

celebrating this significant milestone. I wish the Children's Home Society of Florida to continue to score touchdowns and home runs for kids in the years ahead because every child is worth fighting for.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR RON SAPP

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Ron Sapp for his decades of dedication and service to Fernandina Beach.

During Mayor Sapp's 24 years of civic service as mayor, vice mayor, and commissioner—spanning four decades—he has displayed an unwavering commitment to bettering our hometown of Fernandina Beach, Florida. I was proud to serve alongside him and the commission, as did my father.

Fernandina is proud of Ron Sapp not only because of his dedication to his community but also for his military service as an Air Force veteran. However, no true biography of Ron would be complete without a chapter on Mr. Sapp, the teacher.

Mr. Sapp didn't just teach students what to think. He taught them how to think, and that is something special. Generations of Pirates developed an interest in and love for public service, and for that inspiration, we are grateful.

Mayor Sapp sought to preserve the spirit of Fernandina Beach as a small island town. It is a better place because of his accomplishments. Ron has done all these things with his wife, Kasey, by his side, the support of his daughters, Sherri and Lori, and the love of his grandchildren.

On November 14, one of Mayor Sapp's greatest achievements is being named after him, the Ron Sapp Egans Creek Greenway. Mayor Sapp's introduction of the open space bond issue secured the funding for this greenway, which will leave this land untouched by development to be enjoyed by all for generations to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Ron Sapp for his significant role in shaping Fernandina Beach into the beautiful town it is today.

RECOGNIZING NORMAN HEGE
JEWELERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Norman Hege family in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and their 72 years of outstanding service to generations of Rock Hill residents.

April 15, 2023, marks 72 years since Norman Hege Jewelers opened its doors in Rock Hill. Norman Hege Jewelers is the definition of a successful family-run business built on a commitment to quality service and a dedication to their community.

The watch repair business started with Norman Hege. As it grew, his

wife, Kathleen, began taking a more active role. Soon after, their children, Steve, Mike, and Linda, were old enough to work at the store. Linda and Mike now co-own the very store that their father started and successfully run it with values that were held so closely by their parents—to offer quality products, treat customers with respect, and earn trust by being open and honest. Now, Norman Hege Jewelers has employed four generations of the Hege family.

I also recognize the impact of the Hege family well beyond the customers who walk through their doors. The Heges have supported Rock Hill and York County throughout their 72 years in business. Norman Hege Jewelers donates homecoming crowns for local high schools, donates to a wide variety of causes in the Rock Hill area, and has built meaningful relationships with the entire community.

Businesses like Norman Hege exemplify what makes the United States the greatest nation in the world. The Hege family continues to be devoted to their business and is looking forward to passing it down the family line.

On behalf of the Fifth District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Norman Hege Jewelers and the Hege family for this great service to our State. Please join me in recognizing this great family for its outstanding service in the jewelry industry and the legacy that they have built.

They exemplify the words of the late great Winston Churchill when he said: There will be a time when doing your best isn't good enough; you have to do what is required. The Norman Hege family has done what is required to earn the respect and admiration of people throughout the State of South Carolina.

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HONORING DETECTIVE MIKE
WAGGONER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Detective Mike Waggoner, for his service with the Knoxville Police Department. You see Mike in this picture with that incredible moustache.

Detective Waggoner joined the department on November 11, 1974, and I note that I was in the fourth grade at that time. He is celebrating 49 years of service with the KPD.

Waggoner embodies all the characteristics the Knoxville Police Department likes to instill in future generations of officers.

As such, every year, an officer of the department is awarded the Mike Waggoner Leadership Award. This award is given to the officer that exhibits strong passion, dedication, and

thoroughness while inspiring those around them to do the same.

This award was named for Detective Waggoner as he has spent his career in service to the people of Knoxville and is a respected leader among his fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Detective Waggoner on his 49 years of service. He is a great friend, a great father, and a great husband. I thank him for all he has done for our city.

HONORING CAPTAIN JACK GILLOOLY

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Gillooly, an American hero who served his country during World War II.

At 103 years old, he is believed to be the oldest living Navy football player and Navy aviator. He played in three Army-Navy football games and never lost to Army. Jack played in the last game held at West Point in 1943.

Jack had a long list of highlights, but most would say his best was his tackle of Glenn Davis, a Heisman Trophy-winning Army halfback.

After graduation, he was assigned to the USS *Columbia* and fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the longest Naval battle in World War II. He survived three kamikaze attacks on his cruiser.

Jack wanted to get off the water and into the air, so he applied and was selected to become a Naval aviator. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early 1960s, he was the commanding officer of an antisubmarine fighter.

Captain Gillooly was also part of the Navy's first electronic countermeasure squadron during the Korean war, and he was the base commander at Orlando Air Base, which was later converted into the Orlando Naval Training Center.

Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Mr. Speaker. It is my honor to recognize Captain Jack Gillooly as the Tennessee Second District's November 2023 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING COLONEL EDMUND MORRISEY

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Colonel Ed Morrissey who passed away on November 7 at the age of 94.

In 1952, Colonel Morrissey was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Reserves in the U.S. Air Force and placed on Active Duty as a weapons controller.

In 1968, the colonel became the first commander of the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base. He went on to build the Air National Guard's premier professional military education institute, leading it for 15 years.

He is the only field officer in the National Guard to have earned the Order of the Sword, the enlisted force's highest honor to be bestowed on officers. The sword symbolizes truth, justice, and righteous power given to a leader among leaders.

Ed is survived by his wife of 41 years, Pauline; his son, John; stepdaughter,

Cindy; his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. We won't forget Ed's service to this country and the impact he had on those he loved, Mr. Speaker.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSS BAGWELL

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Ross Bagwell, Sr., who passed away on November 23 at the age of 91.

Ross grew up in east Tennessee where he watched his first television broadcast. He was not only a loving husband and father but also a trailblazer for television producing, bringing east Tennessee to the forefront of America's television production.

Most people think that it all happens in Los Angeles or New York; but, no, it happens right there in my hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee.

He originally worked on the Howdy Doody show. He produced hundreds of hours of programming, including "I-40 Paradise," "Club Dance," "America's Castles," and Nickelodeon's "Hey Dude," shows that I actually watched a lot of, especially the country music.

Ross was always very kind to me. He always catered in barbecue when I would visit him. He was a dreamer with a genuine love for creativity.

He always talked about wanting to build a waterfall in Knoxville on the Tennessee River, right there on the riverfront. I, of course, was the county mayor at the time. We couldn't make it happen because it would have been a city project.

Through CineTel and RIVR Media, the do-it-yourself concept, which you see so prevalent out there now, was actually a creation of Ross Bagwell.

He met the love of his life, Sue, in the eighth grade. They were together their whole lives until her passing in 2022.

Ross is survived by his daughter, Dee; brother, Joe; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He will be missed by those who love him, Mr. Speaker, but he will not be forgotten.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, shine Your light in the darkness of our world, in our Nation, and in our lives. Illumine the hiding

places where evil resides and rout it out. Expose it to Your divine justice.

For malice breeds in the soul of humanity and takes hold of the hearts of nations and authorities who wield its destructive power against whole peoples and who care not for the suffering of the innocent in their path.

Show mercy on the hostages in the Middle East and free them from the grip of power and prejudice. Reveal Your peace in the conflict still raging in Ukraine and still the weapons of hatred and hubris.

Then examine our own hearts, O Lord. Judge our intentions and test our motives so that we ourselves would not be drawn into evil's attempt to hold sway over our lives. Let us not be overcome by evil, but may we serve You in committing ourselves to overcoming evil with good.

We give thanks that You would want to enfold us in grace this day and every day, and we offer our prayers in Your most holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TOKUDA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING STANTON MUSTANGS FOOTBALL ON FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stanton High School football team for winning the first State football championship in their school's history.

The Mustangs hail from Stanton, Nebraska, a town of less than 2,000 people in Nebraska's First Congressional District. The Mustangs, with a roster of 29 players, went undefeated in their 2023 season and finished it off by winning State at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

This was Stanton's first State appearance in almost two decades.

With two Mustang touchdowns within 13 seconds in the fourth quarter, the 8-man team pulled off a comeback for the Stanton history books.

The team dedicated this season to their late coach, Patric Brechbill, who passed away just weeks before the season started. The boys said they knew he was with them through every tough play.

Congratulations to the Mustangs' players and coaches. They have made their hometown proud and Coach Brechbill very proud.

ADDRESSING THE DIRE HOUSING CRISIS ON MAUI

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, even before the fires destroyed over 2,000 homes on Maui, our entire State faced a dire housing crisis.

Three months later, over 6,500 people find themselves living temporarily in hotels. While many have had to move multiple times, these hotels have served as respite from an uncertain future.

Yet, hundreds of survivors will be moved again today as some hotels opt against renewing their contracts. In the coming months, hundreds more will be moved, too. At the same time, efforts to secure long-term housing through existing short-term rentals on Maui have stalled. In both cases, the underlying motivation is the same—to accommodate the return of tourists to Maui.

This isn't "pono," "right." This also isn't about choosing one over the other. Rather, it is a challenge to us to prioritize what is the most important: taking care of our people. That includes giving them stability and security when it comes to having roofs over their heads.

For everyone in our Maui "ohana," "family," this is a time of shared sacrifice, but it is also a call to live aloha.

For too many, August 7 will be the day they lost their house to fire. Let's work together to make sure they know that they still have a place to call home.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN AND GERMAN PARTNERSHIP

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our strong partnership with Germany. Our partnership runs deep, with Germany being the third largest foreign employer in the United States and Germans investing more than \$1.8 trillion in the U.S. from 2020 to 2022.