

year with skillful plays that they have tirelessly trained for.

The Colonels were visibly determined to bring the state title back to the mountains. Grant Zehr, a senior pitcher, dominated the baseball mound with 96 pitches in the final game, earning the MVP award for the tournament. Bryce Anderson scored the first run thanks to an RBI ground out by Sam Harp, who scored again in the sixth inning by courageously stealing home plate, a rare feat at any level of competition. The team's stellar defense then held the Rockets to one run, securing the highly coveted banner for Whitley County High School.

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the people of southern and eastern Kentucky in celebration of the Whitley County High School Baseball Team and the coaching staff for winning the state championship. Their achievement will undoubtedly encourage our young mountain student athletes to dream bigger, knowing the state title is always within reach with sheer perseverance, excellent coaching, and hard work.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN
KLINKENBERG

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and celebrate Kevin Klinkenberg for his service to the New Democrat Coalition. Kevin has been an incredible and integral member of the New Dem team, and we thank him for his 2 years of service.

In my capacity as New Dem Vice Chair of Outreach, I have had the sincere pleasure of working closely with Kevin to strengthen our Coalition's outreach efforts to key stakeholder groups. From relationships with labor organizations to the business community, Kevin has undoubtedly strengthened the New Dem brand through his ability to convene diverse groups and facilitate important dialogues.

Throughout my tenure as Vice Chair, I have had the privilege to observe Kevin's dedication and remarkable work ethic firsthand. I can say with certainty that the Coalition's success would not be possible without Kevin's contributions.

As Kevin departs to join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison, New Dems can be sure he will continue to demonstrate the qualities that made him such an integral member of our team. I wish him well, and I look forward to witnessing all the incredible work he will accomplish throughout his career.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ELISE JONES
MARTIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer, fearless business owner, voting rights advocate, and my good

friend, Elise Jones Martin. Mrs. Martin transitioned from this life on June 1, 2023, in Palo Alto, California. Having lived in Columbia, South Carolina, for the majority her life, Mrs. Martin was a pillar of our community who was widely loved and respected for her tenacity and compassion.

Elise Jones Martin was born on February 7, 1915, in Hartsville, South Carolina. She was raised in a loving home by her mother, Fannie Jones, who worked as a seamstress to support her and her siblings after the passing of their father. By age 20, Mrs. Martin had graduated from cosmetology school in New Jersey and settled in Columbia, South Carolina, where she opened her first beauty shop. A successful business owner, she owned several successful beauty shops in the state. She would go on to open Elise Beauty Shop in downtown Columbia and become the first Black person to own a business on Main Street.

In addition to her business acumen, Mrs. Martin was deeply dedicated to her education and passing the gift of knowledge onto others. She took classes at South Carolina State University, Allen University, and Benedict College. Mrs. Martin would go on to become a beloved cosmetology teacher of 27 years at Columbia's Booker T. Washington High School. In addition, Mrs. Martin often kept in touch with her former students, offering insight and guidance as they embarked on future endeavors.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Martin was a highly involved member of the community and volunteered her spare time to bettering the lives of others. She was involved with many groups, including the Columbia Housing Authority, the Clyburn Golf Center Committee, the Columbia Zoning Commission, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, the City Beautification Committee, the Drew Park Board, and the Jones-McDonald Community Club, which was co-founded by her mother. Additionally, she was a recipient of the Enduring Spirit Award from the Columbia Museum of Art and received accolades from the Columbia City Council and the American Cancer Society.

Having grown up in the Jim Crow South and enduring difficulty at the polls, Mrs. Martin closely cherished her civic activities. She became a prominent voting rights advocate in South Carolina. In addition to spending decades registering people to vote and guiding them through the voting process, Mrs. Martin served as a poll worker for more than 30 years, well into her nineties. She famously met Barack Obama whilst he was running for President, telling him proudly, "You are a good man. You've got good brains and don't you stop."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the incredible and inspiring life of Elise Jones Martin. She is remembered fondly by her three children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, the products of a more than 50-year loving marriage to the dearly departed Montez Martin, Sr. Throughout her life, she remained steadfast in her dedication to her state and extending the greatness of this country to all Americans. She will be sorely missed and well-remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN
SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION ON
THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the power of the sportfishing industry and to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). ASA has played a vital role in preserving and promoting our cherished fishing tradition in this great Nation. From striped bass off the Atlantic coast, grouper species in the southeastern United States and Gulf of Mexico, catfish and trout throughout America's rivers and lakes, to salmon and mahi on the west coast, the United States is truly the envy of anglers throughout the world. Over 52.4 million Americans participate in recreational fishing every year and thanks to ASA's efforts, this number continues to rise.

