

CELEBRATING THE 86TH
BIRTHDAY OF FROSTY TAYLOR

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 86th birthday of a fellow patriot and founder of the Wickenburg Republican Club, Mrs. Frosty Taylor.

Born in 1937, Frosty grew up on her grandfather's cattle ranch in Montrose, South Dakota. After graduating from Iowa's Atlantic High School in 1955, Frosty married her high school sweetheart and started a family, which has now grown to include 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 3 wonderful great-grandchildren.

Shortly after winning the Mrs. Nebraska pageant in 1964, Frosty embarked on a career in the media. From 1967 through 1983, Frosty rose through the ranks at Paradise Valley News, starting as a columnist and quickly advancing to the position of editor. She was the first female reporter to ride in a Phoenix Police helicopter and was named honorary Phoenix Fire Department firefighter in Station 32.

In the years following, Frosty continued in communications as editor and publisher at Paradise Valley Voice from 1983 through 1989. After great success in the media industry, Frosty worked in the Arizona Attorney General's office for both Robert Corbin and the late Grant Woods. Frosty's next professional adventure was a 10-year stint as an officer with the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund.

However, Mrs. Frosty Taylor's dedication to her community has not concluded. At a vibrant 86 years old, she currently serves as President of the Wickenburg Republican Club and is one of her district's precinct committee-women and state committeeman, while covering news throughout Arizona as editor of the Republican Briefs. The Wickenburg community should be proud to have such a compassionate leader. Frosty has spent many years serving Arizona, and she is just getting started.

I congratulate Mrs. Frosty Taylor on celebrating 86 years and thank her for her continued work in our great state of Arizona.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM CLAIRE
FOR HIS POEM, THE HEARTBEAT
OF CAPE HENLOPEN PARK

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a poem by Mr. William Claire, a distinguished poet, essayist, and author who made Lewes, Delaware his home. This poem speaks to the First State's captivating beauty and reminds us to treasure and protect our coastlines. It is my sincere hope that all who read Mr. Claire's poem are similarly inspired to reflect on the magnificence of the natural world.

It's elemental, dear Señor Neruda,
like your ode to glories
of bird watching; "sailors of the air,"
or, if near here, por ejemplo

horseshoe crab-eggs
at spawning time,
God's manna for valiant red knots
flying nonstop from the southern tip
of Patagonia in your Tierra del Fuego
enroute to a frigid Arctic
surviving and doubling their weight
at paradise here on earth . . .
Ruddy turnstones nibbling now
at ocean's edge; the pulse and throb
of The Great Dune Overlook
where we bring visitors
from a land-locked midwest
with a diminishing August
daylight mist off the Atlantic
knowing we are all stage-struck
passers-by on specks of land
windblown here whether
we do or do not witness this Dune
sand hill built by the aeolian process . . .
Our treasured land safe
from a decaying half-life of time
and tempests, nurturing now
exotic plants and animals
where once lonely sentries
in Ghost Towers kept watch
by day & unearthly nights,
targeting by triangulation
German submarines prowling
our shores; programmed
by madmen with desperate dreams
until their surrender here:
restored natural harmonies:
say now with reverence . . .
piping plovers, shifting sands,
wind, water, air, sanderlings
majestic now from our
mini-Mt. Olympus-like view
and utopian spur of land.

RECOGNIZING NOTRE DAME ACAD-
EMY'S GIRLS BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Notre Dame Academy Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2023 WIAA Division 2 State Championship.

Achieving the title of State Champion is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work that the coaches and players display every day throughout the season. After beating No. 3 ranked McFarland in the semifinals the Tritons advanced to the finals where they faced No. 1 ranked Pewaukee who handed them their only defeat of the season. The Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team dominated with their strong offense capturing the state title over Pewaukee in the Championship game with a 64-49 win at the Resch Center.

I applaud Coach Sara Rhode and the entire Lady Triton team for their outstanding performance during the 2023 Girls basketball season. Winning one golden ball much less three in a row is a feat that you and the entire Notre Dame community should be incredibly proud of.

