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HONORING CO-OP CITY LITTLE LEAGUE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, as a former resident of Co-op City for many years and an avid baseball fan, it is my pleasure to recognize the Co-op City Little League which this season will celebrate its remarkable 50th Anniversary.

Founded in 1969, Co-op City Little League has brought generations of families together for five decades, while providing children with great exercise and wonderful team building skills. In the early days, games were played at Pelham Bay Park, Haffen Field, and Seton Falls Park. In 1975, a plan was drawn up between New York City and the Co-op City manager, Riverbay Corporation, for the creation of the Co-op City Fields. The fields stand on the outskirts of the residential area, at the intersection of Co-op City Boulevard and Bellamy Loop, and consist of a pair of excellently maintained baseball diamonds. Both of the fenced fields contain dugouts and there is a walkway with bleachers, a small picnic area, and a comfort station for spectators.

Co-op City Little League began playing on the new fields several years after they were developed and have been going strong there ever since. The League has served as a launching pad for several professional players and has had over 25 District 22 champions over the years. In 1987, the District 22 championship team, coached by Bruce Lasky, made it all the way to the state championship game.

Madam Speaker, Co-op City Little League has been a staple in the community for almost as long as Co-op City has existed. Thousands of children and their families have enjoyed a day at the ballpark thanks to this wonderful, well run league, and I want to congratulate all involved on 50 great years. Here's to 50 more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHN DAVID CHANDLER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, and fellow dentist, Dr. John David Chandler of Kerrville who passed away on May 15, 2019 in San Antonio.

Dr. Chandler was born on September 7, 1947 in Victoria, Texas and graduated from Victoria High School in 1965. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Sam Houston State in 1969 and a doctorate in dentistry from the University of Texas Dental Branch in 1973.

Following dental school, Chandler served as an officer in the United States Air Force Dental Corps at Yokota Air Force Base from 1973

to 1976. For the next year Dr. Chandler served as an Associate Professor at the University of Texas Dental Branch. In 1977, Dr. Chandler moved to Huntsville and started his private dental practice. Chandler practiced for 38 years in Huntsville, Texas from where he was recognized as an outstanding restorative general dentist and was beloved by his patients, friends and his peers. John and his wife, Janie, retired in 2015 and moved to Kerrville, Texas where their love for the outdoors led them to create a backyard sanctuary for birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Dr. Chandler had a passion for continued education and teaching and mentoring young dentists. He served in a leadership role in numerous state and national professional organizations such as the Academy of General Dentistry, Texas Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, Brazos Valley District Dental Society, and the Heart of Texas Dental Society.

Dr. John David Chandler leaves behind his loving wife of forty-nine years and eleven months, nearly half a century. John is also survived by his son Ty Scott Chandler of Austin, son Ryan Todd Chandler of Amarillo, brother and sister-in-law Jay and Ann Garner of Laguna Vista, and sister, Brenda Anderson of Austin.

Madam Speaker, my prayers and condolences are with the family and friends of Dr. Chandler.

COMMEMORATING THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, last week, our friends in Azerbaijan celebrated Republic Day, honoring the 101st anniversary of the founding of their country.

On May 28, 1918, the National Assembly of Azerbaijan adopted a Declaration of Independence, and formed the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world.

In 1920, the Bolsheviks invaded the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic and established a Soviet government. Azerbaijan was forcefully incorporated into the USSR and suffered under the weight of the Soviet regime for many decades.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Republic of Azerbaijan restored its independence on August 30, 1991.

The United States recognized Azerbaijan as an independent state on December 25, 1991 and established official diplomatic relations with the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 19, 1992.

As they rebuilt from the wreckage of the failed communist empire, Azerbaijan grew into a strong and reliable ally of the United States.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is not only a valuable partner of the United States, but also plays a critical role in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Azerbaijan was one of the first countries to render unconditional assistance to the United States after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. It also has a strong friendship and partnership with Israel, one of the closest allies of the United States.

Azerbaijan, as a participant in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Partnership for Peace program, has supported NATO's peace operations in Afghanistan by providing troops from the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan to assist with the missions since 2002.

