

Commandant of the Marine Corps. After speaking with the General a few days later, Master Gunnery Sergeant Fearn returned to Orange County having secured the charter.

Today, Orange High School has one of the largest Marine Corps JROTC Program in the Western United States. The JROTC Program instills in its 162 cadets the values of citizenship, service to others, self-discipline, and personal responsibility.

Personal success after high school is an integral part of this program, exemplified by the James H. Fearn Marine Corps JROTC Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship awards cadets who wish to attend college or pursue a vocational school certification. Last year, 12 cadets received this prestigious award.

As we prepare to celebrate the 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, I am proud to recognize Orange High School's JROTC program and its cadets. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these accomplished students as they grow to become the leaders of tomorrow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDREW S. CLYDE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 638, I mistakenly voted Nay when I intended to vote Yea.

HONORING GOLDEN VALLEY'S COMMITMENT TO OUR NATION'S HEROES

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, Sr.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on this Veterans Day, I rise to recognize the people of Golden Valley, Montana, who are honoring the brave Montanans who served our Nation in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan with a new memorial in the community.

The Treasure State has a long history of military service. And Montanans never fail to remember the sacrifice our men and women in uniform have made to preserve and protect the freedoms we cherish.

Golden Valley is no different. I commend the work they have done to build a memorial to allow us all to pay tribute to those who have fought for our country.

It is a privilege to represent the people of Golden Valley in Congress. It is also a privilege to recognize their commitment to honoring our Nation's heroes in the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who

have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Our Veterans have borne "true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War—Valley Forge; York Town;

Civil War—The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg;

World War I—The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun;

World War II—Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor;

Korean War—Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill;

Vietnam—Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue; Desert Storm—September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed);

Operation Enduring Freedom; Battle of Kandahar;

Operation Iraqi Freedom; Second Battle of Fallujah; Operation Allies Refuge; Operation Allies Welcome.

The memory of the fallen is never forgotten. Mr. Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's 1.4 million troops and reservists, their families, and the 16.2 million veterans, including 22,809 here in the 18th Congressional District.

16.2 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 1.7 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.32 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 113,000 American Indians.

Of the veteran population in the country, 1.5 million veterans call Texas their home.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each day.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40+ hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

In Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families.

Including H.R. 232, the Real Justice for Our Veterans Act of 2023, which looks to prioritize veterans court treatment programs, ensuring equal access for women, as well as racial and ethnic minorities who have served.

Additionally, I introduced H.R. 236, which would create a "Battle Buddy Check Week," meant to provide outreach and education, as well as peer wellness checks for Veterans.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldiers behind.

As a Nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we will leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day, let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful Nation.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LULA MAE PARKER-HARRIS

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lula "Mae" Parker-Harris, a pillar of the Dutchess County community who was beloved by all who knew her. Mae recently passed away on August 27, 2023, at the age of 79.

Mae attended public schools and was educated at Dutchess Community College. She spent her career at various organizations including Dutchess Community Day Care Center, Wassaic Developmental Center, and Astor Head Start.

Mae was known throughout the community for her selflessness and integrity. A devoted member of the Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Church, she was committed to civil activism, social responsibility, and equity and equality in and around her community. Her contributions to Poughkeepsie, NY and Dutchess County will endure for generations to come, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the life of Lula Mae Parker-Harris, a remarkable woman who made a lasting difference in her community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEGENDARY COACH BOB KNIGHT

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a legendary Hoosier, Coach Bob Knight, I would like to include

in the RECORD the obituary provided by Indiana University Athletics:

COACH BOB KNIGHT PASSES AWAY AT 83
INDIANA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—Bob Knight, one of the most successful and influential figures in the history of college basketball, passed away on Nov. 1, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. He was 83 years old.

Knight's coaching accomplishments are legendary. He went 902-371 during a 42-year head coaching career that included stops at Army (1966-71), Indiana (1972-2000), and Texas Tech (2002-08). Those 902 wins ranked No. 1 all-time when he retired in 2008, and currently ranks sixth. He was a four-time National Coach of the Year, a five-time Big Ten Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (1991), the College Basketball Hall of Fame (2006), and the IU Athletics Hall of Fame (2009).

While he enjoyed tremendous success at each of his three head coaching stops, he became a larger-than-life figure in the sport thanks to his accomplishments in Bloomington. Hired by IU at the age of 30 in 1971, he led the program to three NCAA titles (1976, 1981, 1987), five Final Fours (1973, 1976, 1981, 1987, 1992), and 11 Big Ten Regular Season Championships (1973-76, 1980-81, 1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993) in his 29 years as head coach. Knight's 1976 team, which went 32-0 on its way to the NCAA title, remains the most recent to go undefeated on its way to an NCAA title. His 1975 and 1976 teams, meanwhile, each went undefeated (18-0) in Big Ten play, and no Big Ten team has gone undefeated in a single season in league play since. Indiana's 37 consecutive Big Ten wins during that period also established a new conference standard that has never been seriously threatened.

