

to an undefeated season and the State title in Virginia.

The Naismith Awards are presented annually to the most outstanding men's and women's basketball players and coaches who have achieved tremendous success on and off the court.

Coach White has spent 13 years coaching the boys' basketball team and has served as an invaluable mentor and community leader in the John Marshall High School family.

I commend Coach White on his determination, leadership, and grit. He and the John Marshall boys' basketball team, the Justices, have made Richmond, our district, and their Congresswoman proud.

Go Justices.

#### MODERN AMERICAN WORKERS WANT FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the modern American worker wants flexibility and choice. However, President Biden and Washington Democrats would rather force their radical labor agenda on the American people.

That is why Senator TIM SCOTT and I introduced the Employee Rights Act, which represents the Republican vision for the future of the modern American workforce.

Our bill updates our Nation's labor laws by expanding workforce protections for independent contractors, entrepreneurs, franchises, and anyone else looking to earn a living on their own terms and live the American Dream.

This bill also offers political protections to employees by preventing heavyhanded union leaders from abusing membership dues, as well as ensuring the union election process is conducted by secret ballot, a right guaranteed to every American, so employees are not intimidated or harassed for the way they vote.

Supported by dozens of national, State, and local organizations, I am proud to introduce this commonsense legislation that ensures workers' rights are protected from partisan union leaders and the heavy hand of this administration.

Republicans stand with the 21st century worker, and it is time our labor policies do, as well. Every American deserves the freedom to hold a job and not be forced to pay union dues.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HARRY BELAFONTE

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and

legacy of Harry Belafonte, who passed away this week at age 96. This is a hole in the soul of goodness.

He broke barriers in Hollywood, becoming one of the first Black faces on-screen. His unique sound led him to success in the music industry, with classics like "Day-O," "Banana Boat," and "Jamaica Farewell."

His artistry spoke to the soul of many Black Americans who did not see themselves represented in music or on-screen. He touched the West Indies diaspora of New York and lent that island sound to his top hits.

He had great success with his "Calypso" album when it topped the charts for 31 weeks straight before a man known as Elvis Presley came on the scene.

He also took up the mantle of civil rights to work alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael, and others to promote racial equity. He will be remembered as a multitalented entertainer who shattered barriers while continuing to battle racial prejudice and help clear the way for those who came after him.

May we remember his powerful legacy and his remarkable efforts to progress justice, equality, and civil rights.

#### CONGRATULATING JENNY GENTRY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jenny Gentry, who has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Legacy of Leadership Award from the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

The Legacy of Leadership Award honors a woman who is a Girl Scout alum and has made a significant impact in the local community.

A native of Atlanta, Jenny made Savannah her home after graduating from college. She joined JPMorgan Chase in May 2019 on the commercial banking team covering the Savannah area and surrounding communities.

Since moving to Savannah, Jenny has been active in the community, serving on a number of civic and non-profit boards. She is currently the board chair for Goodwill Southeast Georgia and has previously served as the board chair of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of the Coastal Empire, and United Way.

Jenny also serves on the Savannah Community Foundation Board, as well as the Chatham-Savannah Homeless Authority.

I thank Jenny for her continued dedication to the Savannah community and congratulate her on the well-deserved honor.

#### OUR COUNTRY NEEDS A GREEN NEW DEAL

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Green New Deal, which I am proud to cosponsor with Senator MARKEY and Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ.

We are in a climate emergency, and we must work together to fight back and build an economy for everyone, an economy that just doesn't meet the threats of climate change but also directly invests in our communities.

Everyone deserves safe water to drink, clean air to breathe, and a healthy place to live. Right now, we are not just failing the next generation; we are failing Americans today.

This impacts all of us, from low-income communities that have been victims of environmental injustice to the millions of people whose livelihoods depend on agriculture. We must be prepared to lead and understand the link between housing and climate justice.

Our cities need active and green public transit and walkable neighborhoods. We can build a sustainable future and create good union jobs.

Our country needs a Green New Deal, and I pledge to keep fighting for those values every single day.

#### REMEMBERING PATRICIA SUTHERLIN MCREE

(Mr. MILLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and remember Patricia Sutherlin McRee.

Patricia Sutherlin McRee, a 30-year resident of Oviedo, and a constituent of mine, passed from us earlier this week.

Patricia moved to the Space Coast in 1960 to teach at Melbourne High School, where she met a young Army officer who had been mobilized and sent to Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Patricia took her charm and commitment to service with her all over this Nation and overseas as an Army spouse. She organized support for families whose husbands were serving in Vietnam alongside her beloved Army husband, Marshall McRee.

She mobilized love and comfort for new widows and fatherless children traumatized by the sudden loss of a serviceman killed in action. At every military base that the Army sent Patricia and Marshall to, she was a leader, a servant, and an essential part of the fabric of that community.

In my district of Oviedo, Patricia served as leader of the Oviedo Women's Club and, for many years, organized the Great Day in the Country Festival to fundraise for that organization.

She made every duty station a better place through her service, and she made central Florida a better place.

My heartfelt condolences to her son-in-law, Congressman BRANDON WILLIAMS, and his wife in this loss.

