

raising \$400,000 for the Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gladys Knight. She has graced the world with her talent, and it is a privilege to celebrate her success and place in history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 255 on H.R. 1615, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "yea" when I should have voted "no".

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY OF OWEN BURNS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a young hero from Alpena, Michigan. Fourteen-year-old Owen Burns sprang into action to protect his sister from an attempted kidnapping. On May 10, 2023, Owen's 8-year-old sister had been looking for mushrooms in their backyard when a person attempted to kidnap her. Witnessing the harrowing scene, Owen didn't hesitate to hurl objects at the assailant with his slingshot, striking him in the head and chest, which later helped police to identify the suspect. His actions displayed extraordinary courage in the face of danger and for his quick response, I am grateful.

No child should have to be put under that level of duress, but Owen did what we all as parents and grandparents would hope our children might do. He leapt into action and bravely fought for the life of his sister. Releasing those two shots from his slingshot, Owen was able to distract and disorient his sister's attacker long enough for her to escape. Out of the grasp of her attacker, Owen's sister was able to make it back safely to the house.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the heroic actions of Alpena-native Owen Burns who saved his sister from a would-be kidnapping. Owen thwarted the attack and because of him, we are celebrating her rescue and not mourning a tragedy. I want to thank Owen for his selfless courage and also want to acknowledge his little sister for her fortitude. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Owen and his family and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING HOUSTON ACADEMY AS THE 2023 3A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Houston Academy as

the 2023 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 3A Baseball Series Champions. It is my honor to congratulate all the players and coaches on a successful performance and season.

This team showed consistent dedication and determination during this challenging season, for which their efforts have now been rewarded. The Houston Academy Raiders won the third and final game against Gordo High School during the high-stakes championship. Their determination and persistence truly shined through their excellent performance.

Under the leadership of Coach Tony Kirkland, the Raiders' incredible program brought its third state baseball championship back to Houston Academy. Coach Kirkland was also named the Class 3A State Coach of the Year. He showcases a remarkable life rooted in service and humility. I congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement and his remarkable legacy.

I also congratulate Wyatt Shelley, freshman third baseman, on his recognition of 3A State Hitter of the Year.

As valued men of God, it is inspiring to see their proven sacrifice and devotion during this season. Our community remains proud of these outstanding young men who have represented both their school, and our state well in this season.

1 Peter 4:10 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." The Houston Academy Raiders have embodied exactly what it means to use your gifts for good throughout this season.

The Second Congressional District of Alabama is fortunate to have outstanding young men like them. Again, I thank the gentleman of Houston Academy's baseball team for all their hard work. Congratulations for achieving this impressive milestone once again.

RECOGNIZING ASTRONAUT AND MOUNT AYR NATIVE PEGGY WHITSON

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize astronaut and Mount Ayr native, Peggy Whitson, on her return to space.

Peggy has spent her career making history. She was the first female to command the International Space Station.

At only 57 years young, she became the oldest woman to walk in space and holds the record for most space walks by any woman or American astronaut, male or female.

In total, Peggy has flown three long-duration missions, conducted ten space walks, has over sixty Extra-Vehicular Activities, and performed hundreds of experiments on the International Space Station.

She has spent a total of 665 days in space, making her America's most experienced astronaut. Last week, she rocketed back to Earth after another mission to the International Space Station as commander for the first-ever private space mission.

Congratulations and we are excited to see her soar once again.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF LES CHENEAU GOLF CLUB

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 125th Anniversary of Les Cheneaux Golf Club in Cedarville, Michigan. Established in 1898, the Les Cheneaux Club began as a modest operation that quickly developed into one of Michigan's premier golfing venues. Resting on the previous homestead of devout Jesuit, Andrew Piret, Les Cheneaux Golf Club is rich in local history and has endured immense changes throughout its storied past.

