

champions, the Lightning, in an exciting six-game series. The Avalanche took an early 2–0 lead in the series after notching wins in Games 1 and 2. Then, after suffering a loss in Game 3, a nail-biting overtime win in Game 4, and another loss in Game 5, the Avalanche emerged as victors in a well-played and hard-fought Game 6.

Truly, the credit for this team's incredible victory goes to the combined talent, drive, and sacrifice made by each player and member of the coaching staff and management. The immense skill and leadership demonstrated by this special group of players and coaches, both on and off the ice, is extraordinary.

On behalf of Avalanche fans everywhere, especially those in our home state of Colorado, we are incredibly proud to celebrate this team's tremendous victory; to have the Stanley Cup back in Colorado—exactly where it belongs; and to cheer on the nation's best hockey team to even more victories in the future: Go Avs Go.

RECOGNIZING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE OLD CATHEDRAL," SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN ALTON, ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, in Alton, Illinois. The church, completed in 1857, remains a beautiful example of Gothic architecture in the Metro East region. On January 9, 1857, the Diocese Episcopal See was transferred to Alton from Quincy, and the Most Reverend Henry Damien Junker became Alton's first bishop. The Most Reverend Peter Baltes succeeded him in 1870, followed by the third and final Bishop of Alton, the Most Reverend James Ryan, in 1886. Below the church are the tombs of the first two bishops of the Diocese of Alton. During its life as the Diocese Cathedral, our country was torn apart at the seams by Civil War, was reunited, and then grew into a global power. We celebrated the St. Louis World's Fair, saw our dirt roads paved over, and had our lives changed by revolutionary inventions. In 2015, the SS. Peter & Paul Parish had a beautiful carillon installed in the bell tower to beckon all to come and worship. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, and celebrating its many contributions to Alton and the surrounding communities.

KEIRA NICOLE LIPP

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keira Nicole Lipp for achieving the new world record for youngest person to ski on all seven continents.

Keira first learned to ski in her home state of Colorado at just two years old. She began

exploring the slopes of the Rocky Mountains and then went on to ski in Italy (Europe), Australia, South Korea (Asia), Morocco (Africa), and Antarctica. To prepare for the toughest continent in the world, Antarctica, Keira needed to ski at an expert-level and be comfortable skiing backcountry. She skied two different sides of a nunatak in Antarctica on February 1, 2022. And with her father and brother by her side, Keira conquered the snowy slopes of Portillo, Chile, skiing her 7th continent at just ten years old and breaking the world record—a tremendous and inspiring feat!

As a courageous elementary school student from Golden, Colorado, Keira has shown immense perseverance and determination. She has put in countless hours of training even in the summer months when ski resorts were closed, skiing small glaciers and permanent snowfields.

She is now currently working on her next goal of becoming a better skier than her father while she is still a kid. I cannot wait to see all of her future accomplishments and I wish her all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF MR. SEAN SANFORD SIMS

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Sean Sanford Sims who passed away on June 19, 2022. His honorable service to our country, the state of Michigan, and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Sims was born on December 28, 1970, to Shirley Ann and Walter Sims of Detroit, Michigan. He was the brother of Willie Erwin. In 1989, after graduating from Chadsey High School, he heard the call of his Nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his time of military duty, he courageously served in the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm Wars, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal at the time of his honorable discharge. After completing his military service, he returned home and went on to receive his higher education degrees, earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in Social Work, both from Wayne State University.

A dedicated member of his community, Mr. Sims was employed by the State of Michigan after his time in the military. Since 2000, he worked as a Veteran Career Advisor within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity at Michigan Works! in Ypsilanti. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of many, changing their path for good. He provided training, counseling, and case management to Michigan veterans in Washtenaw County and from around southeast Michigan.