May God bless her. Rest in peace.

### RECOGNIZING WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Workers Memorial Day, a day where we honor workers who have lost their lives, endured injuries, or become ill due to unsafe working conditions or exposure to chemicals in the workplace.

Mary Harris Jones—some know her better as Mother Jones—was a champion of workers' rights during the industrial revolution. She reminded us to "pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living."

That is what we are going to do today and every day, not by just simply remembering these workers who sacrificed their safety, health, and lives because that is simply not enough. We must continue to fight for safe jobs for all.

I am proud to stand with unions to protect workers' rights. Nearly every health and safety protection that working people across our Nation have, can be traced back to the work of unions.

I can say with confidence that you cannot find a harder working group of people than those in Ohio's 13th Congressional District. We are resilient, dedicated, and determined, and we deserve strong workplace standards to protect the health and safety of our neighbors, coworkers, and families.

I will continue to stand with unions in the fight for dignity in the workplace so all Ohioans can feel safe and secure when they go to work each day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of my colleagues in advance for remembering and recognizing April 28 as Workers Memorial Day.

### CONGRATULATING BOULINEAU'S IGA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. FRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Boulineau's IGA, a family-owned, legendary establishment in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach, on its 75th anniversary.

This iconic brand started with the Boulineau family in 1948. Today, the Boulineau family has eight different businesses—everything from gas stations to ice cream shops, to a seafood restaurant—that occupy over four square blocks, with more than 175,000 square feet of retail shopping. It seems like every corner has a splash of that iconic Boulineau red.

Local businesses are the heart and soul of my district in South Carolina and, indeed, the Nation, and I am grateful for the hard work of families like the Boulineaus, who are dedicated to serving their communities.

It is amazing to see the growth of a hometown business over the course of the last 75 years, and I wish them nothing but success for the next 75 years.

### DO RIGHT BY OUR KIDS

(Ms. SCHOLTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the bipartisan Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act.

Several students from my district have written in to ask me to support this essential piece of legislation. Frankly, they have a really good point.

We know that CPS investigations and removals are traumatizing for children. When we keep kids together in foster care, we protect them from adverse experiences, provide them with continuity, and help expedite the delivery of services to them at a critical time.

Currently, it is estimated that 53 to 80 percent of these children are separated from one or more of their siblings while in care. This can't continue.

There are overwhelming psychological, academic, operational, and humanitarian reasons for supporting this legislation. This bill would increase the placement of siblings together in foster care and encourage the development of programs designed specifically for sibling groups.

It is pragmatic, bipartisan, and, most importantly, good for our kids.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to do right by our children and support this legislation as well.

### CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

(Mr. DAVIDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the talented and diligent students in our Eighth District who participated in our annual Congressional Art Competition.

This year, we received 230 submissions from eight schools. The artwork from these dedicated students is on display at the Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and Museum until April 30, and it is available online, as well.

One standout student received the grand prize victory for her art submission. I congratulate Paige Harris, who was our grand prize winner of the 2023 Eighth District Congressional Art Competition.

Paige is an 11th-grader and attends Badin High School, and her Urban Renewal work will be placed on display in the United States Capitol for the next year. Last week, I had the honor to meet Paige and her fellow art competition participants, and her family, as well.

We celebrate their hard work, their skills, and their creativity. I thank them all for their participation.

### HONORING THE MOTHERS OF THIS NATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the month of May, I remind everyone that we honor our mothers of this Nation—mothers who have nourished, calmed, encouraged, celebrated, cheered; those who have made their way in life; mothers who have had difficult times, challenges, yet continue to be there. I honor mothers who are taking care of children who are not their own.

In this month of May, I will select mothers from my congressional district and some from around the Nation to honor and thank them for what they do.

That is why, as well, I voted against the draconian Republican budget that wanted to cut SNAP, supplemental nutrition, to help our children; wanted to cut veteran benefits for women veterans who are in desperate need; and wanted to again squash women's rights and reproductive rights.

Mothers are, in fact, the anchor of this Nation. I celebrate them and will celebrate them this coming month with cheer, applause, recognition, and honor.

### NATURAL GAS INTEGRAL TO ENERGY APPROACH

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, over 187 million Americans use natural gas, as well as another approximately 50 million who use propane, because it is affordable and available right here in North America. Over half the country uses this product.

Over 45 million stoves and ovens, 61 million water heaters, and 73 million space heaters use natural gas across the country, which provides consistent, reliable energy for heating and cooking, et cetera.

Our Nation is the largest consumer of natural gas and one of the largest producers of natural gas due to the miracle of hydraulic fracturing. It has become an integral and reliable part of our energy arsenal over the decades.

Yet, States like California—and now the Biden administration—can't seem to admit the unreliable alternatives that they are trying to force upon all of us are not the be-all and end-all. They can't seem to admit that these technologies have not advanced to the point where they can rely on solar or wind, a tiny part of our grid, for all of our needs.

Democrats are content to source foreign energy to fill in the gaps where their green energy falls way short. Republicans and other commonsense Americans know we need an all-of-the-above energy approach to fill our energy needs.