

Stags charged on to the school's first ever State Championship.

Head Coach Time Wooser's unique approach led them to a dominant 12–2 season and an ultimate State Championship victory. In the team's exemplary win, the Stags were led by elusive running back Eli Graves. Finishing the game with 210 rushing yards, 4 touchdowns, and 3 two-point conversions, Graves is the first running back in Michigan Football State Championship history to account for 30 points in a championship game.

Coach Wooser aptly summed up the spirit and composition of his team to the Detroit Free Press after the game, stating, "the one characteristic when you get a team of this caliber is the character, and the morals and the ethics and just the leadership." The Kingsley High School Varsity Football team did indeed exude immense talent, teamwork, and dedication which secured them the State Championship.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Kingsley High School Varsity Football team for their well-deserved State Championship. I wish the team, families, and staff all the best in their future endeavors. Go Stags.

RECOGNIZING MS. MARIA ROSALES, OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBER IN THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Maria Rosales, an outstanding community member and small business owner. Her journey to the United States was challenging, as she faced a treacherous route while sustaining her basic needs and facing the fear of the unknown.

Ms. Rosales came to the United States on this journey from Mexico when she was only 16 years old, alongside her sister and her sister's husband. Maria met her husband here in the United States in 1987, and in 2011 they were both granted citizenship. This allowed them to get one step closer toward achieving their American Dream.

Ms. Rosales' first job as a nanny paved the way to her newfound passion for taking care of children—and she grew this passion enough to also help others. In 2019, while many parents within her community were having a tough time finding the proper care and attention that their children needed, Maria stepped up to provide a safe and loving place to leave their children while they work. Her commitment led her to an opportunity to complete a childcare class with the San Diego & Imperial Women's Business Center, which is an 8-week accelerator program to become an in-home family childcare facility. She was determined to be the best at what she does, and she took classes in marketing, finance, and other courses to start her own business. This training provided her with the tools to develop a safe space for children where they can develop their academic and socio-emotional abilities.

Ms. Rosales opened Vienna's Daycare, a home daycare, where children are encouraged to reach their developmental milestones that

help them succeed in the future. Ms. Rosales continues to be a beacon of light for those who aspire to take their passion and apply it toward valuable community service.

Ms. Rosales was honored as the 52nd District Constituent of the Month, during National Women's Small Business Month in October, for her admirable commitment to supporting families and parents, and for her unwavering strength, which will inspire others for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 667.

HAYDEN STONE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hayden Stone of Woodland Park, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Hayden traveled to Greece, Italy, Austria, and Germany to study abroad.

U.S. Study Abroad programs are an important component of the federal government's efforts to ensure Americans of all backgrounds have the opportunity to gain global experiences and work across our borders to help address our world's greatest challenges. The Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship provides exceptional undergraduate students with the opportunity to expand their cultural proficiencies, study critical need languages, and conduct STEM research. The scholarship has empowered over 41,000 individuals with financial need to engage in people-to-people diplomacy and prepare for distinguished careers in public service.

I commend Hayden for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Hayden's many accomplishments.

HONORING THELDA WILLIAMS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of my deeply respected former colleague, Thelda Williams. A long-time Phoenix city councilwoman and three-time in-

terim mayor, Thelda's service to her northwest community spanned more than thirty years. At the City, Thelda was a stalwart champion of neighborhoods, police and firefighters, and public transit. And she never failed to make time to offer guidance and support to her colleagues, myself included.

As Councilwoman, she chaired the City Council's Transportation Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee and was the chair of the Valley Metro Rail board. Under Thelda's guidance, the City invested in Sky Harbor International Airport and water infrastructure, and she played a crucial role in strengthening and expanding the City's transit system. Her vision for the City's infrastructure and planning was truly ahead of its time, and the newly-dedicated "Thelda Williams Transit Center" in North Phoenix is a testament to her advocacy.

Thelda was also deeply committed to improving the lives of incarcerated people by helping them see a positive future for themselves. During her tenure at the Maricopa County Sheriff's office, Thelda took charge of developing a drug rehabilitation program for inmates, establishing a juvenile high school, as well as initiating several other adult programs.

Thelda was also a passionate voice for animal welfare, leading several city policy changes to protect pets. At MCSO, she spearheaded a program to allow inmates to care for and rehabilitate abused animals and get them ready for adoption. Phoenixians and their four-legged friends still enjoy the "Thelda Williams Paw-Pup Park," the first dog park in downtown Phoenix.

