

GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM ENTERS MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the players, coaches, and student managers of the Glasgow High School Boys Basketball Program who were recently enshrined in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

This small Howard County community in Missouri's 4th Congressional District has produced one of the most successful basketball programs in state history . . . with the Yellowjackets advancing to 16 Final Fours and earning Class 1 State championships in 1974, 1978, and again in 1980. In addition, this roundball powerhouse has won 37 district titles and 28 conference championships.

The 1986 movie "Hoosiers" told the story of a basketball team from a small Indiana town as it earned glory against all odds. It could easily be the story of the Glasgow High School basketball team—a small town team with a tremendous record of success. Congratulations to Glasgow High School's Boys Basketball Program on entering the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE SANFORD

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Mrs. Michelle Sanford, a resident of Pewaukee, Wisconsin who passed away at the age of 52 on April 19, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Michelle will be remembered for her spirited and uplifting energy that she brought into every corner of her life. To her colleagues at the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, where she worked for more than 20 years, Michelle's infectious laughter and smile will be missed. As will her energy that she brought to every project no matter how big or small, or close or far. Michelle started her career as a secretary at AEM, and quickly grew to become an integral leader of the AEM exhibitions and operations team. She oversaw operations for AEM's many trade shows, and she traveled the globe to support international exhibitions in China, India, and Russia, among other places.

Michelle enjoyed her time with family and giving back to her community. She volunteered at many organizations but notably volunteered with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin. Michelle served on their board and as a direct volunteer.

On behalf of Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District, it is my privilege to celebrate the life and legacy of Michelle Sanford for her outstanding contributions to our community. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Michelle's family, including her loving husband Donald, her mother Claire, and her many nieces,

nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends she is survived by.

RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY HEALTH DOMINICAN HOSPITAL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 AL SMITH FRIEND OF AGRICULTURE AWARD

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital as the recipient of the 2021 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award. As a strong supporter of local agriculture, the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital has been instrumental in the COVID-19 vaccination efforts for our local farmworkers.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital's values include compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence, and collaboration. By leading the charge in providing COVID-19 vaccines to farmworkers in Santa Cruz County, they have demonstrated the impact and importance of their mission in our community.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital will celebrate their 80th Anniversary later this year. It has always been the Hospital's steadfast mission to serve all who come through its doors, regardless of ability to pay. When its founders, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, arrived in Santa Cruz in 1941, they traveled from Michigan to reopen a failed hospital on West Cliff Drive. Even though only one of them was an active healthcare worker, they felt driven to provide care for our community. In 1988, the hospital joined what was then known as Catholic Healthcare West. Their founding tenets of community outreach and helping those in need have remained the driving values for the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital as it moved into the 21st century.

Dignity Health Dominican Hospital has evolved to offer the greater surrounding community the kind of cutting-edge technology typically reserved for large metropolitan areas, earning them the recognition they deserve. The 2021 Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award was awarded to the Hospital for their creation of the first large-scale vaccination clinic in California that is focused on farmworkers. Additionally, they worked with local partners, such as the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, to develop a formula to ensure equity in vaccine distribution to local farmworkers. Their ongoing efforts during vaccine distribution made Santa Cruz County a model for prioritizing farmworkers for counties throughout the country.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the compassion, excellence, and community support exemplified by the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital, and I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing their service. I extend my personal appreciation to the healthcare workers, administrators, and staff of the Dignity Health Dominican Hospital for their service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2021 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2021 Truman Scholars. These 62 individuals were chosen from a record applicant pool of 845. These students were nominated based on their records of leadership, public service, and academic achievement.

