

and service at Operation Refuge has made a long-lasting, positive impact on the community. His care for the youth and people of this community is evident and overflowing.

Please join me in acknowledging Dr. Robert H. Bernard for his passionate leadership and dedicated service to Operation Refuge and the community.

CONGRATULATING HANNA
MASCHHOFF ON HER CLASS 2
GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hanna Maschhoff on her victory in Missouri's Class 2 Individual Golf State Championship.

Hanna claimed the Class 2 individual title for the School of the Osage, making it her fourth time receiving all-state honors. Hanna shot a two-day total of 153 to hold off the second-place finisher by one stroke. She should be commended for all her hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home another state championship to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Hanna Maschhoff for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING STUART MILLS
BEING NAMED AS THE MAN OF
THE YEAR BY THE MOORE COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stuart Mills on being named as the Man of the Year by the Moore County Community Foundation.

Stuart Mills' impact on Moore County is similarly robust and wide ranging. He has and continues to work in many important community leadership roles, including as Chairman of The Given Tufts Foundation, director of Pinehurst's Village Heritage Foundation, as well as board Chairman and trustee of The O'Neal School. Likewise, Governor Roy Cooper appointed Stuart to North Carolina's Financial Literacy Council last year. Stuart's most prominent community role is as Executive Director of Partners for Children and Families, a private nonprofit organization promoting early childhood development in Moore County.

Stuart's dedication to the people of Moore County is without question. His many years of service are both commendable and inspiring. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say that we are grateful for all he has done to improve the place we call home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Stuart Mills on being named Man of the Year and to thank him for all he has done for the people of Moore County.

HONORING SAISHA WHITE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Saisha White, my legislative assistant who has dedicated her time to serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District.

A Cleveland native, Saisha moved to Florida to obtain her law degree at Florida A&M University after obtaining her bachelor's at Miami University. Her time in law school inspired her passion to secure equity and opportunities across marginalized communities.

Saisha came to my office ready to make a difference. She worked her way up to becoming my legislative assistant, handling my Transportation & Infrastructure Committee work. In her time as my legislative assistant, she managed my proposed legislation, amendments—many of which were included in critical legislation and advocated for critical issues to better the lives of those across the country.

Known for her dedication to giving back and empowering others, one of Saisha's greatest attributes is her selflessness. Her willingness to continually give back is one of her many attributes that will inevitably result in success in this field.

Saisha's heart is dedicated to equity for Black and brown communities, and she is moving on from my office to continue that work. Upon transitioning from my office, Saisha will go on to advocate for safer communities, criminal justice reform, and civil rights access for marginalized communities.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saisha White for her drive and dedication to public service.

CONGRATULATING ST. CHARLES
WEST ON THEIR CLASS 3 GIRLS'
CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAM-
PIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Charles West High School on their victory in Missouri's Class 3 Girls' Team Cross-Country Championship.

By claiming the Class 3 title, the Warriors are now state champions for the second consecutive year. Every member of the team performed admirably, beating out their closest competition by nearly 100 points. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home a state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the St. Charles West Girls' Cross-Country Team for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF
RICHMOND HEIGHTS

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the City of Richmond Heights, located in Missouri's First District. Richmond Heights was incorporated on December 29, 1913 with just 18 families residing in the area. Since then, the population has grown to 9,286.

Richmond Heights has been home to many Missourians who brought the joys of art and music to St. Louis, such as jazz singer Mae Wheeler, rock-n-roll legend Chuck Berry, artist Ernest Trova, gospel singer Doris Fiddmont Frazier, architect Henry Hampton, and filmmaker Henry Hampton Jr. Moreover, Richmond Heights is home to many impactful social justice advocates such as Dr. Thomas E. Rusan, Jr., Georgia Tallier Rusan, and Rev. James E. Fiddmont. It is also home to one of the most recognizable voices in St. Louis, the legendary sports commentator, Jack Buck.

Richmond Heights enriches Missouri's First District with community institutions such as the Esquire Theater, Tropicana Lanes, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, the Saint Louis Galleria, and the Boulevard. It includes four school districts: the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, Clayton School District, Brentwood School District and Ladue School District, as well as Little Flower, Immaculata School, and the International Schoolhouse.

As the Congresswoman for Missouri's First District, I congratulate the residents of Richmond Heights and their current leadership, including Mayor Jim Thomson and Councilmembers Lisa Eppert, Greg Vescovo, Reginald Finney, Maurice Muia, Megan Moylan, Ashley Metcalf, Danny Hebenstreit and Scott Huston on 110 fruitful years. Here's to 110 more.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
MICHAEL ELLIOTT FOX

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Michael E. Fox, Sr., a strong force for good in the South Bay who died on November 3, 2023, at the age of 87.

Michael Fox was born in Chicago on September 23, 1936 and attended Bishop Quarter Military Academy there, Campion Jesuit High School in Wisconsin, graduated from Notre Dame University in Indiana, and earned a degree in Brewing Science and Technology from the Siebel Institute of Technology in Chicago. He met his wife Mary Ellen in Illinois, and the couple moved to California. They bought a home in Saratoga in 1965 and acquired a small beer distributorship, which grew from 10 employees to more than 200 during 50 years of business.