Anglers contribute over \$148 billion in economic output, contribute \$1.8 billion towards conservation, and support 945,500 jobs across the country. Sportfishing is a powerful driver of the U.S. economy, thanks in large part to efforts that ASA and all its members within the sportfishing industry have accomplished since their inception.

For the past 90 years, the American Sportfishing Association has been at the forefront of protecting and advancing the interests of recreational fishermen across the United States. Through collaborative partnerships with government agencies, conservation organizations and industry stakeholders, they have played a pivotal role in shaping policies that promote responsible fishing practices, support habitat restoration, and safeguard the rights of anglers. ASA has supported meaningful legislation that has advanced conservation efforts throughout the years, such as the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, which established an excise tax for the conservation, management and enhancement of sport fisheries and their habitats. More recently, ASA has been a leading advocate for pivotal conservation legislation such as the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act, America's Conservation Enhancement Act and the Great American Outdoors Act. To this day, ASA supports conservation efforts on Capitol Hill and beyond and is a champion of access to fish, abundant fisheries, fair trade and commerce.

ASA has also been instrumental in fostering a deep appreciation for the great outdoors and inspiring future generations to enjoy the sport of fishing. Their educational initiatives and angler retention campaigns, such as "Fishing, Share the Fun," help to introduce new anglers, both young and old, to fishing and provide them with a lifetime of enjoyment in the sport. ASA is also a supporter of legislation that introduces children to fishing, as seen in their efforts to support the Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act.

Beyond their advocacy efforts, ASA serves as a unifying force within the angling community, bringing together diverse stakeholders, manufacturers, retailers, and fishing enthusiasts under one common purpose: the preservation and promotion of our Nation's rich fishing heritage. Every year the American Sportfishing Association hosts ICAST, the

world's largest sportfishing trade show, bringing thousands of Americans from all 50 states and over 70 countries together to showcase the latest innovations in sportfishing equipment and technology that their members have manufactured. ASA's I CAST also provides a platform for anglers and the sportfishing industry professionals to collaborate, share knowledge and form lifelong friendships dedicated to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the American Sportfishing Association for their 90 years of service to the angling community. Their unwavering commitment to the sport, conservation and education has enriched the lives of countless Americans and will continue to do so for generations to come. Congratulations to ASA, their President Glenn Hughes and all their dedicated staff and members. Here's to the Association's next 90 years.

**CELEBRATING CRYSTAL RIVER,
FLORIDA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the city of Crystal River, Florida's 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on July 3, 2023. This city is home to more than 3,500 residents and to some of the most beautiful natural resources on the planet. More than half a million people from around the world travel to Crystal River each year to kayak, fish, dive, swim with the manatees and enjoy the pristine waterways within this gem of Florida's Nature Coast. Trip Advisor lists Crystal River's own Three Sisters Springs as one of the Top 10 Places in the World to Visit Before You Die. Crystal River is also home to a National Wildlife Refuge located in Kings Bay, which consists of 20 islands and small parcels of that that was established in 1983 to protect the West Indian manatee. In addition to its tremendous natural resources, the people of Crystal River are its best asset. The residents work together to create a sense of community and ensure that their city remains a wonderful place to live, work and play. Over the last 100 years, Crystal River has achieved many important accomplishments:

In 1924, its first school was built.

In 1933, airport construction began.

In 1939, the first ever City Hall building was built.

In 1948, Crystal River High School became state football champions.

In 1951, Paradise Point, a deluxe resort for sportsman was built.

In 1961, Elvis Presley visited to film "Follow that Dream".

In 1969, Crystal River schools were fully integrated.

In 1975, The federal government designated the Crystal River and Kings Bay as critical habitats for the manatees.

In 1976, the Crystal River nuclear power plant opened.

In 1978, Seven Rivers Community Hospital opened.