We lost Thelda at the age of 82 on November 14, 2023, but her legacy is reflected in the countless lives she touched with her compassionate leadership. Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on November 28, 2023, I attended a memorial service in honor of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, so I was unable to vote on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 676, H. Res. 793—Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during the October 2023 attack on Israel, and YEA on Roll Call No. 677, H. Res. 793—Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist.

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IRIS BARKETT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iris Barkett of Cañon City, Colorado for receiving the United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. As part of this prestigious honor, Iris traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia to study abroad.

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I commend Iris for pursuing an exemplary international education and representing America abroad as a citizen ambassador. This scholarship rightly recognizes a commitment to academic excellence. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Iris' many accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of America's fifth President, James Monroe, and to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Monroe Doctrine.

President James Monroe was born on April 28, 1758, to a middle-class family in what would eventually become Virginia's First District. Monroe was a fierce advocate for American independence from the very beginning. At only 18 years old, he enlisted in the Continental Army, where he fought and was wounded while serving under General George Washington.

In the earliest years of our fledgling nation, Monroe would distinguish himself as master diplomat and lay the foundations of United States foreign policy. As Minister to France, he helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase, doubling American sovereign territory. After being appointed Secretary of War, he masterfully defended the country during the War of 1812, and managed the acquisition of Florida, all while forging alliances and boosting the United States' standing on the world stage. His skill at statecraft was recognized by the public and he was elected President in 1816.

President Monroe's crowning achievement as a leader was the creation of his namesake Monroe Doctrine. On December 2, 1823, the United States took the important step of recognizing and establishing trade and defense treaties with the newly independent republics

of Latin America. By vowing to aid these countries against invasions by European colonial powers, Monroe began a proud American tradition of a bold foreign policy that promotes freedom and democratic values abroad.

I am honored to represent Virginia's First District, the place Monroe once called home. I am inspired by Monroe's devotion to fundamental American values, and his committed belief that our rights and the freedoms we derive from them deserve to be shared not just by our countrymen, but by all people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing President James Monroe and the Bicentennial of his most outstanding work of statesmanship, the Monroe Doctrine. His legacy is one of profound accomplishment and service to the American people, and I am deeply grateful to the example he sets to all who would follow in his footsteps.

CELEBRATING SGT. J.J. CORBETT'S 101ST BIRTHDAY AND SERVICE**HON. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy birthday to Bartow resident, Sgt. Jordan Jerome "J.J." Corbett, who celebrated his 101st birthday on November 25th. Sgt. Corbett has earned many accolades throughout his storied life, including WWII hero, educator, championship coach and civil rights trailblazer.

Sgt. Corbett served during WWII as one of the U.S. Army's first black paratroopers. He first volunteered to train with the all-white 82nd Airborne Division and was part of the formation of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion. The 555th was nicknamed the "Triple Nickles"—one of the few all-black units with black officers. Today, Sgt. Corbett is the last surviving member of the "Triple Nickles," which was assigned to one of the most dangerous operations to save lives from the aftermath of a clandestine Japanese balloon attack in the Western United States.

Today, he is a retired schoolteacher, Bank Director for Citrus & Chemical Bank, two-time Florida Track Coach of the Year, member of the Florida High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and member of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Sgt. Corbett a happy 101st birthday. On behalf of the 18th District of Florida, we thank him for his service and sacrifice for our nation and his steadfast dedication to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 665.

RILEY FLYNN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Riley Flynn for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Riley has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Riley, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Riley's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Riley Flynn on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ALASKA'S JUSTINE GUNDERSEN**HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House to honor the career of a great Alaskan, Justine Gundersen, upon her retirement from the Board of Directors for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, known generally as "APICDA." APICDA is one of six Community Development Quota Groups formed pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management and Conservation Act, as amended which created in statute the Community Development Quota Program. This revolutionary and game-changing program ensured that remote underserved Alaska Villages, would have a real and economically viable stake in the vast and valuable federal fisheries harvested in close proximity to their communities. Justine Gunderson played her own invaluable role in making it happen.

In 1976, Justine Gundersen made Nelson Lagoon her home with her late husband, Paul Gundersen. "The Lagoon," is nestled on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula, on a narrow sand spit, 580 miles southwest of Anchorage and 70 miles north of Cold Bay. Nelson Lagoon, which the Unangax people originally used as a seasonal fish camp, has developed into a close-knit, year-round community with commercial fishing as its economic backbone.

Since the inception of the CDQ program, Justine has been a cornerstone, holding a position on the APICDA board since its earliest days. Her guidance helped lay the foundation for the APICDA board and played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of the entire program.

Justine's list of accomplishments is extensive, serving on influential bodies such as the Advisory Panel for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Alaska Seafood