

The Golden Bears fell behind early, 17 to 5 but came back to win the game thanks to solid performances by Quarterback William Little, who threw for a season-high 233 yards, and the South Oak Cliff defense, who forced 2 safeties along with a critical interception that was returned for a touchdown to put the game away late in the third quarter. With the victory, head coach Jason Todd made Texas history by becoming the first African American head coach to win 2 state championships with the same school.

The next day, the DeSoto High School Eagles showed the State of Texas why they're a top-ranked offensive program by overpowering the Vandegrift Vipers by a score of 42 to 17 in their UIL Class 6A Division 2 state championship game.

The Eagles racked up more than 600 yards of total offense, including two 100-yard receiving performances by wide receivers Tre Wisner and Johnntay Cook II and a 100-yard rushing performance by running back Deondrae Riden, who found the endzone twice in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

In the nightcap on Saturday, The Duncanville High School Panthers finally did something they've been trying to do for the past 5 years, defeat North Shore High School and earn Head Coach Reginald Samuel a championship ring.

The game was competitive, with both teams tied at 21 a piece going into halftime, but a critical drive capped off by a 9-yard touchdown run by Caden Durham gave the Panthers the lead in the third quarter. A drive late in the fourth quarter by North Shore was stopped inches short by the Panthers' staunch defense with seconds left on the clock to secure the UIL Class 6A Division 1 title.

Madam Speaker, many members can say that their district is home to some of the top recruiting prospects in high school football, only a few members can say that their district is home to 3 state champions, but no other member in this chamber can proudly say that they have 3 of the top 70 nationally ranked programs in the country within their district lines. I want to congratulate the players, coaches, medical trainers, students, teachers, facility, staff, parents, and alumni of these 3 schools on their historic achievement and on showing the rest of the nation that Texas 30 is genuinely the district of champions.

RECOGNIZING MARGARET "PEG" RZEPSKI

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Margaret "Peg" Rzepki, a Constituent Services Representative in my Philadelphia offices, as she retires after 36 years of service to the House.

A lifelong Philadelphia resident, Peg has dedicated her career to working for the people of Philadelphia. Beginning her service in the office of former Congressman Thomas Foglietta, Peg later worked for former Congressman Robert "Bob" Borski and former Congressman Robert Brady. Since January of

2019, Peg has faithfully served as a member of my staff, working tirelessly for the residents of the City of Philadelphia. Beyond her service to the House, Peg has also served for many years as the leader of Philadelphia's 31st Ward, in addition to her involvement in several community and civic organizations.

Throughout her time serving the House of Representatives, Peg has approached her work serving constituents with unwavering commitment, an outstanding work ethic and a drive to make her neighborhood, city, and country a better place. Over more than 3 decades of service, Peg has personally helped 1000s of constituents, an extraordinary record of service attained by very few who have ever worked for this body.

As Peg concludes her decades of public service at the end of this month, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Peg for her work, and in wishing her all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AL JORDAN CHAPTER 15

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Disabled American Veterans Al Jordan Chapter 15 on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

In 1932, Congress granted a federal charter to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), then the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, establishing it as the official voice of disabled veterans. Since its founding on June 12, 1922, in Stockton, California, the DAV Al Jordan Chapter 15 has cared for and represented countless veterans in San Joaquin County who were rendered disabled during their service.

Today, the DAV Al Jordan Chapter 15 continues its important work by providing assistance to those filing disability claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs and directing veterans to vital resources and services. The DAV Al Jordan Chapter 15 has helped many wounded warriors in our community transition to fulfilling futures upon return to civilian life.

I commend all the members of Disabled American Veterans Al Jordan Chapter 15, past and present, for a century of dedication to those who served our great nation. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring them today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF SHERRIE MEICHER

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize the achievements of Sherrie Meicher, a dedicated champion for the people of Texas—10. After two decades of service as a field representative in my Houston office, Sherrie is entering a well-deserved retirement.