Mr. Sims was a reliable, kind man that cared deeply about his friends and family. He enjoyed meeting and talking to all kinds of people, was committed to public service, and always made sure to make time for those he cared about. Mr. Sims enjoyed the little things in life and always finding something to laugh about. He resided in Ann Arbor and was a father figure to those who knew him, including Patrick.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Sean Sanford

Sims. He was a dedicated veteran, a true public servant, and most importantly—a friend to all. He will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

HONORING MATTHEW SMITH

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today, and I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Matthew Smith for more than 35 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith began his service with the Office of the Clerk in December 1986 as an Office Supply Clerk where he served in that position for 2 years. Matthew was subsequently promoted to the Records and Registration section, still within the Clerk's organization, where for the next 5 years he served in three different capacities which included the following positions, Processing Clerk, Microfilmer Clerk and Data Processing Clerk.

In July of 1995, Matthew transitioned to the Clerk's Legislative Resource Center where he served as General Clerk, an Assistant Registration and Compliance Clerk, and in his most recent capacity, as a Public Information Specialist, where he has served for the last 19 years. In his current position, Matthew provides excellent customer service to those patrons who visit and call requesting documents. Matthew is the longest tenured employee in the Clerk's House Document Room where he serves in the capacity as Public Information Specialist. Matthew's institutional knowledge is an important asset to the House Document Room team. Matt has become the resident expert on all House Document Room equipment, including the high production printer and Digibinder. Over the years, Matt's patience and outgoing demeanor have assisted in molding him into an excellent coach to the new employees on all relevant processes; and Matt has helped considerably by drafting and sharing step-by-step instructions on many of these processes.

Matthew is a dedicated husband and father. He frequently speaks fondly of his daughter who is the joy of his life. Matthew is very passionate about his own physical fitness, and he enjoys playing basketball; and over the years, Matthew has participated in several marathons.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased for this opportunity to acknowledge Matthew Smith for his outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.

This District of Columbia tradition takes place during the first full week of summer each year and brings together tens of thousands D.C. area families and visitors to the nation's capital in the spirit of unity, community and celebration.

After two years of virtual events, the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle returned to Pennsylvania Avenue on June 25, 2022, featuring the Giant National BBQ Championship, the National Pork BBQ Championship, the Smokin' with Smithfield Rib Contest, the Perdue Sizzlin' Chicken Contest, the Turkey Smoke BBQ Cooking Contest, the Nation's Best BBQ Sauce Contest and, for the first time, the Beyond Meat Plant-Based Barbecue Championship.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has raised millions of dollars for D.C. charities and USO-Metro over the past 30 years and donated food to food banks.

This event draws some of D.C.'s and the nation's best barbecue talent, and the participants represent D.C. wherever state barbecue cooking championship winners are welcomed.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the aims and goals of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF MONSIGNOR JOHN CISEWSKI  
PASTOR

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor John Cisewski, from the Archdiocese of New Orleans after 51 years of leading God's people as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Monsignor Cisewski was born in the Upper Peninsula of Iron Wood, Michigan to late Walter and Sophia Jean Cisewski. He will be joining the ranks of retirement along-side all his living siblings, Wally, Jim "Choo", Kay and Judy, all who have been retired in various fields for many years.

Monsignor Cisewski pronounced first vows and was ordained to the priesthood on October 16, 1971, at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church located in the Ninth Ward, Desire area in New Orleans. He studied at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans after completing graduate work with degrees in Master of Arts Theology and Master of Divinity. He then became the Associate Pastor of St. Philip the Apostle, followed by St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in Pontchartrain Park.

Forty-two years ago, Monsignor Cisewski rose to the ranks of pastor on March 17, 1980, at St. Monica Catholic Church. He later continued his ministry as pastor serving many parishes including St. Matthias Catholic Church; Our Lady of Lourdes (serving as dual pastor of two churches); St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, subsequently serving a pastor of the merged St. Raymond St. Leo the Great Catholic Church because of Hurricane Katrina; and his final assignment at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in 2008, also created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, merging Holy Ghost Catholic Church and St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church.

Recognizing the great impact Monsignor Cisewski has on the many parishioners throughout Orleans Parish, he was selected to serve on Priests Council for three terms, the Priests Personnel Committee for seven years, over twenty years appointed by then tenured Archbishops as Dean in the Inner-City Deanery, City Park/Gentilly Deanery and twice for the University Deanery.

