

Medical Services, Inc., Chicot & Drew Counties, Arkansas; Morgan Stanley, American Medical Response, Independence, Missouri; Jason Staszko, Bell Ambulance, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jonathan Stocker, Superior Mobile Health, San Antonio, Texas; Doug Struble, Mercy Ambulance Service, Inc., Savannah, Georgia; Sarah Stump, Spirit EMS, Greenville, Ohio; Samantha Sukel, Emergent Health Partners, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Tristan Tomlins, Medic Ambulance Service Inc., Vallejo, California; Jonathan Tseng, Falck USA, Orange, California; Corey Tucker, Century Ambulance, Orange Park, Florida; Stone Volkmer, Community Care Ambulance Network, Ashtabula, Ohio; Julianna Wadsworth, Olympic Ambulance, Poulsbo, Washington; Adam Wagh, Superior Mobile Health, San Antonio, Texas; Parker Wallace, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, Charlotte, North Carolina; Michelle Walsh, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service, Lancaster, Ohio; April Weisler, Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service, Ardmore, Oklahoma; Alisha Welicki, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service, Sterling Heights, Michigan; Melissa White, Metropolitan EMS, Little Rock, Arkansas; Dustin Williams, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service, Schaumburg, Illinois; Dustin Wilson, American Medical Response, Stockton, California; Ryan Zavada, Advanced Medical Transport, Peoria, Illinois; and Brannen Zilka, American Medical Response, Concord, California.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I missed the first vote during the second voting series on December 17, 2025, as I was detained in a time-sensitive meeting at that time.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 345, H. Con. Res. 61.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF DR. MIKE JENKINS

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**HON. NATHANIEL MORAN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Dr. Mike Jenkins of Kilgore, Texas, whose passing is deeply felt across the Kilgore College community and throughout East Texas.

Dr. Jenkins faithfully served Kilgore College for 35 years and most recently held the role of Executive Vice President of Internal Collaboration and Strategic Initiatives. Throughout his long career, he impacted countless students, educators, and staff members with a positive, encouraging spirit and a deep commitment to the mission of education.

Those who worked alongside Dr. Jenkins consistently describe him as a leader who used his influence for good, offered grace and guidance to others, and created a culture of care, kindness, and support. He was known as a mentor, a trusted colleague, and a steady presence who lifted people up and made them feel valued, regardless of title or circumstance.

As Interim President, Dr. Staci Martin shared, Dr. Jenkins truly had a servant's heart

and will be greatly missed. I join the Kilgore College family and the broader East Texas community in offering condolences to his loved ones and honoring a life devoted to service, faith, and education.

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HONORING GARY ACOSTA

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**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Acosta for his many contributions to our community.

Gary is an entrepreneur, investor, and advocate for the Latino community, and the co-founder and CEO of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP), whose mission is to advance sustainable Hispanic homeownership.

Under Gary's leadership, NAHREP has grown to be the largest Latino business organization in the Nation with more than 58,000 members and 100 local chapters, and created the Hispanic Wealth Project, a non-profit committed to increasing household wealth in the Latino community.

Gary is a founding partner of L'ATTITUDE Ventures, the largest venture capital fund in the Nation that invests exclusively in Latino-led startups and has also launched and led several companies in real estate, mortgage, and technology.

Additionally, Gary founded both AVANCE Sports and the National Hispanic Construction Alliance (NHCA), business organizations focused on advancing the professional and economic mobility of Latinos in these industries.

Gary has been recognized by REALTOR as one of the 25 Most Influential People in Real Estate and by Latino Leaders Magazine as one of the 101 Most Influential Latinos in America.

Gary originally studied chemistry at the University of California, San Diego and Pomona College, worked at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in San Diego, and became a junior underwriter at a community bank, where he learned firsthand about real estate and finance.

I am glad to recognize Gary for his countless accomplishments and commend him for his exemplary efforts as one of the most influential Latino leaders in the country.

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HONORING COMPTROLLER  
GENERAL GENE DODARO

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**HON. ROBERT GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Gene Dodaro, the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the Government Accountability Office, Congress's nonpartisan investigatory arm. Mr. Dodaro's fifteen-year term as the Comptroller General ends on December 29 and his service to GAO, Congress, and our Nation has been remarkable.

Mr. Dodaro began his career at GAO more than fifty years ago. During his time as the

head of GAO, Mr. Dodaro has adapted the agency to meet Congress's needs in a time of extraordinary technological change. While maintaining GAO's stringent quality assurance standards, Mr. Dodaro expanded GAO's work to examine how changes in science and technology affect our government's ability to make sure every federal dollar is spent as Congress intends.

A stalwart commitment to GAO's core values of accountability, integrity, and reliability have defined Mr. Dodaro's tenure. During his term as Comptroller General, GAO's work has led to over one trillion dollars in financial benefits.

Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress more than 200 times. A cornerstone of his work is GAO's "High Risk List," which highlights specific challenges in programs that involve substantial resources and provide critical services to the public.

GAO's real value, however, goes far beyond what any dollar amount can tell us. GAO's value derives from its ability to independently report the facts and speak truth to power.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Mr. Dodaro for his more than 50 years of service in helping us perform the Constitutional duties of the legislative branch and in wishing him well as he completes his term.

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RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MR. STEVE BACHMANN FROM  
THE BOEING COMPANY

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**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Steve Bachmann for his many years of dedication to our country, both through his military service in the United States Air Force and through his time at The Boeing Company.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Virginia, Steve became an officer in the United States Air Force. During this time, he earned a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology. In 2006, after twenty years of military service, Steve went on to join The Boeing Company as Vice President for Legislative Affairs. Throughout his time at Boeing, Steve was known as a dedicated mentor who always made the time to share his knowledge and expertise. An honest and forthcoming friend, Steve brought humor and lightheartedness to tough conversations. After retirement, Steve plans to spend time with his grandkids and enjoying traveling in his RV. It has been a pleasure to work with him for the past twenty years and I wish him all the best.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Steve Bachmann for a lifetime of service to the United States of America and to his community. His legacy will not be forgotten.