In 2013, Three Sisters Springs was featured in National Geographic Magazine.

In 2015, Crystal River became a Main Street community.

I look forward to working with the residents and compassionate leaders of Crystal River as we celebrate many more important milestones in this wonderful city within the years to come.

BIDEN SUBVERTS RULE OF LAW

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the failure to lawfully secure the border by Biden and liberal Democrats have encouraged dangerous surges in crossings of illegal aliens. This invasion exposes families to potential terrorists, human trafficking, and dangerous drugs.

The intentional failure at the border will be further documented on July 4th with the release of the movie "Sound of Freedom" at theaters nationwide. In it, Americans can see the true story of the rescue of children from sex traffickers, directed by Alejandro Monteverde with cast of Jim Caviezel, Mira Servino, Kurt Fuller, Bill Camp, Jose Zuniga, Scott Haze, Gerardo Taracena, and Eduardo Verastegui.

Since Biden took office, over 5.2 million illegal aliens have crossed the Southern Border and 1.5 million aliens have evaded apprehension. Among these numbers include over 200 on the terrorist watchlist, putting families everywhere at risk of mass murder. Rule of law is subverted benefiting illegal aliens and the Biden Family with the Hunter Biden plea deal as President Trump is targeted with fabricated hoaxes.

Over 100,000 Americans die annually by drug overdose, including those affected by materials supplied by the Chinese Communist Party. In the last six months, over 19,000 pounds of the deadly drug fentanyl have been seized at the border.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with open Biden borders.

CELEBRATING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.-THAILAND ALLIANCE

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. MCCORMICK. I rise today to commemorate and honor the 190th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand. As our two nations celebrate this historic milestone, I want to acknowledge the enduring bond of trust and collaboration since the signing of the 1833 Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

I want to reflect on the remarkable journey we have shared with our oldest treaty ally in the Asia-Pacific region and celebrate the invaluable partnership that has flourished between our nations. Thailand was designated a major non-NATO ally in 2003 and is one of the strongest security partners of the United States. The annual Cobra Gold Exercise re-

mains the largest multinational military exercise in the Indo-Pacific region. Our two countries have fought side by side in countless conflicts such as the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and most notably Thailand was one of the first Asian nations to commit troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.

The longstanding friendship and partnership between The United States and Thailand has been a cornerstone of stability and progress in the Asia-Pacific region with multilateral agreements that have furthered our shared commitment to democratic values, human rights, and economic cooperation. This is reflected in the U.S.-Thailand Communiqué on Strategic Alliance and Partnership, signed last year, and the first ever U.S.-Thailand Strategic and Defense Dialogue held last year.

We must recognize Thailand's unwavering commitment to our shared values throughout the ebbs and flows of shared adversity and prosperity. Therefore, I warmly thank the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington, D.C. for organizing the Sawasdee Thai Festival, which commemorates the enduring friendship between our two nations.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, it is essential to recognize the individuals who have contributed to enhancing the understanding and strengthening the ties between our nations. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and recognition to Park Boonnuch, who has provided invaluable assistance to my Congressional Office and been a valuable help in various matters of Foreign Affairs.

Through Mr. Boonnuch's dedication and expertise, we have gained a deeper understanding of the Thai people's rich culture, history, and aspirations. Mr. Boonnuch has also demonstrated a strong passion for understanding the intricacies of the United States government system. We have witnessed his desire to acquire knowledge and share this newfound wisdom to improve U.S.-Thailand cooperation.

As a result of his tireless efforts, not only have we witnessed an enhanced spirit of cooperation between our nations, but we have also borne witness to the blossoming of a profound fellowship that unites us ever closer.

As we look ahead, let us reaffirm our commitment to the enduring friendship between Thailand and the United States—"as long as heaven and earth shall endure"—as reflected in the Treaty's preamble. May the next one thousand years be marked by even deeper diplomatic relations, cultural exchange, and mutual respect. Together, we can build a future that upholds our values and paves the way for continued prosperity and friendship.

**HONORING DR. ANTHONY NUNEZ
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Anthony Nunez is a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon in Osceola County, Florida. He is a staff surgeon at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Lake Nona with additional privileges at HCA Florida Poinciana Medical Center. He became board