

unnecessary distrust in educators and librarians and will only lead to more teacher shortages and book banning.

Further, there are specific provisions that would make already marginalized children feel less safe. It requires school staff to “out” trans and queer youth, even if it would put that child in great personal danger, and it prohibits school mental health professionals from doing a mental health evaluation without active parental consent, even if that means delaying lifesaving intervention or if the child is experiencing abuse in their own home.

This harmful bill puts politics and extremist, right-wing talking points over parents, students, and educators. That is why I am opposed to H.R. 5.

HONORING THE BIRTH DATE OF THE REBBE AND REMEMBERING HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and leadership of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, a global spiritual leader known universally as the Rebbe, and head of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

The Rebbe was born in 1902, and lived through the darkest periods of history, the evils of Russian communism, and the horrors of Nazi Germany. In 1941, the Rebbe and his wife Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka, arrived safely on the shores of the United States, where he worked tirelessly to rebuild and guide a demoralized world Jewry after the Holocaust.

With brilliant Talmudic and Hasidic scholarship, deep insight into the human condition, and his love for all of God’s creatures the Rebbe exemplified an ideal and value that we need today: give of ourselves selflessly for the betterment of those around us.

The Rebbe encouraged rabbinical students to travel across the country to visit Jewish farmers, U.S. servicemen, and those isolated from their families or larger communities. This includes Ellsworth Air Force Base, and cities and towns across South Dakota. The rabbinical students sent by the Rebbe are often the only Jewish connection locals have with their faith.

The Rebbe urged all people to become ambassadors for goodness and kindness and explained that education must not be limited to the academics needed for making a good living, but rather focus on the ethics, morals, and values that have always been the basis of decent societies.

One result of the Rebbe’s leadership is the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, which, by following his teachings and example, became the world’s largest Jewish educational organization. Today, there are more than 3,500 permanent Chabad-Lubavitch centers providing educational, religious, and humanitarian programming in all 50 States and 109 countries around the world. It is thanks to the Rebbe’s vision that our state has its first rabbi in almost forty years, with the establishment of the Chabad Jewish Center of South Dakota.

The Rebbe extolled America’s unique role as a global superpower and had meaningful

relationships with several of our nation’s leaders who saw him as the moral guide of so many. For the Rebbe, America is a beacon of light to be utilized in influencing the betterment of all humanity, and he often pointed to the words in God we trust enshrined on our currency as a defining element of the great American story.

For more than four decades, every U.S. president declared the annual observance of Education and Sharing Day in honor of the anniversary of the Rebbe’s birth, and in recognition of his contributions to the betterment of moral education for all people. It is to the eternal merit of our country and this august body that we honored the Rebbe’s outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal.

Education and Sharing Day represents an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on the Rebbe’s vision and leadership, and to take his teachings to heart, that starting with moral education, we each do our part to increase in goodness and kindness and bring the world to a state of peace for all people.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CLAY PARKER DAVIS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my closest long-time friends, Clay Parker Davis, upon his retirement from The Center for Rural Development’s Board of Directors in Somerset, Kentucky.

When I embarked on a mission to establish The Center for Rural Development (The Center) in southeastern Kentucky, Clay was one of the first local leaders that we recruited to help advise the board on industrial development and financial issues in our rural region. Clay was the founding Board Chairman when The Center opened in 1996 and has remained a dedicated advisor for more than 25 years. The Center was designed to launch innovative programs in leadership, economic development, education, advanced telecommunications, technology improvements and public safety training, while also serving as a venue for performing arts and cultural events in the community. The Center is now an iconic centerpiece of southeastern Kentucky, thanks to the innovative leadership of Clay Davis.

In addition to his service at The Center, Clay’s expertise has been coveted by a number of Kentucky organizations and he has worn several hats, including Citizens National Bank President/CEO for 35 years, First National Bank and Trust Executive Vice President in Georgetown, YMCA President in Somerset, Kentucky Bankers Association Past President, Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Somerset, and the Somerset-Pulaski County Industrial Foundation, among others.

When I consider the individuals who made the biggest impact in southern and eastern Kentucky over the last four decades, I count Clay Davis among those who invested a great wealth of wisdom and worked tirelessly to make our region a better place to live. I want

to personally express my deepest gratitude for his loyal friendship, trusted advice, and courageous leadership over the years. Recently, Clay has been in a valiant battle for his health, and I’d like to close with this blessing on his behalf from Numbers 6:24–26: “May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, on March 30, 2023, I regrettably entered my vote incorrectly for rollcall No. 174, an amendment to H.R. 1.

I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote YEA.

RECOGNIZING THE POPE FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOYS ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Pope Francis Preparatory School Boys Ice Hockey Team on winning the 2023 U.S.A. Hockey High School Division I National Championship. This milestone achievement deserves the highest praise for the hard work and dedication of these exemplary athletes and coaches. Despite the countless challenges posed by this unprecedented season, the perseverance and commitment to success demonstrated throughout the year led their team to victory on the biggest stage in high school hockey.

The 2023 U.S.A. Hockey High School Division I Tournament brought 12 of the most elite high school hockey teams from across the country to compete for this year’s National Championship. Members of the Pope Francis Boys Ice Hockey Team not only performed with exceptional mental and physical fortitude, but also displayed remarkable sportsmanship and character on their path to victory. They represented the First District of Massachusetts with great honor and distinction, and I am confident that the lessons learned during this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will serve these young men well in their future endeavors.

The Pope Francis Boys Ice Hockey Team was led by their Head Coach, Mickey Foley, who has provided crucial guidance and instrumental mentorship to his young athletes both on and off the ice. Coach Foley was assisted by Assistant Coach Ryan Cloonan, Manager Kim O’Leary and the victorious student athletes who are Matthew Bolduc, Zachary Buffone, Joseph DiMichele, Patrick Fitzgerald, Colin Foyle, Joshua Iby, Jacob Jarrell, Mossey Kearney, Wyatt Kenyon, Vincent Maggi, Michael McGrath, Ryan O’Leary, Sean O’Leary, Nick Petkovich, Jacob Petrin, Nicholas Richie, Bryce Russ, Dillon Shea, CJ Watroba, and Wade Wegzyn.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again acknowledge the Pope Francis Preparatory

School Boys Ice Hockey Team for their superb achievement. I am proud of this group and I wish them much continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to my current infection of

COVID-19, I was unable to attend votes on March 29 and 30, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; NAY on Roll Call No. 172; NAY on Roll Call No. 173; YEA on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; NAY on Roll Call No. 178; YEA on Roll Call No. 179; YEA on Roll Call No. 180; YEA on Roll Call No. 181; and NAY on Roll Call No. 182.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 151 on H.R. 5, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NAY.