They are: Sagal Ahmed, Joris Alawoe, Abigail Alvarez, Oseremhen Arheghan, Sarah Beisner, Mercedes Blancaflor, Tarik Brown, Tatyana Brown, Alessandra Brussel Faria, Sophie Cardin, Yu Jing Chen, Ronnie Clevestine, Jarrell Daniels, Dominique DiSpirito, David Edgerton III, Cosimo Fabrizio, Max German, Carlee Goldberg, Catherine Hadley, Nicholas Hakes, Halima Hamud, Noah Harris, Austin Hickle, Emma Hotz, Chanise Jackson, Cassandra James, Andre Jimenez, Gurtaran Johal, Dhvani Kharel, Jessica Lambert, Chase Lee, Mia LeJeune, Abel Liu, Destiny Magnett, Thor Manson, Gregory Marchal, Kehani Mendiola, Gregory Miller, Rachel Miner, Jenna Mu, Daud Mumin, Araoluwa Omotowa, Iesha-LaShay Phillips, Sage Phillips, Lexi Raikes, Makaila Ranges, Tayna Rivera Rodriguez, Abigail Roston, Grace Roy, Eli Sabin, Naomi See, Sakshi Sehgal, Hillary Shah, Olivia Shipp, Abigail Smith, Klarke Stricklen, Coleman Warren, Claire Wayner, Sena Wazer, Max Williamson, Samuel Zahn, and Felita Zhang.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman's legacy of extraordinary public service. The Truman Scholarship serves as a living monument to that legacy. As a former Truman scholar myself, I look forward to seeing how this class continues that legacy.

IN HONOR OF THE YORK THEATRE COMPANY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the York Theatre Company as it works to fully reopen. The York Theatre Company was founded by Janet Hayes Walker in 1969. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the York Theatre produced nearly 200 musical theater performances each year, reaching over 37,000 patrons. During the coronavirus shutdown, the Theatre streamed an online series, so that its patrons could continue to experience and enjoy musical theater. Unfortunately, on top of an already difficult year for New York City theaters, the York Theatre Company's physical home was devastated by a flood caused by a municipal water main break in January.

The unique mission of the York Theatre Company is two-fold as it aspires to produce new musical works, as well as rediscover musicals of the past. The York Theatre hosts several programs and activities that encourage musical theatre students to engage in Off-

Broadway productions, greatly impacting the Off-Broadway scene. With programs such as the Mainstage Series, Musicals in Mufti Series, Developmental Reading Series, internship offerings, and a volunteer program, the York Theatre has made its mark on New York City's vibrant theatre community.

Since 2015, the York Theatre Company has offered its Musical Theatre Training Program that brings together working professionals and dedicated theatre students. This program offers training in singing, acting, and movements, as well as master classes with New York's top theater artists. The York Theatre's intensive sessions are offered to students from middle school to college. Many of these intensives offer students an opportunity to perform on the York Theatre's Off-Broadway stage at the conclusion of the program.

In the fall of 2014, the York Theatre celebrated its 100th Musical in Mufti with the production of Stephen Sondheim's Saturday Night. The York Theatre's Musical in Mufti ensures that lesser-known musicals of the past are performed and brought into new light for the enjoyment of modern audiences.

All New York City theaters have faced unprecedented challenges over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the important public health restrictions put in place, but the York Theatre also had to face the unexpected and heartbreaking flooding of their physical home. Faced with these "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," the York Theatre has shown its adaptability. It has produced and streamed an incredibly popular online series. New York—its people and its institutions—are resilient, and I am confident that the York Theatre will soon be able to reopen its doors once again and introduce new audiences to the joys of musical theater.

The York Theatre Company has long been an incredible company that makes musical theatre accessible to New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds, and I look forward to its full reopening. Off-Broadway theatre has played a pivotal role in making New York City the theater capitol of the world. The York Theatre Company has had a substantial impact on this great city's history.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise in recognition of the York Theatre Company, a principal in shaping New York City's theatre culture, as they celebrate the inauguration of their new theatre seats.

IN HONOR OF MESA POLICE
SERGEANT BRANDON MENDOZA

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Mesa Police Sgt. Brandon Mendoza who was tragically killed by an illegal alien 7 years ago.

In the early morning hours of May 12, 2014, Sgt. Mendoza was driving home from his shift when he encountered an illegal alien driving under the influence of alcohol and meth. The illegal alien drove at high speeds in the wrong direction for 35 miles on four freeways in the Phoenix metro area. Despite law enforcement efforts to catch up to and stop the illegal alien, he ultimately collided head-on with Sgt. Mendoza, killing them both.

Sgt. Mendoza's death was untimely and preventable. But it requires Democrats to get serious about enforcement of our immigration laws and putting American families first.

Sgt. Mendoza's illegal alien killer had previously pled guilty to criminal conspiracy charges in Colorado, but, despite his illegal presence, he was not removed from the United States. Instead, he roamed free in our communities, ultimately choosing to drive without a license and while severely intoxicated.