Michael Fox and Mary Ellen were renowned for their extraordinary philanthropy, and he held leadership roles in countless charitable

organizations. His good works earned him accolades such as Santa Clara County Philanthropist of the Year, two Papal awards, and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service from Santa Clara University.

Mike Fox was deeply devoted to his family and his Catholic faith, and his commitment to both inspired his life and brought him great joy. He was kind and affable and mentored many people over the years, ran marathons and loved Broadway musicals. Any cause that would uplift others became his cause.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of Michael Fox, and in extending our most sincere condolences to his entire family. He was a good man who did great things to better our communities and strengthen our country. Mike Fox was a national treasure.

RECOGNIZING AMIE FRALEY ON
BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE
YEAR BY THE MOORE COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amie Fraley on being named Woman of the Year by the Moore County Community Foundation.

A resident of Whispering Pines, Amie Fraley has headed Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills since 2014. Through providing financial backing, volunteering and advocacy services, Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills helps families gain the strength and stability needed to build better lives for themselves. Under her leadership, this organization engages in fundraising efforts to construct numerous homes and provide critical repairs to around 50 homes annually. Amie hopes, and expects, to reach 1,000 families helped in the coming year. Beyond her work with Habitat, Amie is an active member of the Southern Pines Rotary Club, Moore County Chamber of Commerce, as well as other community service focused groups.

Amie's dedication to the people of Moore County is without question. Her many years of service are both commendable and inspiring. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say that we are grateful for all she has done to better the place we call home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Amie Fraley on being named Woman of the Year and to thank her for all she has done for the people of Moore County.

CONGRATULATING ST. DOMINIC
GIRLS' GOLF ON THEIR CLASS 3
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating the St. Dominic Girls Golf Team on their victory in Missouri's Class 3 Team Girls' Golf State Championship.

The Crusaders claimed the Class 3 title by dominating their competition. By the end of the first day, the team held a 17-shot advantage and never looked back as they went on to win by 42 strokes. The team should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home a state championship to their school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the St. Dominic Girls' Golf Team for a job well done.

IN MEMORY OF BILLY HICKS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a legendary man, Billy Hicks. He was a renowned basketball coach at Scott County High School in Georgetown, Kentucky. He passed away on December 3, 2023.

Coach Hicks was born in Harlan County, Kentucky on August 23, 1952, to a coal mining family. As a child, he dreamed of coaching as a way out of the mines. He played basketball at Evarts High School in Harlan County. Coach Hicks earned a scholarship to Wofford College, where he continued to play basketball and graduated in 1974. Billy Hicks coached basketball at Evarts High School, Harlan High School, and Corbin High School. He then was hired at Scott County High School, where he coached for 25 years. Coach Hicks retired in 2019 as the winningest coach in Kentucky basketball history, with 1,023 wins. His Scott County teams won two state championships, in 1998 and 2007. He was selected at the national level to coach the 2012 McDonald's All American basketball team. Coach Hicks was inducted into the Kentucky Basketball Hall of Fame. The Billy Hicks Classic, an annual basketball tournament in Scott County, is named in his honor. He touched thousands of lives all across the country and was highly regarded by all who knew him. Coach Hicks is survived by his wife Betsy, his daughter Ashley, son-in-law Jed Johnson, and grandson Wyler Nash Johnson. He was preceded in death by his son Tyler.

Billy Hicks was well respected as a coach and as a man throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I am honored to lift up his contributions to Kentucky before the United States Congress.

HONORING SENATOR JIM PERRY
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Jim Perry for his great service

to the state of North Carolina and to offer my best wishes as he enters the next chapter of his career.

Earlier this month, Jim announced that he would not file for re-election for the North Carolina Senate after serving three terms. Jim has served in the state senate since 2019, and in that time, did much to support his constituents of the 2nd district and the state as a whole. He is a staunch supporter of North Carolina's agricultural industry, rural communities as well as our military personnel. What's more—Jim is a leader within the Senate itself, currently serving as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and is a Member of the Committees on Commerce and Insurance Health Care, Redistricting and Elections and Rules and Operations of the Senate. In his time, he's served in leadership roles on numerous other Committees. Furthermore, he also serves as Majority Whip, to which he was elected unanimously during his first term in office.

Jim is a born and bred son of North Carolina, great American and dear friend. Jim's dedication to service and constant willingness to step up when needed is commendable and inspiring. It has been an honor serving the people of North Carolina alongside him and I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in recognizing Senator Jim Perry for his service to our community and the great state of North Carolina.

CONGRATULATING ALEXANDRA
VOLKART ON HER CLASS 3
CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 2023

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alexandra Volkart on her victory in Missouri's Class 3 Individual Cross-Country Championship.

Alexandra claimed the Class 3 title to earn her second straight championship for Southern Boone High School. She stayed with the pack for most of the race until she pulled away near the end to finish first by two seconds. Alexandra should be commended for all her hard work throughout the past year and for bringing home another state championship to her school and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Alexandra Volkart for a job well done.