of Government Accountants, and the National Academy of Public Administration. Earlier this year, he was inducted into the Government Hall of Fame for his lasting impact on accountability, fiscal responsibility, and public trust in government.

As Gene's term as Comptroller General concludes, his legacy at GAO and in public service is secure. The standards he set, the integrity he brought to the job, and the respect he earned across Congress will continue to shape the institution he devoted his career to strengthening. I thank Gene Dodaro for his extraordinary service to our country and wish him continued success in the next chapter of his public service.

### HONORING MISSEY BAILEY

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 19, 2025*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to honor Missey Bailey for her impactful contributions to broadcasting and the South Florida community. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Missey Bailey, a South Florida native, discovered her passion for the broadcasting industry at a young age, inspired by her mother's work at WPLG Channel 10 and iconic broadcasters such as Dwight Lauderdale and Ann Bishop; and

Whereas, while pursuing her education at Broward Community College, Ms. Bailey balanced multiple roles as a private duty nurse and an employee at Pages of Life, South Florida's oldest Bible bookstore, exemplifying her dedication to serving others; and

Whereas, Ms. Bailey launched her broadcasting career at WEXY/1520 AM in Fort Lauderdale, where she excelled as an on-air talent and producer of the nightly show "Night Talk with Rob Jackson"; and

Whereas, on Mother's Day in 1999, Ms. Bailey fulfilled her dream of hosting her own show, "Inspirational Yours," on WEDR/99 Jamz, a heritage station that amplified her voice and connection with the South Florida community; and

Whereas, in 2004, Ms. Bailey transitioned to WHQT/Hot 105 FM where she continued to inspire audiences as the host of "Sunday Morning Joy with Paula" and introduced her acclaimed series, "On Assignment with Missey Bailey"; and

Whereas, in addition to her on-air achievements, Ms. Bailey served as Gospel Music Director and Community Relations Assistant for Hot 105 FM, further solidifying her role as a trusted leader and advocate for her community; and

Whereas, her trailblazing career in radio broadcasting and her unwavering commitment to uplifting others have left an indelible mark on the South Florida community; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, on this 25th Anniversary of The Embrace Girls Foundation honor Missey Bailey for her exceptional contributions to the