As we commemorate this 101st anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, the United States remains grateful for the strategic relationship and enduring friendship between our two countries. Furthermore, we look forward to this strong and close friendship continuing and even growing stronger in the many years to come.

RICHARD MAXSON UKULELE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Richard Maxson, a professor at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, for winning the 8th Annual International Ukulele Contest in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Richard spent his youth performing in his hometown of Ventura, California, and working at Christian summer camps by providing the musical soundtracks to sing-alongs and services.

Little did he know where these experiences would take him.

In 2007, Richard was on a business trip in Hawaii when he came across a sign for free ukulele lessons. Curious to see if he had what it took, Richard signed up and learned his first song: Little Red Hibiscus. Inspired by this, Richard returned to Springfield, bought his first ukulele and became what he refers to as a recovering guitar player.

As much fun as Richard was having, he wanted others to join in on the fun. That's why in 2012 he formed a ukulele club at Drury University, called the DUKes. His goal was to attract Drury students by sitting in a coffee shop playing his ukulele. It worked. By 2013, 20 students joined the club and were drinking coffee and playing the ukulele with him.

Over the next few years, the DUKes, under the direction of Richard, performed at various events in Springfield. In August 2015, the DUKes traveled to Springfield's Sister City of Isesaki, Japan, to perform at the Isesaki Summer Festival. Richard also began performing with his wife, Karen, in a ukulele duo called Uke 66, performing in the United States, Mexico and Japan. On a whim, Richard entered the 8th Annual International Ukulele Contest in Honolulu in 2019. As the only contestant from the mainland United States, Richard was one of six finalists in his division of 19 and older. A few hundred people watched Richard on his way to victory as he performed an original piece, titled "Hedgehog Café," which was inspired by a trip he took to Japan with his wife in 2017.

Madam Speaker, the world needs dedicated individuals who are eager to share their gifts with those around them, and that is exactly what Richard has done and continues to do. That is why it is my great honor to rise today congratulating Richard Maxson on his award-winning performance and original composition.

RECOGNIZING SGT. PAUL
ARNOLD'S FAITHFUL SERVICE

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, in 2006, Sgt. Paul Arnold received his first cancer diagnosis. But after 26 years in law enforcement—13 years with the Franklin Police Department—Sgt. Arnold would not surrender his post. For 13 more years, he has continued to serve his community and act as a bulwark against crime. Many consider Arnold a mentor, and all know him to be an example of character and honor. His reputation is known far and wide. In 2017, Sgt. Arnold was acknowledged for distinguished service and given the Theodore Roosevelt Police Award—an award given to outstanding officers that serve in spite of a serious illness.

Sgt. Arnold is soon retiring as a Franklin Police Officer. The Franklin Police Department will miss this servant leader—but we are grateful for all Sgt. Arnold has done to build strong young men who will carry on the torch of service in their community.

Too often everyday acts of bravery go unnoticed and our civil servants unacknowledged, so it is my honor to thank Sgt. Arnold on behalf of all Tennesseans for his courage, dedication, and service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WRITER
TONY HORWITZ

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tony Horwitz who died last week at the age of 60. His 1998 *Confederates in the Attic: Dispatches From the Unfinished Civil War* was hugely influential on me because, having grown up in the South, I could relate to much of what he wrote. His views on civil rights and even on zoning laws were insightful and illuminating. I recall once visiting my neighbor and friend the Civil War historian Shelby Foote and seeing *Confederates in the Attic* among his books. He told me Horwitz had recently visited and had dropped off a copy, and Foote said he wished he'd read it before the visit. Horwitz won his Pulitzer Prize as a reporter at *The Wall Street Journal* for his stories on low-wage workers at garbage recycling and poultry processing plants and worked for *The New Yorker* before writing *Confederates in the Attic*. Known for his deep reporting and participatory journalism, Horwitz also wrote *Blue Latitudes: Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before* (2002) in which he retraced the 18th century explorer's voyages in the Pacific; *A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World* (2008), which looked at what America was like before its European discovery; *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War* (2011) about the abolitionist's 1859 attack on the military arsenal at Harper's Ferry; and *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide* that came out in May which

followed the future landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead's reporting for *The New York Times* from the South prior to the Civil War. Horwitz's reputation as a hands-on reporter and writer will be long remembered. I wish to express my condolences to his wife, the novelist Geraldine Brooks; to his sons Nathaniel and Bizu; and to his many fans and friends.

