

CELEBRATING THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM'S HISTORIC FINAL FOUR FINISH IN THE 2023 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the historic achievement of the Florida Atlantic University Men's Basketball team, the Florida Atlantic Owls, in the 2023 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Owls have appeared in the NCAA tournament only twice. The first time in 2002 and again this year, where for the first time, they finished in the Final Four. To celebrate their success, I include in the RECORD their names so their achievements may be remembered forever:

- No. 0, Brenen Lorient from Ocala, Florida
- No. 1, Johnell Davis from Gary, Indiana
- No. 2, Nick Boyd from Garnerville, New York
- No. 3, Giancarlo Rosado from West Palm Beach, Florida
- No. 4, Bryan Greenlee from Gainesville, Florida
- No. 5, Isaiah Gaines from Pensacola, Florida
- No. 11, Michael Forrest from Lauderdale, Florida
- No. 12, Jalen Gaffney from Columbus, New Jersey
- No. 13, Jack Johnson from White Plains, New York
- No. 15, Alijah Martin from Summit, Mississippi
- No. 21, Alejandro Ralat from San Juan, Puerto Rico
- No. 23, Brandon Weatherspoon from Canton, Mississippi
- No. 25, Tre Carroll from Punta Gorda, Florida
- No. 30, Leo Beath from Malibu, California
- No. 50, Vladislav Goldin from Nalchick, Russia

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's 23rd Congressional District, please join me in congratulating the FAU men's basketball team's historic Final Four finish in the 2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. They should be genuinely proud of their accomplishment.

HONORING SHARON STENSAAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Stensaas for her 25 years of serving our Yountville community through local journalism.

Ms. Stensaas founded the Yountville Sun 25 years ago with her husband, Oscar. She has served as the editor and publisher during the entirety of her tenure, working long hours to faithfully report the news.

The Yountville Sun is a weekly, local paper dedicated to local news that is impacting

Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, and unincorporated areas of Napa County adjacent to the Silverado Trail and Highway 29. The paper distributes about 3,700 copies every week which are all free of cost for the reader. The local issues the paper covers spans a wide range of topics including natural disasters, local government decisions, and wine news. In 2018, the paper did extensive and important coverage on the shooting at a veteran's home in Yountville.

Through the challenging Covid-19 pandemic, when many other publications closed, Ms. Stensaas kept the paper running to ensure her community was informed about public health information and other newsworthy events. In all her years of publishing, Ms. Stensaas only missed one week, when her beloved husband passed away.

In 2018, the Yountville Sun had the honor of being named "Small Business of the Year" by the Yountville Chamber of Commerce. The impact this paper had on our community is exemplified by a 2016 poll, conducted by the National Citizen Survey, which found that the Yountville Sun was a major source of news for 80 percent of people in the local survey.

Ms. Stensaas is devoted to providing her community with quality local news. She describes her time as the publisher and editor at the Yountville Sun as one of the best gifts of her life. She remains involved in the Yountville Sun as a member of the board of directors.

Ms. Stensaas is a proud graduate of California State University, Northridge. Outside of her work at the Sun, Ms. Stensaas is also known in her community for her generous nature, great sense of humor, enjoyment of fishing, and love for Yountville.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. Stensaas for her selfless service and commitment to the people of Yountville. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER MANGANELLO FOR HER YEARS OF CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Jennifer Manganello for her years of exemplary service to the United States House of Representatives, the citizens of my Congressional District, and American Democracy as a whole.

Jennifer officially joined my Scranton, Pennsylvania office in 2015 after serving as an intern the prior year. A Moreau Honors Scholar and magna cum laude graduate of Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, she received a bachelor's degree in American Studies and English and was named to the honor societies of Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill Honor Society and Sigma Tau Delta, the English National Honor Society.

She also studied abroad at England's University of Oxford, completing coursework on Victorian novels, Shakespeare, Nostalgia in American Culture, and novelist Philip Roth.

