

United States. Since the founding of the Nation, the image, meaning and symbolism of the eagle have played a significant role in art, music, history, commerce, literature, architecture and culture of the United States. The bald eagle's habitat only exists in North America.

I hope my colleagues will join in celebrating June 20, 2014 as American Eagle Day, which marks the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN "SUE-BEE" LAGINESS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Susan Laginess. Known as "Sue-Bee", Susan Laginess was born to Mel and Charlotte Laginess in the small suburb of River Rouge, Michigan, located on the southwest side of Detroit. As the youngest of seven children, and an aunt and great-aunt to over 35 nieces and nephews, Sue-Bee never had shortage of love or close family values.

After high school, Sue-Bee entered the hospitality industry in a Detroit area hotel and restaurant. Soon after, she joined her newly retired parents in the Brevard County area on Florida's east coast. Ten years on the beachside managing restaurants and nightclubs led Sue-Bee to the areas of event planning, hosting and emcee work. Sue-Bee became passionate about being involved in community events and decided to leave beachside living for a big city. After the death of her father in 1991, Sue-Bee moved to Orlando, a city that is still close to her mother.

Sue-Bee began working in theme park restaurants, and soon discovered the charm, culture and especially welcoming LGBT community in Thornton Park and downtown Orlando. After four years as a manager of Hue Restaurant, in 2004, Sue-Bee joined Palm Properties of Central Florida and began a career in real estate. A year later, she became part of the team at Olde Town Brokers.

Sue-Bee co-founded Phish Phest events in 2001 to help fill the void of lesbian nightlife in Orlando. In its early years, Phish Phest held large bi-annual events for the LGBT community. Now they host monthly happy hour parties that rotate to different venues and special events during Gay Days and the Pride Parade. In 2003, Phish Phest held a fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), one of the first "unity" events. Since then, Sue-Bee served several years on the HRC's steering committee and is a current Federal Club member.

Sue-Bee is also a member of the Metropolitan Business Association and was a sponsorship director for the organization's largest event, Come Out With Pride. She also served as the emcee for the event's signature Pride Parade alongside Mayor Dyer.

Sue-Bee has been on the sales team for the Hope and Help Center's Headdress Ball and has hosted numerous fundraisers for the organization. She has recently produced events for the Zebra Coalition, helping to raise much needed support for Orlando's LGBT youth.

Sue-Bee has been the emcee and on the committee for the annual Scooters 4 Hooters event since 2008. Her involvement has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars in sponsorships and donations. Fundraising for Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation and riding her own scooter through Orlando's neighborhood is one of her favorite pastimes.

Sue-Bee currently resides in Thornton Park, sells real estate, is on the board for The Thornton Park District, and recently became event manager at the Veranda and Neighborhood Rogue.

I am happy to honor Sue-Bee, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the LGBT and Central Florida communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN INGRAM THORNTON

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today it is with profound grief that I rise to commemorate the life of Carolyn Ingram Thornton, a great leader, public servant and phenomenal woman who will be greatly missed in her home community of Durham, North Carolina.

Carolyn Thornton reserved her place in history as the first African American woman to serve on the Durham City Council in 1978. She also was the first African American female probation officer in the State of North Carolina. In 1968, Mrs. Thornton was appointed as the Chief Psychiatric Social Worker at the Cooperative School for Pregnant Girls. In addition to these accomplishments, she served as the director of Social Work and Mental Health at historic Lincoln Community Health Center for 31 years.

During the course of her tenure, the citizens of Durham had the unique opportunity to watch Mrs. Thornton successfully embark on building a brighter future for women, children, and mentally disabled citizens in her community.

As a native of Durham County and due to her honorable contributions to Durham, Mrs. Thornton will now and forever be a daughter of Durham. As a member and former President of the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Mrs. Thornton regularly supported community volunteering and fundraising initiatives. She also served as President of the Durham Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Mrs. Thornton was born in Durham to Charles J. and Bernice H. Ingram. After graduating from Hillside High School with honors, Mrs. Thornton earned Bachelors' degrees in Psychology and Sociology from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1957. Mrs. Thornton also earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To cherish her memory, Mrs. Thornton is survived by two sisters, Audrey Ingram Johnson and Dr. E. Lavonia Ingram Allison; one sister-in-law, Carolyn Thornton Walker, and three children, Susan Kane, Gail Monjé Thornton, and Rick Thornton.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Ingram Thornton was a loving mother, sister, friend and public servant and her passing will surely be felt by all of

those whose lives she touched. She will forever be missed but never forgotten in the city of Durham and her by friends and family across the State and Nation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDINA HORNETS BOYS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Edina Boys Golf Team for becoming the 2014 State Champions this season. It is the school's first boy's golf title in nearly 30 years.