Today, there are more than 3 million illegal aliens with final orders of removal, many of whom are suspected or convicted criminals, living in American communities. President Biden should prioritize removal of these individuals before they can do any additional harm.

I am enraged by President Biden's nonchalant attitude towards illegal immigration into the United States. In April, U.S. Customs and Border Protection apprehended a near record number of aliens attempting to illegally enter the United States, more than 173,000. President Biden's refusal to acknowledge the crisis at the border is a bold attempt to mislead the American public.

Last week, I traveled to the southwest border with 10 fellow members of Congress to again see firsthand the damage of President Biden's new border policies. Sgt. Mendoza's mother, Mary Ann, joined us for a portion of the tour. Since her son's death, Mary Ann has been a fierce advocate for border security, pleading with the Obama and Biden Administrations to protect other American families from experiencing the same pain and suffering.

During our visit, Mary Ann expressed concern that government leaders have forgotten families like hers and instead placed the interests of illegal aliens ahead of the interests of our nation. Families like Sgt. Mendoza's deserve to have their stories remembered. They deserve a government willing to protect them from the hands of illegal aliens.

I will continue to fight for border security and enforcement of our immigration laws. Sgt. Mendoza and other victims of crime by illegal aliens deserve no less.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, I was unavoidably delayed in returning to Washington, D.C., due to airline and transportation issues.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 134.

AMERICAN FAMILIES AT RISK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, a murderous, heinous car bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan, killed dozens of girls. The intentional targeting of girls

should be inconceivable but is the deliberate aim of fanatical totalitarians who are obsessed with murdering American families. Sadly, the reality of the Global War on Terrorism is that we must defeat terrorists overseas or they will return to attack American families.

I appreciate the insight of Congressman MIKE MCCAUL and former Ambassador Ryan Crocker in their May 4, 2021, op-ed in The New York Times:

Last month, President Biden announced a complete withdrawal of all United States troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the day terrorists killed almost 3,000 people.

Many in the defense and intelligence communities oppose the move. A complete withdrawal based on an arbitrary deadline, rather than conditions on the ground, threatens our long-term national security. After all, it was the decision to rapidly pull out of Iraq, creating a power vacuum that allowed the Islamic State to grow, that ultimately forced our return to Iraq, prolonging the war.

We cannot allow history to repeat itself. It's foolish to think the Taliban will engage in good faith with the Afghan government or abide by the commitments made to the previous administration after we've departed. In response to the withdrawal announcement, the Taliban tellingly announced they would not participate in a peace conference planned to start late last month in Turkey and refused to commit to a date in the future, effectively ending the already fragile peace process. The Taliban clearly does not want peace.

In fact, after America withdraws, it's very likely the Taliban will try to take control of the country, once again giving our enemies a place from which to conduct external attacks against us and our allies. Without a military presence in country, the United States will be giving the green light to the Taliban to roam and conquer.

As William J. Burns, the C.I.A. director, told the Senate Intelligence Committee in April, there is "significant risk" associated with withdrawal. "The U.S. government's ability to collect and act on threats will diminish," he said. "That's simply a fact."

The decision, however, has been made. But before the pullout is complete, the Biden administration must mitigate its dangers. As our sources on the ground will soon go dark, the gaps in our intelligence collection and counterterrorism networks must be remedied so we retain the ability to identify and eliminate threats before they reach our shores. To do so, we must urgently set up agreements with neighboring countries to provide us with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

Mr. Biden promised that America's humanitarian and development assistance to the country would continue. To enable our personnel and the countless nongovernmental organizations we work with to provide that help, we must keep them safe. If the country slides back into civil war or once again falls under Taliban rule, maintaining an embassy presence and distributing assistance will become close to impossible. The administration must develop a clear strategy for protecting our embassy, diplomatic staff and aid workers.

The president must also acknowledge that the withdrawal will have dire consequences for Afghan women and girls—and work hard to prevent it. For the past 20 years, we have encouraged Afghan women to step forward, as students, teachers and professionals. Encouraged by our presence, they did just that. But without our presence in the country, it will be difficult to safeguard the gains women have made in Afghan society and to ensure women's rights are protected.