

It is an honor to recognize these inspirational young leaders. They should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished this season on the court and in the hearts of everyone back home.

I wish them the best of luck as they take on UNC in the final game. Make us proud tonight.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote on April 6, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 118.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL CHAI DINNER AND DANCE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Council of Heritage and Arts of India (CHAI). CHAI is a local nonprofit organization that promotes Indian culture, arts, and heritage here in Western New York. Their annual dinner and dance brings together friends and family to celebrate the organization's cultural and community relations.

Formed in 2018, CHAI serves the Western New York Community by building bridges among Indian and non-Indian communities. Their work recognizes the important role that culture plays in nation-building and represents a set of shared values, goals, and practices.

CHAI helps the Western New York Indian American Community better understand its needs and provides access to critical government resources. Additionally, they have worked with Western New York's international community, in partnership with government officials, to assist with and resolve immigration issues.

CHAI puts an emphasis on their charity work. During the pandemic, they raised more than \$7,000 toward PPE for hospitals and frontline workers in the Buffalo area. The practice of "anna danna", or "offering of food", is common within Indian society and continues to be an important aspect of their culture. In addition to PPE, CHAI also provided groceries for international students at the University of Buffalo who lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

CHAI operates under the guidance of Executive Director Sibu Nair and a dedicated executive committee. The organization has tremendous community and government support, which allows them to complete major community projects in addition to their distinguished charitable work and community relations efforts.

CHAI recently installed a monument for Mahatma Gandhi in the Town of Amherst. The memorial is a gift to the town that symbolizes peace and friendship. It serves as a landmark for the Western New York Indian-American community and further connects the United States and Indian democracies. In 2022, CHAI

will initiate the development of an Indian Heritage Center here in Western New York.

This year, CHAI is gathering to celebrate the Indian American community here in Western New York at their annual dinner and dance. Family and friends of CHAI will come together to showcase the organization's success in serving the community and helping to provide resources to those in need.

CHAI's mission to celebrate the diverse heritage of India has helped many people across the Western New York Community, because of their commitment to cultural beliefs and values. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing CHAI's work serving the community, connecting our cultures, and celebrating our democracies.

RECOGNIZING THE JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL JUSTICES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the John Marshall Justices Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 2 State Championship title.

This title run was an outstanding achievement, resulting in the team's third state basketball championship since 2014. In their semifinal contest the Justices won by a score of 92–53, and in the championship game won 82–43. The players' work ethic and winning mentality truly shined.

The Justices' win was not earned just on the day of the game but was built on months of hard work. After a season of spectacular victories and a 22–4 record going into the title game, these young men closed out the championship game in style. I am certain that these young men and their state title achievement will be remembered in the Richmond community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Monica Murray, Coach Ty White, and the John Marshall Justices Boys Basketball Team for their remarkable championship season.

HONORING WBT RADIO

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to WBT Radio on the 100th anniversary of its founding. For over a century, WBT has helped inform and entertain residents of the City of Charlotte—my hometown. Charles Kuralt, Billy Graham, Rush Limbaugh, and Charlotte's John Hancock are just some of the voices that have come through WBT's airwaves in the past, and that tradition continues in the broadcasts of names like Bo Thompson, Vince Coakley, and Pete Kaliner.

WBT traces its origins from early broadcasts by radio amateurs who set up a transmitter in

an abandoned chicken coop. These sporadic transmissions later expanded into playing phonograph records over the air, and then into the broadcasts we know and love today. The U.S. Department of Commerce officially granted WBT a broadcast license on April 10, 1922. At the time, it was only the third licensed radio station in the United States and the first in the entire Southeast.

I am proud to honor WBT Radio on their 100th anniversary. Here's to 100 more years of radio excellence from the station heard "from Maine to Miami."

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DONALD ROSS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of renowned golf course architect Donald Ross. This marks the 125th year since his birth.