Jennifer's love of writing and the English language was evident in all her office roles but was especially apparent in the thousands of Congressional Records and Letters of Rec-

ognition she crafted to honor those deserving in my district. Thanks to her immense writing talents and abundance of creativity, every single one of the recognitions she penned came to life on the page.

She started off in my office as a Caseworker, serving as a dedicated community servant and helping our most vulnerable constituents find housing, resolve insurance issues, and secure financial assistance if struggling with household bills and food supplies.

She also served as the Program Manager for my district's Congressional Arts Competition and App Challenge, nurturing and mentoring student artists and encouraging participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

She most recently was a member of our Communications Team, serving as the Press and Media Manager, where once again her writing abilities continued to shine.

Sadly, yesterday was the last day Jennifer Manganello served in my office. She is on to the next phase of what will no doubt be an incredible career that will allow her to share her immense talents and consummate dedication to our country's democratic principles in order to further inspire citizen engagement, expand economic opportunities, and improve the world as we know it.

I thank you, Jennifer, for going above and beyond for our office and our district. I wish her much success with her new nonprofit role.

RECOGNIZING KEOKI KAUAO

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Thurston County, Washington, community. I would like to recognize Keoki Kauano and his dedication to supporting families in his role as Director of Father Engagement at Family Education and Support Services (FESS), as well as his work fighting for equity in Washington State.

A South Sound-based nonprofit 501c3 organization, FESS is focused on fostering positive child development and furnishing families with critical child-care and parental support resources. At FESS, Keoki has administered programs, trainings, and support services that connect parents with peer mentors, provide families with diapers and other child-care necessities, and offer evidence-based courses that promote healthy parenting practices.

Pulling from a diverse network of partner organizations across Washington State, FESS seeks to educate families and ensure healthy outcomes through community trainings. Among the many impactful community trainings offered by FESS is the Q.P.R. Suicide Prevention course, which gives individuals the tools that they need to identify warning signs and help those in crisis.

Aside from his work with FESS, Keoki sits on the board of the Equity in Education Coalition, which works to help close the opportunity gap for minority communities in Washington State, and serves on the Thurston County DEI Committee. Additionally, he is a member of

the State's Department for Children, Youth and Families Citizens Review Panel, which develops and recommends actions aimed at protecting youth and preserving families.

I am proud to shine a spotlight on such a fierce advocate for youth, students, and families here in our South Sound community.

HONORING JASMINE PALMER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jasmine Palmer whom I have named the 2023 Woman of the Year for Sonoma County because of her service to our community. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Palmer was born in Charleston, South Carolina, and grew up in Sonoma County where she still lives today with her two daughters. She is a distinguished community member who has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of vulnerable populations in our community.

Ms. Palmer has developed numerous programs to enrich the community, such as Art in the Park for our Unhoused Neighbors and the annual Breakfast Burrito Feed, both of which support at-risk populations with food and care packages. She has been involved in community projects for the past ten years, supporting incarcerated and unhoused individuals, and facilitating educational support groups for those dealing with these issues. Jasmine is committed to bringing more compassion and kindness into the world, as she knows first-hand the impact it can have on someone's life.

Last July, a major Residential Treatment Facility in Sonoma County called Athena House, was threatened with closure. Athena House provides housing and care for women and children who struggle with substance use. With its closure, the home's residents were at risk of losing their housing and medical treatment entirely. After hearing this news, Ms. Palmer, having been a part of the Athena House program, and her counterpart Brooke Igleheart Ross worked tirelessly to save this vital treatment center. They dedicated themselves to informing the community of how devastating the loss would be for those who need treatment, while also raising money to buy the property. Before the facility closed, they were able to help secure the funding, that made it possible to not only keep but also expand and enhance the program by partnering with Buckelew Programs.