Despite a tough field, Head Coach Phil Finanger and the Hornets team were able to come out on top at this month's Class AAA Tournament. Edina finished with a four stroke lead the first day, a small cushion that provided very little comfort. However, the Hornets stayed focused and claimed the 2014 title by a razor thin margin.

The Hornets were led by Sam Foust who finished tied for third in the tournament. Kobi Boe and Bobby Terwilliger played great as well and finished in the top ten. Ben Olson also posted a strong score to contribute to the overall team effort for Edina.

With only one senior, Captain Tyler Nanne, Edina looks to be a tough team to beat for years to come.

Golf is a sport that requires skill, focus, and mental toughness. It takes years of dedication to master the game and compete at a high level. The ability of these young men to excel at the sport while completing their schoolwork, spending time with family, and having a social life should be commended.

Again, congratulations to Edina Boys Golf, Coach Finanger, and all of the parents, teachers, and fellow classmates that supported this team on their way to the 2014 state title.

RECOGNIZING THE LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lemont High School Baseball Team, which recently won its first IHSA Class 3A Baseball State Championship. This is the first state championship for a boys' team in any sport at Lemont High School.

On June 14, 2014, the team garnered a 2-1 victory over Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin at Silver Cross Field in Joliet to win the championship. I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication this team put into their performance and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous team achievement.

The team, under the guidance of head coach Brian Storako, had a great season leading up to the IHSA State Finals. They accomplished a school single-season record for wins and captured a sixth straight South Suburban Conference-Blue Division title.

Prior to this season, the most postseason success the Indians had seen was an IHSA Regional title. They not only won the program's first state championship, but also collected their first-ever IHSA Sectional and Super-Sectional crowns.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this impressive accomplishment by the Lemont High School Baseball Team and to congratulate them on their state championship.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASBURY PARK-WALL ELKS LODGE NO. 128

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge No. 128 on its 125th anniversary. As its officers and members gather to celebrate this milestone, I would like to join with them in honoring its history as one of the oldest Elks lodges in the United States.

The Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge was originated as the Asbury Park Lodge of Elks number 128 on June 28, 1889. It is one of the five first lodges in New Jersey, among Newark, Patterson, Hoboken and Trenton. The lodge was housed in the Mikado Building on Cookman Avenue in Asbury Park and consisted of 42 members in its first year.

In its early years, the Asbury Park Lodge was led by several Exalted Rulers. Its first was John K. Parker, followed by John F. Hawkins, Samuel A. Patterson, and Harry J.

Rockefeller. In 1893, Exalted Ruler William K. Devereux, who was also District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for New Jersey at the time, presided over the lodge when it surrendered its charter due to decreasing membership among the limited population.

Fourteen years later, interest in the lodge rebounded and it was reorganized on January 11, 1907 with a new dispensation. At the time, it was numbered 1047, but was later given the original number 128 again. Today, the Asbury Park-Wall Lodge No. 128 is one of 35 lodges in New Jersey and is part of the Southern District. Exalted Ruler Mary Ann Smith currently leads a membership of over 200.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Asbury Park-Wall Elks Lodge on its 125th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STRATTON POLLITZER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Stratton Pollitzer. Stratton is the co-founder and Deputy Director of Equality Florida. A Phi Beta Kappa Political Science graduate of Emory University, Stratton has spearheaded numerous community-based campaigns that respond to political attacks and build support for anti-discrimination ordinances, safe schools policies, and domestic partnership laws at the local and state level. He also oversees all Equality Florida fundraising programs and has

raised over \$15 million for LGBT organizations and political campaigns.

Since founding Equality Florida in 1997, Stratton and Executive Director, Nadine Smith, have helped it grow into one of the largest LGBT equality organizations in the country. Today, Equality Florida has over 185,000 members, over a thousand volunteers, and a staff of 22. Equality Florida fights at the state level to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The organization has helped overturn the state ban on gay and lesbian adoption, implemented a statewide anti-bullying law that has led to specific bans on LGBT bullying, and passed over 130 local policies addressing LGBT discrimination and providing domestic partnership benefits.

As a key spokesperson on LGBT issues, Stratton is a regular contributor to major television, print, and radio outlets throughout the state. He has had opinion columns published in the Miami Herald, Broward Sun-Sentinel, Saint Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Daytona Beach News Journal, and Orlando Sentinel.

From 2004–2006, Stratton served on the board of directors and as Vice-Chair of the Equality Federation, a national network of statewide LGBT advocacy groups. In 2011, he was presented with the Harvey Milk Foundation's Honors Medal. Stratton lives in Miami with his husband of 20 years, Christopher Boykin and is the father of 17 year old twins, Ben and Sarah.

I am happy to honor Stratton Pollitzer, during LGBT Pride Month, for his activism on behalf of the LGBT community in Central Florida and nationwide.