Although the total number is not known, Mr. Ross designed around 400 courses over his lifetime which have been home to more than 100 U.S. national championships. In 1900, he was hired by James Walker Tufts to oversee the construction of four of the nine courses at the Pinehurst resort. Mr. Ross is most well-known for crafting the legendary Pinehurst No. 2. This course is held by many to be one of the most well-designed and challenging courses in the U.S. and the world. Mr. Ross' designs led Pinehurst to become the center of golf's rise to popularity in the early twentieth century and established a tradition of excellence that continues to serve as a source of pride for all in our community.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Ross for his committed and impactful leadership and achievements as a golf course architect. His work has greatly benefitted those in North Carolina and across the U.S., and I join our entire community in honoring his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Donald Ross.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF VOORHEES COLLEGE

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina.

On April 14, 1897, Voorhees College was founded by 23-year-old Elizabeth Evelyn Wright as Denmark Industrial School. A native of Georgia, Ms. Wright went on to study at Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Knowing the importance of education, Ms. Wright moved to South Carolina and started the first of several schools for Blacks in the rural area of southeastern South Carolina.

On May 14, 1902, the Denmark Industrial School was renamed to Voorhees Industrial School after Ralph Voorhees, a New Jersey philanthropist, gave Ms. Wright \$5,000 for the purchase of 280 acres of land on the outskirts of Denmark. The generous donation allowed the school to expand.

In 1924, the American Church Institute for Negroes, which was a part of the Episcopal Church, agreed to support the school beginning a long relationship that continues to this day. In 1947, Voorhees Industrial School became a junior college and was renamed Voorhees School and Junior College after the industrial department was discontinued. The junior college was accredited in 1946 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and in 1949 it became the first Black college in South Carolina to be recognized by the regional body.

In 1962, the school became Voorhees College and five years later it became a senior degree granting institution. Shortly thereafter, it received full accreditation as a liberal arts college from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

For the last 125 years, Voorhees College has educated thousands of students. Its educational scope has expanded from the days of teaching vocational skills to becoming a liberal arts college to now having a presence in Ghana, Liberia and other countries in West Africa.

Today, 125 years after Denmark Industrial School was founded, it will be renamed once again to Voorhees University with the start of a Masters programs.

Madam Speaker, today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 125th anniversary of Voorhees University, its history, and its founder, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT GRADY H. CANUP

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Grady H. Canup, who was killed in action during World War II and whose remains have finally been identified.

Sergeant Canup of Greenwood, South Carolina, was assigned to Company C, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at the age of thirty. His unit served as part of the Hürtgen Forest offensive where, on November 14, 1944, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. Sgt. Canup's remains were declared non-recoverable in December of 1951, despite great efforts by the American Graves Registration Command to account for missing American soldiers.

In 2019, Sgt. Canup's identification tag was found in the area where a set of unidentified remains had been found decades earlier. Those unidentified remains were disinterred from a cemetery in Europe for further investigation in 2019. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System were able to confirm that the remains belonged to Sgt. Canup earlier this year. Sgt. Canup will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Anderson County on April 10, 2022. On the Walls of the Missing at Netherlands American Cemetery, a rosette will be placed by Sgt. Canup's name since he has now been accounted for.

It brings me comfort knowing that after seventy-eight years, Sgt. Canup's remains will be reunited with his family. I am grateful for the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in making this possible. This identification of remains allows for another opportunity to reflect on the many heroes who lost their

lives defending freedom across the world during World War II. I am reminded of the verse John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." We are blessed to live in a country where so many heroes, like Sgt. Canup, are willing to wear the uniform to defend our freedoms.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor the lives of those lost in conflict, like Sergeant Canup. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. ROBERT HAGEN

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Dr. Robert Hagen.

Dr. Hagen moved to Lafayette, IN in 1987 to pursue an opportunity with the Lafayette Orthopedic Clinic, where he worked as an orthopedic surgeon for 34 years until his retirement in 2019.

Dr. Hagen was committed to his neighbors and community. In 1985, Dr. Hagen started Unity Health Care in Northern Indiana. Additionally, he worked with the Purdue campus of the IU School of Medicine, and was a team physician for two local high schools for over 25 years. He was state president of the Indiana Orthopedic Society in 2000, a member of the Board of Councilors of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons from 2011 to 2017, and United Way campaign chairman in 2017.

Dr. Hagen dedicated a big part of his life fighting for health care reforms to improve health care value and make it more affordable for all Hoosiers and all Americans. His efforts will not be forgotten.