Knight's dominance at IU stretched through all three decades that he coached in Bloomington. The 1970s included four Big Ten titles, two Final Fours, and one of the greatest teams in college basketball history with the undefeated 1976 national champions. As great as the 1970s were, the 1980s were even better. College basketball's most successful team during the decade, Knight's teams captured two NCAA titles and five Big Ten championships. In the 1990s, the Hoosiers won two more league crowns, advanced to another Final Four, earned 10 NCAA tournament bids, and four straight Sweet 16 trips.

The 1990s also featured one of Knight's greatest teams to not win an NCAA title, as the 1993 team went 17-1 in the Big Ten, was the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, and featured four players that would eventually be first-round NBA Draft picks.

In addition to his accomplishments representing Indiana University, Knight also enjoyed similar success on the international level. He assembled and coached arguably the greatest amateur men's basketball team in history, as he led the 1984 U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Los Angeles, and guided the U.S. team to the 1979 Pan American Games gold as well.

While his teams excelled on the court, Knight's student-athletes also embodied what it meant to be a student-athlete. During his IU coaching career, 98 percent of his four-year players earned their degrees.

Besides being one of the sport's most successful coaches, Knight was also one of the most innovative. He revolutionized and popularized the 'motion offense,' an offensive style originally credited to one of Knight's mentors, Henry Iba. Unlike traditional 'set' offensive plays, the motion offense relied on player movement, proper spacing, passing, cutting, and screening to create scoring opportunities. It's a style of play that became synonymous with Knight and his IU teams, and it remains very much a staple of many of the game's most successful coaches to this day. Defensively, Knight was equally committed to a single style, as he had a deeply-rooted belief in the merits of the man-to-man defense.

The successes of both styles were enormous throughout his IU tenure, as his Hoosier teams were traditionally one of the Big Ten's most efficient offensively and one of the most difficult to score against defensively. As a result, Indiana won 73.5 percent of its games during Knight's tenure, the best among all Big Ten programs during that period. IU also earned 24 invitations to the NCAA Tournament during his 29 years, going 42-21 (.667) in those games. Overall, 28 of Knight's 29 IU teams earned postseason invitations.

While Knight's system and his unwavering belief in those coaching philosophies were a big part of his success at IU, an even more important component of his success was the abundance of exceptional student-athletes that he attracted to and developed in Bloomington.

In all, Knight coached nine Big Ten MVPs and 27 All-Americans at IU. His first Big Ten MVP was Steve Downing, who earned the honor in 1973 after leading Knight's second Hoosier team to the program's first Big Ten title in six years and its first Final Four trip in 20 seasons. The next to win the award was Scott May, the Big Ten's MVP in both 1975 and 1976 who also became Knight's first National Player of the Year in 1976. Calbert Cheaney became Knight's second National Player of the Year in 1993 after guiding IU to a Big Ten title, an Elite Eight berth, and becoming the Big Ten's all-time leading scorer with 2,613 points, a mark that stands to this day.

The list of Knight's legendary IU players doesn't end there. Far from it. Quinn Buckner was a two-time All-American, a three-time Big Ten champion, an Olympic gold medalist, and a future NBA champion whom Knight often referenced as the greatest leader in program history. Isiah Thomas was a 1981 All-American who guided IU to the NCAA title that same season before going on to a Hall of Fame and championship professional career with the NBA's Detroit Pistons. Steve Alford was a Big Ten MVP and two-time All-American who led the 1987 team to an NCAA title. And current IU coach Mike Woodson was a two-time All-American and 1980 Big Ten MVP who was Knight's first IU player to score 2,000 career points.

Knight was born on Oct. 25, 1940, in Orrville, Ohio. A multi-sport standout at Orrville H.S., Knight played basketball at Ohio State for Hall of Fame Coach Fred Taylor from 1958-62. A key reserve on those Buckeye teams, Knight played alongside future Hall of Famers John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas and helped OSU to the 1960 NCAA title and NCAA runner-up finishes in both 1961 and 1962.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1962, Knight spent one year coaching high school basketball at Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) H.S. before enlisting in the Army in 1963. While in the Army, Knight accepted an assistant coaching position with the men's basketball team, and two years later was promoted to head coach at the age of 24. He went 102-50 in six years with the program and earned four NIT invitations before IU Athletic Director Bill Orwig announced his hiring as IU's new head coach on March 27, 1971.