When it comes to field work, Sherrie has done it all: attended every ribbon cutting event, canvased every neighborhood, and made every phone call. No matter how much work she was given, she was always eager to do more. I am confident that her passion, commitment, and hard work made a positive impact on thousands of lives.

Before joining my office, Sherrie was a schoolteacher, where she gained invaluable skills like patience and communication that shone through her work each day. I will forever be grateful for the expertise she shared, the extensive connections she made in the Houston area, and the dedication she exhibited throughout her tenure.

While she will be deeply missed in my office, I have no doubt that Sherrie will enjoy her time with her daughter Elizabeth and will continue to bless her community, and all those with whom she comes in contact, for years to come.

FAREWELL REMARKS TO CONGRESS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it has been a true honor to represent the 30th Congressional district in Washington and serve the great people of Dallas and North Texas as their representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. I have been privileged to work with so many dedicated public servants over the last 30 years to improve the lives of people not only in my district and state, but throughout the world.

I can leave Congress knowing I worked hard every single day to improve the lives of my constituents by improving opportunities for employment, expanding educational access, adding healthcare options for children, seniors, and veterans, and of course bringing their tax dollars back to Texas to invest in a broad range of new and improved infrastructure projects.

Throughout my career I have been privileged to be known as a trailblazer, beginning as the first female African American Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas, as the first Registered Nurse elected to the Texas House and Senate, first woman in Texas history to chair a major Texas House committee, the Labor Committee and U.S. Congress, and the first African American and female to chair the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

I was honored to be recognized as one of the most effective legislators in Congress, sponsoring and cosponsoring more than 300 bills passed by the House and Senate and signed into law, and my acclaimed initiative, A World of Women for World Peace, has gained national and international recognition. I am also proud of founding the Diversity and Innovation Caucus and Homelessness Caucus and chairing the Lupus Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Congressional Black Caucus.

One of my proudest accomplishments during my time as the Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus was to ensure that all minority voices were heard with one strong,

unified voice. With that goal in mind, I formed the Tri Caucus where Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus came together to be a unifying group to bring attention to the issues all minority populations in this country face.

My service as a senior Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has given me an opportunity to fund critical infrastructure projects in my district including the expansion of Love Field Airport, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), the International Inland Port of Dallas, the creation of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, the construction of the 5.2-acre Woodall Rodgers Park project; millions of dollars for construction, operations and maintenance projects in the Dallas Floodway and Dallas Floodway Extension, drinking water facilities in North Texas as well as establishing a water research project at the University of Texas at Dallas and many other road and transportation projects such as securing funding to help complete the new signature Calatrava bridges on Interstate 30 and Interstate 35E.

I successfully secured Federal Transit Administration funding for a program for intermodal terminals that will help entities like Dallas-based Greyhound Corporation improve the efficiency of public surface transportation. I also successfully secured millions of dollars for improving bus stop by adding shelters and benches.

I appreciate working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with local partners and the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out various studies, projects, and programs relating to navigation, flood damage reduction, shoreline protection, dam safety, water supply, recreation, and environmental restoration and protection.

As the Chair of the Water Resources subcommittee, I authorized programs that improved drinking and wastewater systems in North Texas and cleaned up the Trinity River. I also joined my Congressional Black Caucus colleagues to improve and strengthen Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs and expand opportunities for minority and women owned businesses throughout the transportation industry.

Throughout my tenure as Chairwoman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and Ranking Member of the House Science Committee, I have often referred to it as the "Committee of the Future."

When I earned the Chairmanship for the Full Science Committee at the start of the 116th Congress, I laid out 3 main priorities.

Those included: Ensuring the U.S. remains a global leader in innovation; addressing the climate crisis and restoring the credibility of the Science Committee as a place where science is respected and recognized as critical to good policymaking. I am proud to say that we have delivered great progress on every one of our priorities.

From transformative legislation like the CHIPS and Science Act, to recognizing and honoring hidden figures, and helping to support a strong research and development enterprise for the U.S., we have made great strides in what we set out to do. The Committee is well-known for its bipartisanship and ability to get things done. I think this speaks to the spirit of the Science Committee—and with few ex-

ceptions over the years, I think it has been this way for some time.