Beginning as a dually developed course by W.M. Derby and W.H. Crawford, the location opened in May of 1898 and was soon redesigned in the early 1900's to meet the demand of evolving players and the surrounding community. Following the innate flow of the land, the design of the course utilizes natural obstacles to provide a classic and enjoyable experience to the player. Playing a round at the Les Cheneaux Golf Club allows for someone to walk through local history while engaging with one of Michigan's most beautiful and significant courses.

Acting as an outlet for youth development, Les Cheneaux Golf Club also offers a plethora of camps and classes which mold future golfers and create upstanding individuals, both on and off of the course. The club has continually worked to improve the local community and they deserve our utmost respect for being one of Michigan's oldest and continually played courses.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Les Cheneaux Golf Club for 125 years of continuous operation and for becoming an historical centerpiece of Michigan. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish the club, its staff, and the local community the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MRS. CAROLYN APPEGATE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carolyn Applegate of Queen City, Missouri. Carolyn retired from her position as a second-grade teacher for the Schuyler R-1 School District at the end of the school year, closing the book on a remarkable 28-year career.

A good education is one of the building blocks of a strong citizenry, particularly in rural America. Few individuals can touch the hearts and minds of young people like teachers. They serve the public in ways many others cannot and forge the fate of our Nation for generations to come. Mrs. Applegate has been exemplary in her service to Schuyler County and her students. In her nearly three-decade career, she continued to be the definition of what an educator should be: caring, committed, and patient.

Although her time as a teacher for Schuyler R-1 schools has come to an end, she will always be remembered as a world-class educator. Mrs. Applegate's impact to her community will be carried on in the students she taught. Her much-deserved retirement will be spent making new memories with her friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me and the people of the Sixth Congressional District in thanking Carolyn Applegate. I am proud to represent her in the United States House of Representatives and wish her well in her retirement.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH 2023

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, it is a joy to celebrate Pride 2023. Each June, LGBTQ+ Americans show pride for their community by celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of those throughout history and commemorating their long fight for dignity and equality in this country.

Over the course of many decades, LGBTQ+ Americans have secured significant gains in their efforts to live freely and authentically as their true selves. While we celebrate these gains, we must never forget the history of Pride and why we celebrate in June. June 28, 1969, marked the beginning of the Stonewall Uprising, when LGBTQ+ Americans fought back against discriminatory raids at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. Activists including Marsha P. Johnson were on the frontlines of this rebellion and took a righteous stand against the criminalization of homosexuality. The events of the Stonewall Uprising represented a seismic shift in the way Americans thought about LGBTQ+ activism. The first Pride march was celebrated one year later on June 28, 1970.

Inspired by the righteous stand taken by Johnson and fellow activists, LGBTQ+ Americans have spoken out about the dangerous repercussions of homophobia, transphobia, and other forms of hate. Despite tremendous progress in the years since Stonewall, acts of bigotry and discrimination against members of the LGBTQ+ community have claimed the lives of gay and lesbian Americans, and violence has been particularly devastating to transgender women of color. It is imperative that while we celebrate Pride, we continue to stand strong in the fight for the rights of all Americans in the face of intolerance and hatred. No American should fear expressing their true identity and living as their authentic self.

Here in Georgia, we are lucky to be served and represented by our own LGBTQ+ history makers at many levels of government. Sam Park, who represents Georgia House District 107 in Lawrenceville, made history as the first openly gay man elected to the Georgia State House in 2016. Everton Blair, a Gwinnett County native who represents District 4 on the Gwinnett County Board of Education, became the board's first openly gay member in 2018, as well as the first person of color elected to the Gwinnett County school board. Gwinnett County District 2 Commissioner Ben Ku also

made history in 2018 as the first LGBTQ+ commissioner elected in Gwinnett County. I am proud that the elected officials that I work with back home are such an important part of Georgia's LGBTQ+ history.

Since coming to Congress, it has been my honor to work with, learn from, and represent members of the LGBTQ+ community. As we celebrate Pride Month 2023, may we look back with reverence on the sacrifices made by activists and leaders who came before us, and march forward with joy and optimism for a future built on the progress of the many contributions of everyday LGBTQ+ Americans. This month and always, I am happy to celebrate Pride alongside them and continue the fight for dignity and equality for all.

