

outgoing mayor of League City, Texas, the Honorable Pat Hallisey.

Throughout his 6 years as mayor, Pat's dedication to League City was clear. He maintained a community with high standards of safety, health, and prosperity. He left League City better than he found it.

As mayor, Pat led the city through recovery efforts stemming from the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. And I am proud to have worked with him over the years to revitalize Galveston County's largest city.

On behalf of a grateful community, it is my privilege to honor Mayor Pat Hallisey and his beautiful wife, Janice. Along with her and his family, friends, and colleagues, I want to extend absolute best wishes to Mayor Pat Hallisey in his retirement.

HONORING JUDGE MIKE NELSON

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the Honorable Michael Nelson, or as his friends and family call him, Mike. He has dedicated his life to serving the people of Galveston County.

Judge Mike was born on June 17, 1949, in Gould, Arkansas. At 18, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, served three tours in Vietnam, and retired from service in 1976. He is married to the former Carol Rotenberry of Santa Fe, Texas, where they raised their four daughters: Sarah Jane, Peyton, Heather, and Michaelia; and four sons: Doug, Michael John, Michael Jr., and Curtis.

Mr. Nelson served as a justice of the peace and a municipal court judge since 1986 in Galveston County.

A true testament to his character, in 2017, he was awarded the Man of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce of Hitchcock.

Mike is a man of purpose, honor, and unwavering determination for the betterment of our community. He has left a positive impact on that very same community.

Judge Mike is a beloved member of his community and a fearless advocate for his constituents, whom he cares for deeply. He always had an open-door policy for any constituent who wished to meet with him. His accomplished record and willingness to serve are evident in his over 35 years of public service.

On behalf of Texas' 14th Congressional District, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize his exceptional leadership and his example as a true public servant.

I thank Mike for being an incredible leader. He will be remembered for generations to come. He is a man of his word, he is intelligent, he is disciplined, and he treats people with respect. It is an absolute honor to know him.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BILL NEILD

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Bill Neild or, as described by a lifelong friend, the John Wayne of Beaumont, Texas. He passed away at age 85 on Au-

gust 24, 2022, leaving behind a community of friends and family and a legacy of hard work, sacrifice, and service.

Bill was an extraordinary community leader and had a true servant's heart. He served 4 years as the mayor of Beaumont. He was chairman of the board of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Board of Directors of First City Bank, and he served as chairman for many organizations in the city.

He was a man of integrity, and his passion and service to the community was felt, and will continue to be felt, far and wide.

I take this time to honor the life of service exemplified by Mayor Neild. I thank him and his family for their dedication to our fellow citizens on behalf of a very, very grateful 14th District of Texas.

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HARRISONBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, if you drive around Harrisonburg, Virginia, you are bound to see an officer with the Harrisonburg Police Department, keeping residents, visitors, and college students safe.

As HPD reminds us, "So many things have changed since those handwritten meeting notes of November 12, 1872 . . . when the 700 residents of the town of Harrisonburg at that time wrote the single-man police department into being."

By January 1, 1873, the force was comprised of the Chief of Police, Joseph Kelly, and a "police aide," Officer Willis.

Current HPD Captain Jason Kidd said of the anniversary, "It is so important to reach this milestone because the city has grown tremendously and developed tremendously during these past 150 years. The growth of the department, personnel, added positions, and technological improvements have allowed the department to police better and police smarter and just do the best job they can for the community."

To celebrate this milestone, HPD established a 150-year committee, and the officers will be sporting a 150-year badge to mark the occasion. HPD will also be building a time capsule to look back on this milestone in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I join the citizens of Harrisonburg in thanking the Harrisonburg Police Department for their 150 years of service.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SEASON INFLATION WOES

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are all looking forward to the holiday season.

Unfortunately, the annual pre-Thanksgiving shopping receipt will be a sad reminder that Washington hasn't been working for them.

Up and down the grocery store aisle, prices have risen on all our Thanksgiving necessities. Turkeys cost 23 percent more, eggs cost 43 percent more, butter is up 27 percent, and milk up 15 percent. The overall price of groceries over the last year has risen 12.4 percent. For those traveling far to see their families and loved ones this year, airline fares are up 43 percent over last year.

While everyone is having to tighten their budgets, those working two jobs or on fixed incomes are getting hit the hardest, forcing roughly one in four Americans to forego Thanksgiving dinner altogether.

An additional \$9 trillion in government spending has fueled this inflation crisis, and hardworking Americans are paying the price.

If we are going to get this country back on track, Congress needs to cut spending, unleash American energy independence, and push pro-growth policies.

It is time to fix a broken Washington and save America from this administration's failed economic agenda.

STUARTS DRAFT COUGARS CHEER TEAM WINS AGAIN

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Stuarts Draft Cougars cheer team for winning this year's Class 1-2 Virginia State cheerleading championship. This victory marks the program's fifth straight title in 6 years.

The Cougars faced numerous hurdles to reach this victory, placing second behind Fort Defiance during the first round.

However, before the second round began, Coach Tammy Carter told the team to be "the athletes they trained to be," and they did just that. By focusing on what they needed to improve, the Cougars left it all on the mat and increased their score by over 30 points, earning the State title.

These talented young ladies include Lexi Almarode, Addison Colvin, Jenna Comer, Sofia Coppola, Taylor Huffman, Zoe Mader, Zane Marshall, Abby Mikolay, Caydence Morris, Tarynn Morris, Baleigh Painter, Eiko Puckett, Olivia Puckett, Alyssa Sanner, Holly Stevens, A'mya Swats, and Natalie Thompson.