Ms. Palmer is a tenacious and loyal community member who has been a fierce advocate for the needs of those struggling with substance abuse. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Sonoma County's 2023 Woman of the Year.

HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who, through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon, are visiting their memorials on the National Mall. When I meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of Abraham Lincoln, who said, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as he best can, the same cause—honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle." These words, Mr. Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one of them defended our freedom through acts of service, sacrifice, and bravery all on behalf of our country. It is my privilege to include in the Record their names.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are: Carlo Pelaccio, Navy; Richard Azhocar, Air Force; Arden Baker, Air Force; Charles Bamber, Navy; William Barry, Army; Stephen Bonebrake, Navy; Robert Bruton, Army; Brian Busch, Marine Corps/Army; Robert Crum, Navy; Larry Dickson, Army; George Eisenhauer, Army; Frank Escalante, Army; Carl Hanhart, Navy; Theodore Henderson, Army; Edward Hill, Marine Corps; James Jackson, Army; Robert Keller, Navy; Robert Kohlhoff, Navy; Jack Lillard, Army; Gary Lowe, Navy; Walter McPherson, Marine Corps; Robert Miller, Army; Michael Myers, Marine Corps; Riley Terrance, Army; David Roberts, Marine Corps; Douglas Schrueth, Army; Kelly Toller, Marine Corps. These heroes join over 240,000 Veterans, who since 2005, have been honored through the nationwide Honor Flight Network of volunteers. I would also like to recognize the volunteers and guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Paul Mills, Army; Robert Crum, Army; Douglas Hanhart, Navy; Michael Whitfield, Army; Robert Allen, Army; James Scroggins, Marine Corps; Earl Snellings, Navy.

Mr. Speaker, in his 1983 radio address to the Nation, Ronald Reagan said, "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us." As a Nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily underwent the dangers necessary to preserve our country. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

TRIBUTE TO CONGREGATION KOL AMI

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congregation Kol Ami of West Hollywood, California, upon its 30th anniversary.

Established in 1992 by Founding Rabbi Denise L. Eger as a Progressive/Reform Synagogue, Congregation Kol Ami has been faithfully serving the LGBTQ+ and Jewish community for three decades, where it is committed to advancing diversity, social justice, Jewish traditions, and progressive spirituality.

Congregation Kol Ami, which in Hebrew means "the voice of my people," numbers around 225 households, with members representing a diverse spectrum of gender identities and Jewish backgrounds. The synagogue has been known internationally for its advocacy of LGBTQ+ rights and for being a refuge for persons with HIV and AIDS.

Aside from Jewish Holy Day and Shabbat worship, the congregation offers a monthly HIV+ support group, DocJewmentary film series, access to classes at a religious school for children from kindergarten to 12th grade, free career coach services, social worker services through the EZRA Network, and various other lectures and classes. In 2021, Congregation Kol Ami hosted a special interfaith observance in honor of World AIDS Day and partnered with the National AIDS Memorial to host the 50,000 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in West Hollywood.

The synagogue was awarded with the Los Angeles Blade's Best House of Worship Award for several years, along with winning the Editor's Choice Award in 2020.

It is my privilege to recognize Congregation Kol Ami on its 30th anniversary of upholding Jewish tradition and fostering an active community. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in wishing Congregation Kol Ami and its congregants continued prosperity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JOHN MORDASKY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Mr. John Mordasky of Stafford, Connecticut. The Town of Stafford, State of Connecticut and our nation lost a giant whose example of public service citizenship will leave a gigantic footprint with his passing at age 97 on April 1, 2023. John's amazing life could be the script of a Hollywood movie, given his courageous service as a decorated World War II combat veteran, Connecticut state representative, his lifelong vocation as an iconic New England dairy farmer, and his deep devotion to his beautiful family. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to know John as a friend for 36 years and to serve with him in the Connecticut General Assembly for eight years. He will always stand out to me as the quintessential model of public servant who always put the public interest and the public good above petty, political or personal gain.