Following years of hard work, the Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team has left a remarkable legacy that will be remembered by the Green Bay community for years to come. The team won their third consecutive Division 2 state title while also setting a WIAA record for the most points scored in the State Tournament. It is quite evident that the Notre Dame Girls Basketball Team has become a

powerhouse in Division 2 throughout the years securing titles in 2000, 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the entire Lady Triton coaching staff and team for their outstanding display at the 2023 Division 2 State Girls Basketball Tournament. It is my honor to recognize these young women and I wish them nothing but the best for seasons to come.

HONORING MAYOR JOE SHEGOG,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Marks Mayor, the Honorable Joe Shegog, Jr.

Through this revealing communiqué about his incredible life and his accomplished career, Joe Shegog, Jr. is very pensive as he shares the lessons he has seen and learned on how to live and work. The Crowder, Mississippi raised, Shegog has always felt an appreciation for leadership and management—simply leading by example and being an effective part of the team.

"I am actually standing on the shoulders of my folks," Shegog cheerfully declares. The down-to-earth city official grew up in a tight-knit and strong upbringing family alongside his parents, Joe and Elnora Shegog and seven siblings—Joretha, Celestine, Emmett, Magnolia, Joyce, Peggy, and David. However, the Quitman County native has lived in Marks, Mississippi most of his adult life.

Shegog graduated from the Quitman County High School in 1971. Thereafter, while studying at nearby Coahoma Community College, he found an interest in local voter registrations, county and state elections, and his true calling, city government as an alderman and finally mayor—all changed his life.

Shegog married his wife, Deloise Jackson (of 40 years), and is the father of 3 daughters—Tunya, Nicole, and Megan; the grandfather to 4; and the great-grandfather of 1.

Shegog began his career as a railroad employee and an appliance repairman before pivoting to a social worker and a politician. He prides himself on having an eye for what is important and what is likely to have a profound effect on success, survival, and well-being, whether he is managing city operations, examining proposed budgets, overseeing public service departments, presiding at meetings of the board/council, or attending church services.

Shegog, 69, has become one of the most admired and respected men in Marks and Quitman County. He is known for the principles instilled in him from his parents as much as his leadership qualities that have sharpened his aim and direction for the City of Marks, although this is his passion and his life's works.

During his life and career, Shegog always strives to leave things better than the way he found them. He has enjoyed success as mayor for three decades plus, and Marks has been bookended with a "Shegog-lead City" that will echo for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Joe Shegog, Jr. for his

dedication to serving this great state and country.

RECOGNIZING DUANE FLADLAND,
20 YEARS WITH THE SMALL
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-
TER

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Duane Fladland for his many years of service for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and to congratulate him on his retirement as SBDC's State Director.

Duane guided the organization through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading a coalition of skilled advisors to help thousands of small businesses persevere through the crisis. Duane procured federal funding to relieve businesses owners, while also expanding local funding matching resources. He created the Center for Business Resiliency to mitigate the financial impacts of future business interruptions. Throughout his time as State Director, Duane helped the organization achieve their annual goals, including a yearly increase in our deliverables of over 60%. Duane's colleagues recognize him as a strong, adaptable, and resilient leader.

My staff and I have had the privilege of working with Duane on multiple occasions. Through his productive relationships with several elected officials, Duane has helped the SBDC gain exposure at both the state and federal level. His dedication, commitment, and leadership has pushed the organization to support small business owners across Washington state in an effective and human way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Duane Fladland for his career helping businesses grow and succeed, and I wish him a happy retirement.

U.S. CONTINUING SUPPORT OF
UKRAINE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the following article from The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina, "Commentary: US should not cut military aid to Ukraine," published by Mark J. Duffy on March 30, 2023. It is recognition of the bravery and courage of Ukrainians in their fight for freedom and democracy against war criminal Putin's murderous and destructive invasion. American families freedom is based on victory by democracies with Rule of Law prevailing over authoritarians with Rule of Gun.

As the United States continues to ramp up billions of dollars in aid to Ukraine, public sentiment in South Carolina and across the nation is turning against more aid being sent to Ukraine. In recent days, President Xi Jinping of China and President Vladimir Putin of Russia met to deepen their cooperation, following reports that China may soon provide artillery and drones to its "dear friend" Russia.

I have a different perspective, based on my childhood growing up in a divided island, my work with China and more recently my work with Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

I grew up in Ireland during the Troubles, where I saw loyalists (protestants who wanted Northern Ireland to remain part of Great Britain) and republicans (Catholics who wanted Northern Ireland to be part of the Republic of Ireland) engage in dialogue and negotiations to bring peace to the island. Growing up on an island with a history of violent conflict, I saw that when different ethnic groups and countries work together to resolve conflict, peace and prosperity will soon follow.