For six seniors on the team—Ms. Coppola, Mader, Marshall, Mikolay, Morris, and Painter—this was their last memory of cheering together. There was an outpouring of emotion hoisting the State championship trophy for one final time.

Senior Zane Marshall said of her class' historic reign, "To have three State championships, I don't even know how to feel. It is crazy."

The seniors will leave their high school cheerleading careers with their heads held high, knowing their leadership and performance have left a lasting legacy on their team.

Congratulations to all the talented athletes and dedicated coaches on this incredible victory. They have earned it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHUCK LARSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Chuck Larson, or Charles Larson, Sr.

Chuck passed away earlier this month, surrounded by his family at the age of 87. Chuck's life was dedicated to public service, serving both in the military and in government. He was active in the United States Army Reserves for 33 years, where he was a recipient of the Legion of Merit award and retired as colonel.

Following his military service, Chuck worked with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad as a member of his cabinet, served on Iowa's Board of Parole, and served as the director of the Alliance on Substance Abuse.

Additionally, Chuck served under President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush as the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Iowa.

I am grateful for Chuck's career in public service, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATING TODD HAFNER ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Todd Hafner for his retirement from William Penn University.

Todd has been the head coach of the football team at William Penn University in Oskaloosa for the past 19 years. During his career, the Statesmen had a winning record of 112-93-1, giving him the most wins of any coach in the school's history. Under Todd's coaching, he won league titles in 2010, 2012, and 2016.

Todd's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by his colleagues. He was named a three-time conference coach of the year, the Victory Sports Network National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics coach of the year, and the AFCA Region 2 coach of the year in 2010.

I thank Todd for his role in furthering William Penn's football program, mentoring of young athletes, and his 19 years of success.

COMMENDING HEALTHY SAVANNAH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Healthy Savannah for earning one of only two 2022 REACH Lark Galloway-Gilliam Awards for Advancing Health Equity Challenge.

Healthy Savannah is a public-private partnership of more than 200 businesses, nonprofits, faith- and commu-

nity-based organizations, schools, and healthcare and government agencies.

Healthy Savannah aims to make Savannah, Georgia, a healthier place to live with a particular focus on reducing health disparities and increasing health equity for African Americans with lower incomes and those disproportionately affected by chronic disease.

The CDC chose Healthy Savannah for this award because of its outstanding work improving the health and well-being of people in the communities in which they live. The members of the organizations within Healthy Savannah are all to be commended for the hard work and dedication that they have towards improving the lives of members of their communities.

Congratulations, Healthy Savannah, and thank you for continuing to make our community a healthier place to live.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF RANDY MOBLEY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fire Chief Randy Mobley, an exceptional Georgian and selfless leader in his community.

In 1982, Mr. Mobley was hired as a fireman. Chief Mobley went on to dedicate 40 years of service to the city of Brunswick, 10 of which were spent as the fire chief.

Over four decades of noble labor, Randy has implemented many programs that have helped keep Brunswick citizens safe.

His safety smoke alarm program provided smoke alarms to all residents in his community. Through this program, Brunswick was able to maintain a class 1 ISO insurance rating, the highest protection rating you can receive.

What an inspiration it is to go to work every day and put your own life on the line to save others. Individuals like Chief Randy Mobley make me proud to represent the First Congressional District of Georgia.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's independence from the British Empire.

On August 15, 1947, the Parliament passed the Indian Independence Act, officially establishing India as a sovereign nation after nearly 90 years under the Raj. This act of Parliament marked the creation of the largest democracy in history, responsible for governing a nation over a billion strong.

Though it may not seem like it at first glance, the United States and India share much in common. Our national identities were both forged from a rejection of British rule by crown or company. We both recognize the vital importance of autonomy, of independence, and freedom from foreign rulers.

India's commitment to democracy and self-government has been unwavering in the past decades, and its future today is brighter than ever before.

I am excited for America's relationship with India to continue flourishing,

as it has for the past 75 years, and I am proud to call the people of India our friends.

REMEMBERING PATRICIA "PAT" BOHLER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Patricia "Pat" Bohler, a woman who was a staple within the Garden City community for over 50 years.

After being born in Texas, Pat moved to Georgia, where she attended Armstrong State University, earning a degree in education before earning her master's degree at Georgia Southern University.

As a teacher with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, she touched the lives of countless elementary-aged children. Her work as a title I reading teacher will shape generations to come.

In a display of her true desire to serve the community around her, she spent considerable time teaching adult education classes.

Pat faithfully attended and served at Garden City United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 57 years. She taught Sunday school and was the president of the United Methodist Women. Outside of this, she was active as a Girl Scout leader and softball coach.

She raised four daughters with poise and taught them the values of education, service, and community.

She will be deeply missed and remembered by the innumerable lives she shaped.

I extend my sincere condolences to Pat's family, friends, and community.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, for Your name's sake and out of the goodness of Your love, deliver the people of Ukraine from their enemy's unrelenting attacks. We pray for the poor and needy, who have lost hope and home. Heal the hearts of those wounded within, who have lost faith and family. Consider those whose lives and livelihoods have faded away like the evening shadows. Shine on them the light of Your saving love.

Help the men and women, those of old age and the children, those who