During the 1970's, Monsignor Cisewski taught Theology at St. Augustine High School and as Chaplain at Xavier University Preparatory High School, serving the youth in our community.

Monsignor Cisewski went beyond his spiritual calling to leave his footprint on this city on community growth. He completed a graduate degree with a master's degree in urban studies at the University of New Orleans. He worked closely with the parishioners of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church to establish the Desire Social Center in the Desire Housing Development area. He later worked closely with the parishioners and residents in Pontchartrain Park and Gentilly Woods creating the Pontilly Neighborhood Association, one of the most active neighborhood groups still in existence to this day.

And if you thought his plate was full, his service furthered having served as an active member over fifty years of the Knights of Peter Claver; the Faith Friar to E.O. Moss Grand Assembly No. 4 and also to M.L. Lunnon Grand Chapter No. 4. His tenure includes serving on the National Committee facilitating the establishment of the Fourth Degree for the Gracious Ladies of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. (Auxiliary).

A huge Congratulations and Best Wishes to Louisiana's adopted Son as he begins a much-deserved retirement effective the first day of July, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSTIN  
RHODES

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Austin Rhodes for thirty years in broadcasting at WGAC-AM 580 in Augusta.

I have been fortunate to have been a guest on Austin's radio program during my time in Congress and it is a pleasure to recognize him and his hard work in this chamber.

For three decades, Austin's program has brought news and commentary to countless listeners across Georgia and his hard work and dedication have enabled him to cement a lasting legacy in talk radio.

Congratulations to Austin and his entire team over at WGAC on thirty years of the Austin Rhodes Show.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 281. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on Roll Call 281.

IN RECOGNITION OF CURTIS PAUL  
RAMSEY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 1, 2022*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Curtis Paul Ramsey. A lifelong educator, Ramsey, spent every chance he had sharing his wisdom with others.

On November 24, 1926, Curtis was born in Denton, Texas. In his early years, he became a member of Boy Scout Troop 65. He then earned the ranking Eagle Scout and later attended the Troops 100th celebration in 2018. Curtis also was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He spent his time teaching adult Sunday school and serving as a youth counselor.

Ramsey graduated from Denton Senior High School. He attended North Texas State College, now known as the University of North Texas (UNT), where he was elected the 1950 Senior Class President. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Psychology, and completed a master's degree in Curriculum and Guidance at the same campus. His pursuit of education didn't stop as he then earned his Ph.D. in Education at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. During his time at Peabody, Curtis conducted research with the hopes of improving educational outcomes.

Curtis served in World War II as a company clerk in Japan, later returning with a great appreciation for the Japanese people, their art and their culture.

His passion for education followed once he returned to the states. After the Brown vs. Board of Education decision, a Peabody Grant allowed Curtis to aid de-segregated school districts. Dr. Ramsey served as Chairman of the Elementary Education Department at Kent State University and in the Bridgeport and Stamford schools while advocating for Cleveland area schools. He then served as the Dean of the College of Education at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. His passion took him overseas as he taught at the Bir Zeit University as a Distinguished Visiting Professor in Education and Psychology.

Upon his return to Denton, he taught at Texas Women's University while serving on Denton's ISD School Board. His passion for education was demonstrated on the state and national level as he served on the Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) and with the Texas Legislative Taskforce lobbying in D.C.

Curtis treated the students of Denton ISD as his own. He was a beloved father to Rebecca Ramsey Lindrose, Cynthia Ramsey Despot, Dawn Ramsey, and Victoria Ramsey, and a devoted husband to Virginia Mary Ramsey. He was a proud grandfather of four grandchildren and a great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren.

Curtis Ramsey's positive impact spread beyond the city of Denton and Denton ISD. Everywhere he went, he shared himself personally and professionally. He was a father, a husband, a grandfather, a friend, a son, a Denton native, and most of all, a respected and dedicated educator.