In my first job out of university in 2013, as a public relations account lead, I worked with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. Reflecting on my youthful idealism, I realize I was naive in believing that the United States and China could work together to solve some of the world's greatest challenges. After a year of working with Chinese diplomats on media relations, dealing with sensitive issues, I resigned as it became clear to me that the Chinese Communist Party represents a clear and present danger to U.S. national security interests.

Whether it's stealing U.S. intellectual property, using unfair trade practices to kill American jobs, arming America's enemies or covering up the origins of the COVID-19 virus, I have no doubt in my mind that the party's members will stop at nothing in their quest to be the world's largest superpower.

Now let me tell you about my first-hand experience working for "the Servant of the People" political party, which was led by a comedian named Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In 2019, when I began to work with his team, I was personally attacked for helping a new young aspiring politician with a transformational vision. The media at the time and the elites in Washington were suspicious of then-candidate Zelenskyy. But I was very proud of the work that I did to help a young political leader and those around him at such a pivotal time in our history.

Fast forward to today and President Zelenskyy has demonstrated his true character to the world, showing unprecedented leadership in standing up to Russian aggression. President Zelenskyy famously said "I need ammunition, not a ride" when U.S. officials offered to evacuate him in the hours after the invasion. The strength of President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people should show us all that we have a strong partner in Ukraine. At its core, this ongoing fight is about supporting freedom and democratic ambitions in the face of autocracy.

Here in South Carolina, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has made clear that Congress must continue to provide financial assistance to Ukraine and pointed out that "we cannot let Putin's bluster and threats determine the course of freedom for the 21st century." Sen. Graham argues that "we must designate Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism under U.S. law" to ensure that "any lethal assistance to Russia, provided by China, is devastating to the Chinese economy."

As a country, we can either pay now or we will pay much more later. Putin will not stop in Ukraine. Our adversary China will see any withdrawal in U.S. support for Ukraine as a sign that it will not face consequences if it invades Taiwan.

U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's comment that he will not support a blank check for Ukraine makes sense. It's imperative that the Congress conduct aggressive oversight to ensure that all aid going to Ukraine is being used most effectively.

As President Ronald Reagan reminds us, "America is a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people

everywhere. "Now is not the time to cut U.S. military aid and hurt freedom-loving people in Ukraine. Stopping Putin and Xi in Ukraine is an absolute necessity for the national security of South Carolinians and millions of American families.

Political leaders in Congress and here in South Carolina must stand strong against autocratic regimes that want to crush freedom. Supporting Ukraine is smarter and cheaper than the alternative of standing by and doing nothing.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE OXFORD PER-
FORMING ARTS CENTER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Located at 100 Choccolocco Street in Oxford, Alabama, the building which houses the Oxford Performing Arts Center was once home to a school and then a city hall before becoming vacant for decades. Construction began in 2011 to restore the building to its former glory.

Over its 10 years in existence, the Oxford Performing Arts Center has hosted a wide range of musical and dramatical genres. Just as diverse as its musical and dramatical genres are the performers that come from all around the world to play at the Oxford Performing Arts Center, having hosted an international musical competition in 2022 with another schedule for August of 2023. Statistics show that it is the busiest stage in Alabama.

I am proud to congratulate the people of Oxford for reaching such a historic milestone. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Oxford Performing Arts Center for its 10th anniversary, and I hope that this institution will continue to serve the patrons of Alabama and around the world for many years to come.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT
LINES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor American President Lines, upon celebrating its 175th anniversary as a United States flag carrier. Since its inception, American President Lines has played a vital role in our country's maritime industry, providing critical support to the U.S. Flag ocean vessel fleet.

Originally founded in 1848, as the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, American President Lines first worked to bring U.S. mail from Panama City, Colombia to Astoria, Oregon. This service proved crucial in connecting the Eastern and Western United States on the eve of the gold rush.

Almost twenty years later, The Pacific Mail's SS *Colorado* was the first steamship to begin regular service across the Pacific Ocean, connecting San Francisco to Hong Kong and significantly expanding American commerce. In