When we're working together to build a better future for Americans through building up our STEM pipeline, strengthening our nation's scientific institutions, and enhancing our research and development initiatives, to name a few, we are united in that effort.

Since the day I was elected Chairwoman, I have been dedicated to ensuring the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is run in a bipartisan, effective, and efficient manner. I am very thankful for the partnership I have had with Ranking Member LUCAS in so many of our efforts.

A main priority throughout my entire career has been to build opportunities in STEM for all—no matter their background, race, or zip code. I am pleased to say, many of our efforts to increase recognition and representation in STEM have been enacted. There is 1 bill in particular that I worked for 15 years to make it a public law, the STEM Opportunities Act. It passed this year as part of the CHIPS and Science Act. With CHIPS and Science, we will create solutions to the climate crisis, advance semiconductor research and manufacturing, and so much more. We put this bill together with the needs of each and every American in mind, and with solutions at the forefront.

We must remain steadfast in making sure the U.S. remains a beacon of excellence in science and innovation.

But I couldn't have done all of these things without my committee and personal staff and all the great people I worked with locally and in Congress, and the hundreds of people I've leaned on along the way, putting politics aside to make North Texas and the entire state a better place to live and raise a family.

Finally, as I leave this chamber after 3 decades of service, I want to provide some advice to my colleagues in this Congress and to those who will begin their service in the next session: Always remember that everyone has the same right to believe what they believe as you believe what you believe. Try to understand their reasoning for their beliefs to start to improve mutual understanding. Do not condemn before you have the explanation. It can start a mutual respect you never thought you would have.

And although I look forward to having some more personal time, there are still things I want to accomplish, and if the good Lord is willing, I will continue working to make Dallas area the best region in the nation.

RECOGNIZING ANNAMARIE FEENEY

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Annamarie Feeney, a Constituent Services Representative in my Philadelphia offices, as she retires after 35 years of service to the House.

A lifelong Philadelphia resident, Annamarie has dedicated her career to working for the people of Philadelphia. Beginning her service in the office of former Congressman Robert

"Bob" Borski in 1988, Annamarie later worked for former Congressman Joseph "Joe" Hoeffel and former Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz. Since January of 2015, Annamarie has faithfully served as a member of my staff, working tirelessly for the residents of Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.

Throughout her time serving the House of Representatives, Annamarie has approached her work serving constituents with unwavering commitment, an outstanding work ethic and a drive to make her neighborhood, city, and country a better place. Over more than three decades of service, Annamarie has personally helped 10s of 1000s of constituents, and her efforts have directly saved or recovered millions in taxpayer dollars, an extraordinary record of service attained by very few who have ever worked for this body. Her exceptional accomplishments were recently recognized by the Congressional Management Foundation, who honored her with their 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, given to only 2 congressional staff members each year.

As Annamarie concludes her decades of public service at the end of this month, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Annamarie for her work, and in wishing her all the best as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAMERON POURSOLTAN

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, for 7 years, Cameron Poursoltan has faithfully served the people of Texas through his work in my office. As he begins a new position as a legislative liaison at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, I rise today to recognize his achievements and contributions for the people of Texas's 10th District.

A native Texan and graduate of Texas A&M University, Cameron knows the Lone Star State like the back of his hand. He first began his work in my office while I was chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. Throughout 2016, Cameron served as my staff assistant, and he quickly rose through the ranks to become my legislative director and right-hand man when it came to Texas policy.

Cameron cares deeply for his home state, which is why he continued to serve on my policy team even after he moved back to Austin. Although he is leaving Team MCCAUL, I have no doubt the people of Texas will continue to benefit from Cameron's work for years to come.

ADDITIONAL WAIVER FOR H. RES. 1518

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, when the Committee on Rules filed its report (House Report 117-630) to accompany House Resolution 1518, the Committee was unaware that