RECOGNIZING DR. LAURA COLEMAN FOR 16 YEARS OF SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF BAY COLLEGE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Laura Coleman for 16 years of service as President of Bay College. Set to retire on June 30th, Laura has carved out a positive legacy for herself as the longest serving President in the institution's illustrious history. She has secured countless grants and development opportunities for students and has prioritized their success on an individual basis. Her undying commitment to her students has changed countless lives and will continue to do so long after her retirement.

Starting her time as President of Bay College in 2006, Laura strived to create the best place for students to learn and develop themselves for life beyond the classroom. She helped to spearhead the renovation of over 70 percent of campus buildings and to establish new academic and extracurricular opportunities for students to foster success on all fronts. Laura's holistic approach to cultivating a well-rounded student also led to the reintroduction of athletics in 2017, creating a greater sense of community within the institution.

With Laura at the helm, Bay College has further cemented itself as a respected academic institution and has expanded its student-centric outreach. She deserves our unwavering respect and gratitude for her tireless service to her students and colleagues during her tenure.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Laura Coleman on her upcoming retirement after 16 years as President of Bay College. She has become a respected and loved fixture of the Bay College family and will be missed by many within the institution and community. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Laura and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING KURT NELSON

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today, along with my esteemed colleagues,

Senator Mike Crapo and Senator Jim Risch, to recognize the retirement of Kurt Nelson from the U.S. Forest Service. After 45 years of service as a United States Forest Service employee, Kurt retired on June 3, 2023.

Kurt started his career on June 4, 1978, in the Carson National Forest as a Wildlife Biologist. He was quickly reassigned to the Chugach National Forest as a Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist. In 1985, he was promoted to District Ranger in the Cordova Ranger District until August of 1988, when he accepted the Forest Staff Officer position in the Payette National Forest. In 1994, he joined the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project as Terrestrial Science Team Co-leader. The "Columbia Basin" Project was a monumental project that still impacts how forests and irrigation projects are managed today.

In 1995, Kurt accepted the Ketchum Ranger District position in the Sawtooth National Forest and since then he has served the community, elected officials, partners, and agencies across the Wood River Valley. Kurt has served as Agency administrator on fires all over the region and has spent countless hours sharing his wealth of knowledge with new employees on fire assignments.

His knowledge and leadership during fire season was invaluable, most notably for the Castle Rock Fire 2007 (48,000 acres), Beaver Creek Fire 2013 (113,000 acres), and Sharps Fire 2018 (65,000 acres). Each of these three fires were Type 1 long duration fires during peak August visitor seasons, which required up to 2,000 fire personnel and resulted in no serious injuries and only one home lost. There was, however, a severe impact to the local economy and the evacuation of several thousand people. Because of Kurt's excellent leadership, the agency received strong community support throughout the fires' durations and the following debris flows that damaged trails, bridges, and roads.

Kurt's leadership has also led to outstanding partnerships with the local community, a few of which include the 5BRC Coalition, Wood River Trails Coalition, National Forest Foundation, and Blaine County. Combining public and private support has allowed the Ketchum Ranger District to successfully rebuild over 100 miles of trails, rebuild several miles of road, and relocate roads out of riparian zones prone to washout and flooding. Kurt's assistance in developing these partnerships was instrumental in restoring iconic structures, developing recreational trails, and providing resources to local tribes.

There are several significant projects in the Wood River Valley area which can be attributed directly to Kurt's leadership and community relationships: the Bald Mountain Stewardship Project, the restoration of the iconic Pioneer Cabin, development of the world renowned Osberg Ridge Trail, and the Adams Gulch adaptive sports trail and trailhead which allows people of all abilities to enjoy mountain biking.

I thank Kurt for his loyal service to the Forest Service and to Idaho. We appreciated working with him. I hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.