RECOGNIZING WHITE COUNTY NA-
TIVE KELLIE JOLLY HARPER AS
LADY VOLS COACH

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true Tennessee Volunteer, a daughter of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District, and the new Head Coach for the University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team, Kellie Jolly Harper.

Coach Harper represents the best of Tennessee. She is known nationwide for her grit and her relentless pursuit of victory. No doubt these traits were instilled in her first by her coach and father, Kenneth Jolly, and mother, Peggy Simpson Jolly, and honed into championship ingredients by legendary coach Pat Summitt.

Coach Harper was raised in Sparta, Tennessee, a rural town in White County that has been and continues to be home to some of the hardest working people I have met. Her work ethic as a standout player for White County High School led to a starting position with the most prestigious women's basketball program of all time, the Tennessee Lady Volunteers. Before graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1999, Coach Harper ran point for three of Coach Summitt's national title teams, including a perfect 39–0 season in 1998. Even more incredibly, she achieved all this success after suffering an injury to her knee that would have been career-ending for most.

Coach Harper is only the third Lady Vol head coach in the NCAA era of women's basketball. She returns to Rocky Top alongside her husband and Assistant Coach, Jon Harper, and their children, Jackson and Kiley. I have noticed her attention to her children throughout her start as Tennessee's Head Coach and I pray that she and her family enjoy a long and fruitful era in Knoxville.

I believe in the great promise of the Lady Vols basketball program and know that with this hometown leader, the team is in great hands. I wish my sincerest best to Coach Kellie Jolly Harper and the Tennessee Lady Vols. She has certainly made her hometown and region proud. Welcome home, Coach, and Go Big Orange.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
W. DAVIS

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Rob-

ert W. Davis of Cortland, Ohio who passed away surrounded by his loving family on Thursday May 23, 2019. I rise to pay tribute to his life's work as an educator and mentor who instilled a strong and deep understanding of government and civic responsibility to the generations of young people he taught throughout his distinguished career at Maplewood High School in Northeast Ohio.

Bob was a 1967 graduate of Hubbard High School in Hubbard Ohio, and in 1971 graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and later a Master's Degree from Youngstown State University.

Mr. Davis was a government and social studies teacher at Maplewood High School for 35 years, retiring in 2006, where he also was an assistant principal and taught driver's education. He also was the past president of Lakeview Band Boosters. He enjoyed sharing his love for music and social studies with young people. But most importantly, he encouraged his students to be active and informed citizens who participate and appreciate our democratic process.

He was presently employed by the Trumbull County Board of Elections, and an active member of the Trumbull County Republican Party. Bob was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Hubbard Ohio, a former Sunday School Superintendent, and also started the recycling center at the church. It is evident that Bob lived a life of full of service to his community, and applied his deep values and principles to all aspects of his life.

He will be sadly missed by his family; his wife the former Deborah A. Drummond whom he married August 2, 1975; his son William Paul Davis and his wife Alison of Dublin, Ohio, and two grandchildren Jacqueline Clare and Parker Joseph. Beside his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws William D. & Dorothy Drummond, and his sister-in-law Marsha S. Drummond.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the many family and friends whose lives were blessed by Bob Davis.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID REESE,
PRINCIPAL OF BAKERSFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Reese, an educator and principal at Bakersfield High School, who will be retiring this August after 35 years of service to the students, parents, and teachers in Bakersfield, California, which I represent.

David was born in Dodge City, Kansas in 1958 and moved to Bakersfield with his family in 1965. David graduated from Foothill High School and earned several accolades as part of the Foothill High School basketball team, including winning the California State Boys Basketball Championship in 1976 when he was a senior. David stayed in our community for college, earning his Bachelor's degree from California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) and then obtaining his teaching credential in 1984. David returned to Foothill as a teacher and coached the boys basketball team, guiding the team to a championship in 1988. In