

If you haven't noticed, our side has been losing consistently since 1988. We can win midterms, but we do nothing with them. Call ours Hannibal victories. After the Carthaginian's famous slaughter of a Roman army at Cannae, he failed to march on an undefended Rome, prompting his cavalry commander to complain: 'you know how to win a victory, but not how to use one.' And, aside from 2004's lackluster 50.7 percent, we can't win the big ones at all.

In his 1837 Lyceum Address titled "The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions," Abraham Lincoln warned that mobs or people who disrespected U.S. laws and courts would always pose the most dangerous threat to the perpetuation of United States:

All the armies of Europe and Asia . . . could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher.

But Lincoln advised us of the best defense against domestic threats and attacks on our democracy: public reverence for the Constitution and rule of law as "the political religion of our nation."

Madam Speaker, democracy in America is not an act, it is an activity; it is never finished or complete but always in the process of making our union more perfect; and the nation will always be confronted with challenge of confirming the proposition that this nation, or any nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all are created equal can long endure.

The price of liberty is indeed eternal vigilance. But we can do this. We must do this.

After all, we are Americans.

CELEBRATING THE RUSH CITY
WOMEN'S CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Minnesota's Rush City Women's Club as they celebrate their 100th anniversary of community service.

Since September of 1921, the Rush City Women's Club has carried out their mission of Community Betterment and Mutual Benefit for the club and community members.

From maintaining community parks to establishing a local library, the Rush City Women's Club has demonstrated their commitment to live out their stated mission.

Their impact on the Rush City community has been huge, and I am proud that the selfless members of this club, past and present, take the initiative to make their communities a better place to live.

The support the Rush City Women's Club has provided to schools, nursing homes, libraries, and other local organizations is truly extraordinary and cannot go unnoticed. Those willing to serve their community, in any capacity, are shining examples of what makes America an exceptional country.

The women of the Rush City Women's Club have taken great strides over the last 100 years, and I wish them another 100 years of success and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING SARAH RUDDER AS
MY CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the incredibly resilient and athletically talented Marine Corps veteran, Sarah Rudder, as my August Constituent of the Month. As a young girl, Sarah knew she wanted to be a Marine after watching an air show and the Silent Drill Platoon perform. She accomplished her goal, but in the wake of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. her dream of a long career in the Marine Corps came to a close. While recovering bodies in the rubble of the famous building, Sarah sustained a career-ending ankle injury, forcing her to medically retire, and ultimately leading to amputation of her left leg below the knee.

Following her career-ending injury, Sarah struggled to find the purpose and commitment that she felt while serving in the military. After being medically retired from the military, Sarah volunteered as an online coach for the Catch a Lift Fund, a nonprofit that provides fitness grants, equipment, and nutrition to combat-wounded veterans. It was within this program that Sarah launched her path to competitive fitness. After chronic pain, depression, and post-traumatic stress, her fitness journey morphed into a sense of therapy, helping to ease her stress and bring back the routine and drive she missed as a Marine.

Sarah's best course of action to relieve some of the strain and pain on her body from the original injury was to have her leg amputated below the knee. With her new sense of relief and a fitted prosthetic leg, she got serious about the fitness regimen CrossFit. In 2015, Sarah tried out for the Warrior Games, an annual competition put on by the Department of Defense for wounded active-duty service members and veterans. Sarah did so well that when she returned in 2016, she qualified to compete for Team USA at that year's Invictus Games, a global competition for wounded service members that was started in 2014 by Britain's Prince Harry. During her two years competing for Team USA at Invictus, Rudder won a dozen gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter running events, along with the 1-minute sprint row, shotput, discus, swimming, seated volleyball, and power lifting.

Overcoming a life-changing injury is an incredible challenge, and I am inspired by the strength and perseverance Sarah has embodied in her recovery journey. I thank Sarah for her service to our country, for her dedication to helping other disabled veterans in similar circumstances, and her unwavering drive to be her very best. I'm proud to honor Sarah Rudder as my August Constituent of the Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD
MORADO

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I rise today to

honor the significant contributions of Mr. Richard Morado, an individual that went above and beyond to serve our Latino and greater Kansas City community. Richard has not only served our greater Kansas City community but has served our country, honorably and proudly, when he joined the Navy in 1972, on an aircraft carrier. It was in the Navy and through his parent's dedication to the community that Richard found his own passion for community service.

After the Navy, Richard returned home and utilized his G.I. Bill benefits and received an associates degree from Penn Valley College, and later would graduate from Rockhurst College with a business degree. Richard has carried on the tradition of service his parents taught him at a very young age. His father Mike Morado was very active during the civil rights movements in Kansas City, as a local leader in the Hispanic community to fight for equity and justice. This vein was seared into Richard where he picks up from his father's service.

Richard joined several community organizations, serving in various capacities in several groups including: IMAGE, LULAC, the American G.I. Forum, MANA, and the COHOL Civil Rights committee. In addition, Richard has been a longtime volunteer for the local environmental nonprofit Bridging the Gap. His service has been so significant that the Greater KC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce bestowed the Carlos Cortez Humanitarian of the Year Award to him in 2006, for his contributions to Kansas City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Richard Morado for the tremendous accomplishments throughout his career and his tireless efforts in providing Kansas City with celebration of the rich Mexican American culture, thriving within our amazing City. Richard's contributions to our community have made a significant impact on the Missouri's Fifth District and I speak on the behalf of the entire district when I say thank you to Richard.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE 9-11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, 20 years ago, our nation experienced true evil.

On a crisp Tuesday morning, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters went to work thinking it was just like any other day, not knowing in a matter of minutes that all of our lives would be changed forever.

On that fateful day, we faced grave uncertainty and an insurmountable threat to our way of life unseen in decades.

But while that day brought us immeasurable pain and suffering, it also brought us together as a nation.

It showed us that even in our darkest hour, the United States will never back down and proved again that Americans will always rise to the occasion.

As we come together to remember 20 years that have passed since this tragedy, I would like to reiterate to all those who served:

Your sacrifices and service have not and will not be forgotten. Just as we will never forget September 11, 2001, we will never forget

your patriotism in ensuring our nation remains free and safe.

To the families who lost loved ones on that fateful day, we continue to grieve and promise to never forget their memory.

May God bless those who lost their lives, those who risked their lives and are now dealing with the consequences today, and our brave men and women who continue to fight the global war on terrorism.

CONGRATULATING THE OLYMPIC
TAVERN IN ROCKFORD ON ITS
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Olympic Tavern for its 75th anniversary of serving the Rockford area.

Anthony Rotella founded The Olympic Tavern in 1945 when he returned from serving overseas in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a cook in the U.S. Marines, he figured he could use his knowledge and experience to open a restaurant, which has become a staple in the

Rockford community for the last 75 years. Zak Rotello, Anthony's grandson, currently runs the restaurant and has maintained 95 percent of his pre-pandemic staff during the last year. Zak credits his father, Tom, his grandfather, Anthony, and their staff, for keeping the doors open for all these years, always providing great service and great food. I commend the Olympic Tavern and its team of management and staff, who commit every day to serve the public.

It is because of strong community business leaders such as Zak Rotello of the Olympic Tavern that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Olympic Tavern on its 75th Anniversary.